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Foreword

Dear Brothers and Sisters

We are already well into the month of January of 2019, but I nonetheless would like to wish you a year filled with peace and wonderful experiences in the Lord's work.

Our chief apostle has given us the motto of "Rich in Christ" for 2019 and in his New Year video message, Chief Apostle Schneider addressed all brothers and sisters with the words. "God is immensely rich: rich in kindness, rich in patience, and rich in grace. God wants us to benefit from and also share this wealth." He goes on to say: "I am very curious to learn what ideas the Holy Spirit will awaken in each one of us and in the congregations."

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To fulfil the wish of our chief apostle I encourage us all over the next few days and weeks to give room to the Holy Spirit and contribute thoughts and ideas on how we can best make use of the wonderful wealth and riches we have received from God to the benefit of those around us in

our families, congregations and communities.

We have a number of projects and events planned in 2019 including district services, fellowships and outreach events. I pray together with you for the blessing of our heavenly Father on all the work and sacrifices and that we have a rich experience of His kindness, His comfort and His grace.

I hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of our Nacukie Newsletter and seeing the photos of the congregations' various Harvest Thanksgiving decorations and donations.

With love and greetings

David Heynes

Retiring Minister

District Elder Gordon McQueen

How did I become acquainted with the New Apostolic Church?

I committed myself to becoming a New Apostolic Christian after my first divine service. I accepted an invite by a deacon to attend a midweek divine service on a Wednesday evening in London Central. I knew this was the Lord's calling and I was sealed on Sunday 23rd October 1983 aged 29. Later, I was ordained a sub deacon on the 22nd April 1984. Eventually called to serve as district elder on the 24th January 1999.

Tell us about an experience of faith

My life has been filled with wonderful experiences of faith, too many to highlight any particular one. Nonetheless, I believed God's blessing was upon me and this has always been my main stay throughout my path in faith and life. The Lord truly led me by the still waters and into greener pastures, both spiritually and naturally.

A little about my Family

My wife, Margit and I met in London in 1985, she was studying English at a language school in Finchley and attended divine services in London Central. Before we even set eyes on one another, I was quite happy to remain single, I had my new-found faith and was prepared >



District Elder Gordon McQueen and Margit



> to dedicate my life as a single minister. This, I clearly expressed when one Sunday morning after the divine service, our then district evangelist summoned our rector, another priest, two deacons and myself into the sacristy - all of us being single at the time, he was concerned that we were beginning to set a new trend! He opened the bible to a text referencing when Jesus stated that 'God did not make man to be alone'. I had not yet learned not to challenge the word of God through his servant, and clearly, I had not yet learned to discern the voice of God.... a little like Samuel and Eli in the Old Testament, Samuel was young and thought he was hearing the voice of Eli calling him!

My indignant reply was to stress that if God wanted me to marry, He would have to bring her, that is, my future wife, right into the congregation and sit her on the front row, because as far as I was concerned, I was not going to go out and look for her.

Well, the rest is history, God fulfilled my words, but more importantly and especially, the words of His concerned servant, the district evangelist. God did bring my future wife and sat her on the front row in the choir and after some time of seeing each another, we were married in Germany on the 27th May 1987.

Margit and I continued to live in London and three years later we had our first child, a baby girl. We had a one-bedroom apartment, but with our young daughter growing, we soon outgrew the available space.

Shortly before the birth of our daughter I was ordained a priest for London Central, with new responsibilities of serving and caring for the members. After the birth, I soon realised our current apartment was too small, so I took my concern to my evangelist, I realised moving too far out from London would prove difficult in fulfilling my priestly responsibilities - I simply could not afford London property prices! My evangelist reassuringly said to me, sometimes we have to move where God is leading us, it may not always be where we would like to live, but where the Lord needs us! I took this in faith and started house hunting further outside of London.

We moved to Cambridge in June 1990, where we managed to find a new home with increased space and additional bedrooms if more children came along, which they certainly did.

We eventually moved to Lincoln and my family attend Nottingham congregation, which will be my local congregation after I'm retired.



District Elder Gordon McQueen relaxing

What are your plans for retirement?

I will still run my own business, along with Margit my wife now for over 33 years, the mother of our four children, my business partner and also my best friend. She has supported me through thick and thin. One of my daughters and my son also work with us.

Our eldest daughter is a teacher, she and our son-in-law have blessed us with our first grand-daughter - who has now attained the ripe age of one! Our youngest daughter has pursued her career in child care which brings her great joy. ■

Ordained Minister

Deacon Elias Mungwala

How did you become New Apostolic?

I was born in the New Apostolic faith in Zambia over 40 years ago. My parents were New Apostolics; I was baptised and sealed when I was a baby. I received the sacraments of confirmation when I was 14 years old. My parents were devoted Christians until their death in May-1992 and July -2014, dad and mum respectively. Even though naturally, we felt that dad's death left a bigger gap in the family, spiritually, we remained faithful in Christ and mum looked after us like a hen caring for her chicks; The Psalmist in 91st chapter verse 4 said; *God will cover you with his*



feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. In addition, Jesus said '... in the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer' (John 16:33).

My parents enjoyed being New Apostolic and they were involved in supporting

children of God. My father was a deacon, so I learnt a lot from him especially in the care of souls and what it takes to be in the ministry.

Whilst, in Zambia, I was ordained as a deacon on 30th September, 1995, and in August 1998 ordained into the priestly ministry. I have been involved in the number of church activities, choir and building of Mikomfwa-East church, and I have continued to support activities of the church for over 14 years I have been in the United Kingdom.

God has done miracles in my life of faith and this gives me strength, Joy and inspiration to remain a child of God.

What brings you joy in your ministry?

God performs wonders and miracles which we sometimes do not realise the >



> importance of it. I have been ordained in the same deacon ministry twice on the same day 23 years apart, i.e. firstly on 30th September, 1995 I was ordained as deacon, in Zambia and on the 30th September, 2018 as a deacon in England – UK; What a miracle and joy this brings to my faith and trust in God.

I thank God for the honour of making me His servant to partner with other ministers, in order to serve the children of God. As the apostle said on my ordination that soul care and having a closest connection with the bearers of blessings is important to the development of word of God, congregation and the Church.

How do you like to spend your free time?

I enjoy spending time with my family, watching sport (especially football and tennis). I also love cooking. I keep myself abreast with what is happening around the world. ■

London

Remembrance Day with Evangelist Craig Esterhuizen

Across the world, Remembrance Day Services had an extra special significance this year as it was the 100th anniversary since the guns fell silent.

Many attended events to mark this and our own Evangelist Craig Esterhuizen, who served in the South African Navy for 18 years, supported the Legion of Military Veterans with their commemoration at the Cenotaph in London.

Craig is their Chaplain and works in a voluntary capacity providing spiritual support to ex-service men, many of whom find it difficult to re-integrate into society after service.

He says, 'I loved my time in the navy, I share that passion with others and wear my uniform with pride, as being in the military you see what sacrifice really means. I can also play a small part in ensuring no-

one forgets those that have fallen in the past.' The Legion meet every two months and Craig leads the service, which often concludes with a wreath laying ceremony.

Apostle David Heynes and Craig extended an invitation to choir members across the south region asking them to support the Legion's Remembrance Day event. Despite the fact they had never sung as a choir before, the 25 voices touched many hearts with their music and have been invited to support future events with the Legion.

Craig adds, 'I felt very humble to be part of it, the choir were wonderful. The veterans so appreciated the singing that they stood and applauded at the close of the service, it was really special.'

Our evangelist will continue his supporting role with the Legion, helping veterans adjust to 'normal' life and signposting them on to further help and guidance. It's clear that he values being able to give something back.

'I hope one day to invite them along to a divine service in the New Apostolic Church,' he adds with a happy smile. ■



Apostle David Heynes and Evangelist Craig Esterhuizen

Choir supporting Evangelist Esterhuizen on Remembrance Day





Retiring Minister

Evangelist John Laverty

How did I become acquainted with the New Apostolic Church?

When I was 16 leaving the Catholic church one day, I felt that the services were not providing for that which I was looking for. I looked up and asked God a simple question. 'Heavenly Father, if you were to send your Son today, with all the different churches and religions, which one would He go to?'

Many years passed, and I became a bit of a hippie. On one occasion I was invited to a party and there I met a young girl called Corinne. We got on very well and started dating. As I lived in London at the time, I would only see Corinne at the weekends. One weekend when I came up and had everything planned what we were going to do, a simple answer came back, 'No we're going church on Sunday. Would you like to come?'

And so, I attended my first service at the New Apostolic Church in Chelmsford. To be honest, I didn't find much in this church, at the time. Sometime later I passed my driving test and purchased a small car, and from that moment on, it seemed I was taking Corinne, her mum and sister to service each week, instead of the once a month they used to go to. I did not always go into the service, but one day they told me that the Evangelist Douglas Heynes was going to be there, and they invited me in especially for that service. It touched me so much that from that time on, I attended regularly. I was



Evangelist John Laverty

later adopted and sealed, not long after that I was ordained a sub-deacon and as they say, the rest is history.

Tell us about an experience of faith

One Sunday, I was due to hold service in Ilford. When I woke up that morning, I was unwell, but back in those days we didn't have mobile phones so there was no way of contacting the ministers. My wife was telling me that I was too sick to hold service, but I felt that I had to go along anyway as I didn't want to let the ministers and congregation down. My wife drove, and I was feeling very bad.

When I entered the sacristy, one of the priests said to me, 'John, you don't look well'. I told him I wasn't and wouldn't be able to take the service. I told the priests that I would open the service and then call them both to serve. As I walked down to the altar at the start of the service, I felt very unwell, but as I stood behind the altar, suddenly, my headache disappeared and so did my sickness. So, I took the service including holy communion. The ministers were very surprised as only they



Evangelist John Laverty with wife Corinne

and my wife knew that I was unwell. When the service finished, and as I left the altar, my headache and sickness returned, and on the way home, my wife had to stop the car several times as I was sick. This experience is one I will never forget. The time that God took away my sickness, so I could take the service

A little about my Family

I have been married to Corinne for 34 years and have a daughter aged 29, and a son who is 28 years old. My daughter is pregnant, so I am looking forward to us being grandparents next year.

Plans in Retirement

I will only be retiring from serving the congregation. I will still be involved as I will be a Facilities Manager for Cambridge, just had the training! I will be happy to support my new rector in whatever ways are required. At home, I am planning on refurbishing the bathroom and the living room. Also taking some time out to go on holidays and visit all the congregations in the UK. I may even take up fishing again (if I have time). ■



Ordained Minister

Deacon Lindsey White

Lindsey was ordained into the deacon ministry for our Camberley congregation on 26th September, he writes 'I have been born into the faith and can remember singing from a very young age. Through the many trials I have faced, singing in the choir and in particular, the chamber choir over the past decade has been a great source of strength and joy. In my free time I regularly attend chamber choir practices as well as running, swimming and cycling.' ■



Congregations

Harvest Thanksgiving decorations and donations 2018

These wonderful images show the love, care and deep thankfulness within our congregations. Much of what was donated benefited others at food banks across the country; indeed we shared our own 'richness in Christ,' with those who really needed it. ■



Birmingham



Brighton



Brynamman



Camberley



Cambridge



Chelsfield



Corby



Cork



Dublin



Gateshead



Gillingham



Glasgow



Gloucester



Hitchin



Isle of Man



Leicester



London Central



Lyndhurst



Manchester



Norwich



Nottingham



Plymouth



Romford



Sheffield



Swindon



Thames Ditton



Trim



Tullamore



Walthamstow



Welling

Ordained Minister

Priest Michael Myers

How did you become New Apostolic?

I was blessed and fortunate to have been born to New Apostolic parents. They were both introduced to the faith by brothers and sisters doing mission works in the respective towns where they lived as young adults.

Tell us about an experience of faith

One that springs to mind immediately is when I lost my father to the beyond.

I live in the UK and my parents lived in South Africa. Through wanting to protect me, they decided to withhold from me the fact that my dad was terminally ill. Their logic behind it was to tell me in person when they would see me in four months' time. One day, after divine service, I had a deep urge to see my father and had a nagging feeling that something was not quite as it should be. I prayed about this and left it at that, although that feeling somehow persisted through the rest of the day. That evening, I woke up in the night, booked a flight for the next day to fly to South Africa. I then had to explain to my employer why I was traveling and taking a holiday on such

short notice. I had no explanation, but through the grace of God, my employer was accepting and willing to give me time off without notice.

I took my flight the following day and arrived in South Africa the next morning. As I was landing, my father's mother was rushed into hospital in a critical condition. When I arrived at my parent's house, my mother was just on her way to call me on my mobile (in the UK) to inform me that my grandmother has been taken ill and admitted to hospital. You can imagine the shock on her face when she opened the front door and saw me standing there.



Apostle Heynes and Priest Meyers

She was completely bewildered and thought I was a vision. At the same time, I found out my father was terminally ill and therefore unable to travel to see his mother in hospital. I took the three-hour drive to go see my grandmother and about an hour after I arrived at the hospital she passed away. The day before my grandmother's funeral, as we were driving with my dad to his hometown where the funeral was taking place, my father had a seizure and passed away.

Thinking back at this extraordinary combination of circumstances, I cannot help but rejoice in the Lord for awakening that feeling of unease within me. It is through this, and this alone that I had the opportunity and privilege to see my father and grandmother one last time and spend time with them. Being sensitive to the call of our heavenly Father and sensitive to the spirit is something that I pay a lot of attention to. Our heavenly Father speaks to us, if we are willing to listen.

How do you spend your free time?

I like making or listening to music. My wife and I enjoy travelling, meeting new people and making new experiences. What is very interesting when travelling is attending congregations in other parts of the world. This reminds us that we are a great family and all God's children, even way beyond the circles we can travel and come in contact with. ■

Since October 2018

Ordinations, Retirements and other events

Ministerial Events

Deacon Michael Myers:
ordained priest for London Central

District Elder Pieron:
reinstated for UK South district

Elias Mungwala and
Lindsey White: ordained deacons

District Elder Gordon McQueen and
Evangelist John Laverty: retired



10
baptisms

6
Holy Sealing

Divine service

Apostle Heynes' schedule in the UK

06.01.19	sun	Divine Service	Romford
09.01.19	wed	Divine Service	Birmingham
20.01.19	sun	Divine Service	Welling
23.01.19	wed	Divine Service	Maidstone
27.01.19	sun	Divine Service	Leipzig
30.01.19	wed	Divine Service	Chelsfield

03.02.19	sun	Divine Service	Thames Ditton
06.02.19	wed	Divine Service	Manchester
10.02.19	sun	Divine Service	Norwich
13.02.19	wed	Divine Service	Camberley
17.02.19	sun	Divine Service	Corby
21.02.19	thurs	Divine Service	Swindon
24.02.19	sun	holiday	
27.02.19	wed	holiday	

03.03.19	sun	Divine Service	Sheffield
06.03.19	wed	Divine Service	Corby
09.03.19	Sat	Divine Service	Cork
10.03.19	sun	Ireland Youth Service	Dublin
17.03.19	sun	UK South Youth Service	London
20.03.19	wed	Divine Service	Walthamstow
24.03.19	sun	Chief Apostle	Dessau
31.03.19	sun	Divine Service	Estonia

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