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Foreword

Welcome to the latest edition of Nacukie News.

I was delighted to have been asked to contribute to our newsletter and to highlight the work I do as part of the

Serving and Leading team. My name is Joyce Winkler and I am a member of the Nottingham congregation. I am married to Bas and we are both originally from The Netherlands. We moved to the UK 12 years ago together with our three boys, who are growing up (too) fast.

I'm a primary school teacher and I currently work with Reception pupils, who are 4-5 years old. In the Nottingham congregation, I lead the teaching team and teach RI and Confirmation. As you see, teaching and working with children keeps me busy!

My vision, based on experience, is that children learn best if they feel happy and are interested in the subject matter. And with this as my starting point, I support our teachers and ministers in how we can make our church an (even more) welcoming and enjoyable place for children.

We are busy planning interactive children services, developing ways in how we can involve and/or address children better during our weekly services. I'm currently running a Pupil's Voice activity, where I ask the teachers to talk to the children and record how they experience church. This is a very common activity in school and is a helpful tool to find out which changes are going to have the biggest effect. It is important that the children feel free to express their thoughts and feelings and that we listen to them and try to make changes and improvements where we can.

I'll let you know how this works out later in the year, in the meantime enjoy the next few months of Spring, and thank you for supporting the teachers and children.

Yours Joyce Winkler.

Ministers

Priest Kelvin Mwanauta

My name is Kelvin Mwanauta and I was born into a New Apostolic family in 1985 in Mufulira, on the Copperbelt province of Zambia. My father is a retired Shepherd. I come from a family of 5 brothers and sisters.

When I was growing up I was greatly influenced by my family, with my elder brothers singing in the choir and teaching in Sunday school and Confirmation classes. We also had a lot of New Apostolic families in the town we lived in. Some sisters taught me both at primary school and Sunday school and all my friends

during the time I attended Sunday school were New Apostolic.

When I was confirmed at the age of 14, I started singing in the choir with all my friends, we used to go for choir practices every Tuesday and Thursday after school. Throughout my life I have enjoyed working with my brothers and sisters, whether singing in various choirs or helping the youth clean the church.

When I was 19 years old, I was ordained a deacon, and at the age of 24 I was ordained priest. I received the Shepherd ministry at the age of 29.

I feel God has highly favoured me being a New Apostolic member, which brings a lot of joy to my heart. I would say it's a rare privilege to be part of this wonderful family, wherever you are in the world. My



longing is for the good Lord to shorten the time and take us home where we shall be where He is and remain in eternal joy and fellowship with Him.

I spend most of my free time with my two beautiful daughters, we do homework together whenever I am home and watch TV. I also like reading and listening to news in my free time. ■



Glasgow

Bishop David Middleton in Glasgow Wednesday 23rd January

Text word: Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 6-7.

Our bishop reminded us that we are a family and how wonderful it is when we can spend time together in the Lord's house and also have fun.

When we read the bible; we can also read between the lines, when Jesus was in fellowship with the disciples, they were happy – just as we are in our divine services. Each one of us will be a key to the heart and soul of another, let us be aware of that and work with that knowledge.

It would be wonderful if we really could be anxious for nothing, but we are human and that is not always easy or possible. However, the apostle asks us to reflect on our circumstances.

Apostle Paul was in prison, but it was possible for him to be bold about his faith there and he could encourage others. He even sent an inspiring letter to the congregation outside and could witness the growing faith of his fellow inmates. All of this worked together for him to be thankful and full of praise for our heavenly Father.

Let us tell God everything – He is interested! We will obtain a peace that comes from a true trust and loyalty to Him, just as Jesus did.

Following the service, the congregation enjoyed a traditional Scottish experience – Burns' Night – an annual event where Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns is celebrated. Burns' Night is enjoyed by Scots all over the world on his birthday – 25th January. And it is a time when school children are encouraged to discover their Scottish language and heritage and learn and recite his poetry.

Haggis, neeps* and tatties* were served and our resident bagpiper, (from Austria!)



Bagpipes

piped in the haggis, which was followed by the traditional address to the haggis in Scots.

Although this was a particularly 'Scottish' evening – it was wonderful to see the many nationalities in the congregation enjoy time together in fellowship. We closed the evening by singing 'Auld Lang Syne,' penned by Robert Burns, and sung with great joy and emotion on a very special evening. ■

* neeps are mashed swede

* tatties are mashed potato- both traditional accompaniments to the haggis.



Auld Lang Syne



Fun and Fellowship

Our Youth

Meet Catherine Clement - youth leader

Catherine, 27, is a youth leader for six congregations in the UK west district. She will be supporting our youth in Germany as part of the International Youth Convention in May. Traveling regularly with her father, District Elder Jan Clement, enables Catherine to build and maintain relationships

with youth based in the west. She talks about the challenges facing young people today and her approach to the role.

'I try to talk to as many young people as possible, just have a general chat and find out how they are, it's important to let >



> them know they are missed if they have not been in church. I know there are a lot of things that pull on people, that stops them coming to church, I listen and don't give up on them,' she says.

Catherine shares an experience of faith, which had a profound effect on her life. 'At the age of 10 I had a fall on my rollerblades. I needed an X-ray and doctors found a dark shadow, which led me to seeing a specialist in Birmingham children's hospital and staying in a children's cancer unit. But because of all the prayers on my behalf, the result was better than thought. While other children around me were having treatment for cancer my result showed Osteomyelitis, which was treatable. Having gone through this when I was younger plays a big part in why I remain faithful.'

She adds: 'Putting my trust in God motivates me, I feel different to other people and going to church makes me joyful and happy.' ■



Catherine Clement – youth leader

Ministers

Priest Atta Owusu

At the age of 5, my father passed away and my uncle, Retired District Elder Emmanuel Ernest Owusu-Ansah took the responsibility of bringing me up. Together with his cousin, the late Apostle I.N.Kankam who introduced New Apostolic Church to Ghana, my uncle brought the doctrine to every member of the family. My landmarks in the church included the following:

Baptism- February 1980 by late Apostle I.N. Kankam at Kaneshie Congregation, Accra, Ghana.

Holy Sealing- September, 1980 by late Apostle Rudolf Schilling at Kaneshie Congregation, Accra

Confirmation—April 1986 by Apostle Rudolf Schilling, at Tema.

Ordination as Deacon- August 1990, by District Apostle Klaus Saur.

Resident Choirmaster- Mataheko/Accra Central Congregation.

Ordination as Priest - January 2019 Romford Congregation by Apostle David Heynes, UK.

Joy in my Priestly Ministry

I envisage the priest as one who has been anointed so as to anoint others with the oil of gladness. The anointing which I received at my ordination is not meant just for myself: it is to flow through me to those I serve (congregation). So, at the



Priest Atta Owusu

heart of my priesthood is joy, a humbling joy received from God through His apostles and a joy to be shared with others. There is a fundamental gratitude and joy in my ministry that the work I do is a gift from God and the greatest honour to be a servant to His people in imitation of Christ Himself.

I am happy to spend my leisure time singing with my children songs from our hymnals, which they enjoy. My wish is to get them to learn the keyboard to accompany our sessions. My beloved wife, Abena Akwabea has contributed a lot in my spiritual growth. She was not a New Apostolic member at our marriage. When I joined her in UK in May 2009, she accompanied me to church at Bow and without hesitation, she got baptised and Sealed together with our children Lemuel, Bethesda and Nevaeh. ■

IYC 2019

Alicia Dawson

Hi, I am Allie, the UK International Youth Convention Ambassador for the UK. I am 18 years old, the youngest of the Ambassadors from over 10 different countries.

Being an Ambassador for the IYC means sparking the excitement for the event, especially through social media such as Instagram (@iyc.ambassador.uk). My motivation is that if even one more person comes to the IYC and continues to believe that Jesus will one day return, the work is worthwhile.

One of the most special experiences of faith in the last 12 months was when I took part in the Pop Oratorio performance in June 2018 at the North German District Youth Weekend. A few days before, I was turned down from a role at school. However, after the performance of what then was known as 'Ich Bin,' I felt a new strength to work with the rejection, and even incentive to find out how I could be even more involved in the IYC. Hence, I offered to become an Ambassador for the UK, to spread the message and get more people involved. I will report back to you all how it went – thanks so much to our members and ministers for supporting our youth. The IYC will be a wonderful event. ■



Alicia Dawson – International Youth Convention Ambassador for the UK



UK and Ireland

Corby Conference 2019

On a bright and sunny day in February brethren travelled from all over the district to an annual conference for those with leadership responsibilities in UK Congregations. On this occasion it was a joy to have our three rectors from Ireland also attending and being a part of the event.

The focus for this year was on four main groups:

1. Facilities managers - who have responsibility for the maintenance of buildings and health and safety of all who use them.
2. Youth leaders - supporting a major project this year to manage the 100 plus attendees from the UK and Ireland who will join the 35,000 other youth in Germany for the youth convention.
3. Musicians - enjoyed an opportunity to discuss projects and structures needed for near and longer-term planning.
4. District ministers and rectors were presented with an overview of the 'ministers development programme', which will be launched later in the year.

The conference was closed with all delegates learning a new hymn, composed by Priest Jeremy Dawson. It is planned that our Sunday school children will learn the hymn in their local congregations so they can join together to sing in the district services which are scheduled later in the year. ■



Manchester

Divine Service

Poor weather on Sunday 3rd February affected our Camberley congregation and the divine service had to be cancelled. The many brothers and sisters who would expect to tune in to our monthly telephone calls would be disappointed, and as this is the hub for our Audio -Visual services. What to do!

Mustering all of their I.T. experience, - (when in doubt, contact someone else!)

meant a quick call was made to the tech-expert, Priest Steven Willmer and a plan was made to trial an Audio- Visual service from Manchester using the altar as a work station for a mobile phone and an iPad. So, with fingers crossed, hands-folded and devices connected, we were excited to see how the service would unfold, and thankfully, it worked for most.

What made the day even more challenging was, Evangelist David Abrahamse had been asked to serve the children during the service and he'd planned to do so using Sign Language. Dropping the idea

on him that this would now be a telephone service still did not disturb his calmness, and he found a wonderful way to handle it so that the visual and the hearing only congregation could enjoy the interaction with our children.

Another thing was planned, an outreach to the Tamil community via our Priest Andrew Thomas and his dear wife and family. Astonishingly, 40 guests arrived as a result of their loving invitations. Our priest served along and to our joy, also served a few words in Tamil to help explain to the many guests, some of whom are Hindu's, >



> the love of God. Priest Thomas made them all feel uniquely at home.

Everyone brought food, yes, the guests too, and afterwards the entire congregation experienced a wonderful fellowship, which included the largest pots of curry I'd ever seen and was beautifully enhanced by a small singing group, a keyboard and drums. Everyone joined in.

What deeply touched us was that so many guests worked in the kitchen and also helped us to restore the congregation back to its usual state ready for the next service. ■

David Middleton



Priest Andrew and Sister Santha Thomas

Ministers

Priest Moses Muteletwa Mushekwa

How did I become New Apostolic?

In 1953, my late mother committed to becoming a New Apostolic Christian through her brother and mother-in-law, my father wasn't. I was born into this faith and was baptised and sealed as a baby in Bulawayo. I was confirmed in Lusaka Central Church in 1981. I still hold my confirmation vow strongly, and it has been my guiding light all my life.

Although my father was not New Apostolic, he was always supportive and helped all 7 of us in the family to nurture a spiritual relationship with God through the NAC. My eldest brother is now a retired priest and my younger brother is a district evangelist in Bulawayo.

I was ordained a deacon in 1990 and in 1996 was ordained into the priestly ministry in Harare. I supported missionary work in north eastern parts of rural Zimbabwe while based at the main Eastlea congregation, in Harare with our current District Elder Pieron and the retired Shepherd Andre Fernandes.

It is humbling to work with the children and servants of God, in sometimes very challenging environments. But the beauty of it is, learning to trust in God – that it is His work and not man's, 'He is the potter and we are the clay' – as we sing in our hymnal.

My family came to England almost 20 years ago, and have been in the Gillingham congregation where I served

in the priestly ministry. In 2010 my faith was tested, I wandered into the 'spiritual desert', but He found me again. I am profoundly humbled and know that my mother must be smiling at me again for me to be actively serving in the Lord's work!



Moses Muteletwa Mushekwa

What brings joy in my ministry?

Helping to serve, because one is also served in the process. God's light and love shines through in every act of service! It's a feeling that brings joy to me. The many experiences of faith I have encountered help me 'refocus' and brings me happiness as a child of God.

How do you spend your free time?

I enjoy spending time with family, especially with our first grandson JJ, he lives in London. I love photography, different genres of music (Jazz fusion especially) and watching live sport on TV. I love reading and keeping abreast with current affairs on a global scale. ■

Appointment of Music Director

Matthew Abbott

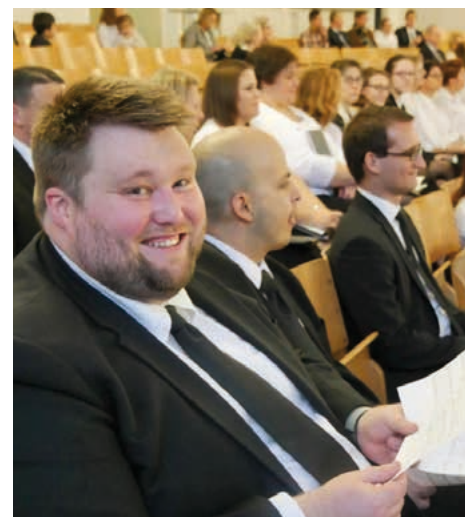
I'm Matthew Abbott, from Leicester congregation. I've been attending there for over two years now, however, many people know me from Nottingham where I grew up and my family still attend.

I've been a deacon for 10 years and have had a fair few challenges in my faith, but one experience that always sticks with me is when my grandmother died. I was 19, very close to her and I wasn't attending church regularly then. I was angry, upset and I was reaching out for answers. I prayed hard, asking the Lord to show me He was there and was with me.

I opened the bible and it fell open on Psalm 23, 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. Its words were comforting and exactly what I needed. I felt the Lord had heard me and since then I've always found strength from this. The songs associated with it are some of my favourites, especially the Vicar of Dibley version.

Music is a major part of my life. I love singing; I'm always listening to music and play the piano (well, try to). I have a passion for British composed church music and would love to see more Welsh and Celtic music in our churches.

I hope that we as a district can come closer together in music. We are often separated by long distances, but my heart-felt hope is that music makers in our congregations (and myself) can shorten those miles, bring us together in fellowship and reach out into our communities with the loving question: How can I help? ■

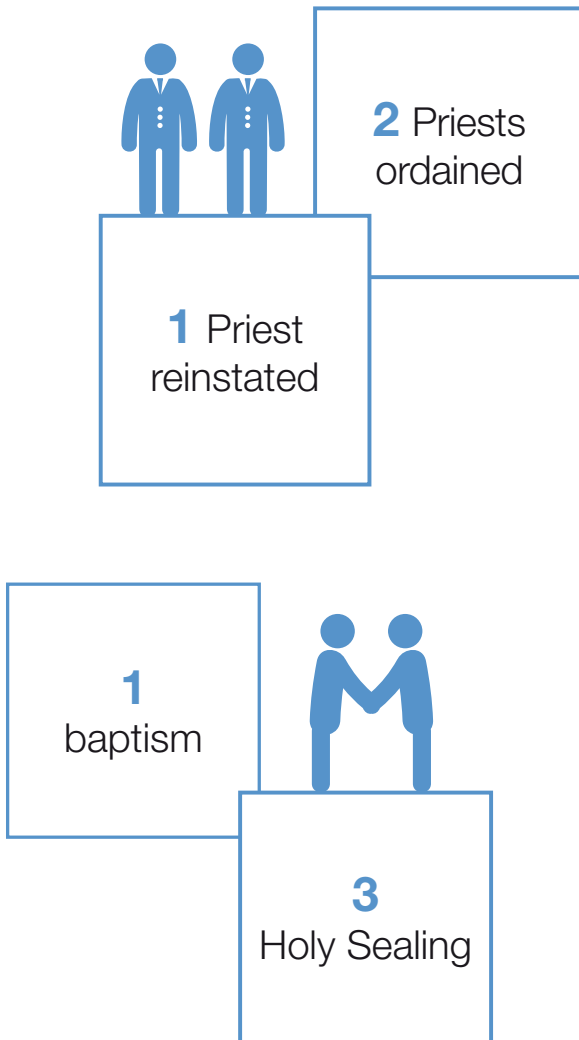


Matthew Abbott



Since January 2019

Ordinations, Retirements and other events



Divine service

Apostle Heynes' schedule in the UK

03.04.19	wed	Divine Service	Maidstone
07.04.19	sun	District Apostle	Dublin
10.04.19	wed	Divine Service	London
14.04.19	sun	District Apostle	Stade
19.04.19	fri	Divine Service	Birmingham
21.04.19	sun	Divine Service	Cambridge
24.04.19	wed	Divine Service	Gloucester
28.04.19	sun	Youth Service	Manchester
01.05.19	wed	Divine Service	Glasgow
05.05.19	sun	UK West District Service	The Gables
08.05.19	wed	Divine Service	Welling
11.05.19	sat	South district Ministers & Wives fellowship	
12.05.19	sun	Divine Service	Brighton
15.05.19	wed	Divine Service	Romford
19.05.19	sun	Dvine Service	Gateshead
22.05.19	wed	Divine Service	Camberley
26.05.19	sun	Divine Service	Lyndhurst
30.05.19	thurs	IYC	Dusseldorf
02.06.19	sun	Chief Apostle	Dusseldorf
05.06.19	wed	Divine Service	Birmingham
09.06.19	sun	Chief Apostle - Pentecost	Goslar
12.06.19	wed	Divine Service	Chelsfield
16.06.19	sun	Divine Service	Plymouth
19.06.19	wed	Divine Service	Maidstone
23.06.19	sun	UK South District service	Guildford
26.06.19	wed	Divine Service	Walthamstow
29.06.19	sat	North District Ministers & Wives fellowship	
30.06.19	sun	Divine Service	Hitchin

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