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With the motto, "Here I am," the youth from all around the world, prepared and planned to attend the International Youth Convention, 2019. Among the many thousands were also a group of 150 from the UK and Ireland.

It was just wonderful to see and experience the enthusiasm and energy of our young New Apostolic Christians who danced, sang and just simply enjoyed the opportunity to share their faith and fellowship with each other.

him." The chief apostle wished that the young Christians would respond as follows: "Here I am! That is what I am going to do." It is our mission to pass the gospel of God's nearness and love on.

The weekend was a huge success and my hope is that our youth are encouraged and given every opportunity to be active and develop their faith in their local congregations. ■

Foreword

Here I am... loved by God.

Over 30,000 youth with their leaders and helpers descended on Dusseldorf over a long weekend from 30th May to the 2nd June.

The chief apostle based his sermon for the divine service on John 13: 34–35. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

God says, "I am here for you," the chief apostle advised, adding: "God says; tell that to your neighbour. I am also here for





Ministers

District Evangelist Philip Baron

District Evangelist Philip Baron entered well-earned retirement in a festive divine service held by District Apostle Krause in Dublin, Ireland on Sunday 7th April 2019.

Our district evangelist was ordained as a sub-deacon in 1972, and can therefore look back on more than 46 years of ministry. On 14 July 2013, he was ordained into the district evangelist ministry in Dublin to serve the brothers and sisters in Ireland. Alongside this, he was rector of Birmingham congregation for 7 years.

In the past he served as rector of Gloucester and Bristol congregations and has travelled many miles to serve the



children of God. No way was too far for him and he gladly took on the responsibility of his respective ministries.

On one occasion in bad weather, when he was returning with his father, the late District Evangelist Willi Baron, from divine service in Liverpool, he noticed the car engine increasingly misfiring and losing power. There were quite a number of vehicles pulled up on the hard shoulder of the M6 that night. Thankfully they could experience angels' protection and as the engine spluttered and then finally cut out, he could coast up the slip road into motorway services just in time. Not only that, there was a garage and a mechanic working there on this particular Sunday evening and the car could be repaired by fitting a new distributor cap. With thanks to God they could drive home dry and with minimal delay.



Birmingham ministers

With over 80 trips to Ireland and many years of serving the Lord and the brethren, our district evangelist is a wonderful example of a steadfast and faithful servant. God was gracious in that he never missed a booked flight, somehow always arriving in time, if only just so. He reports that everything is grace, it is grace to serve and grace to retire and the strength needed comes from God who will complete His work.

We wish our district evangelist much joy in the congregation and a blessed retirement. ■

Seniors Corner

Sister Ilse Cedar

Fifty years ago, in July 1969, Sister Ilse first set foot in the UK to marry Jim Cedar and so began a life dedicated to the Lord's work in supporting her husband and the ministers in establishing the congregation.

One of the first influences on Ilse in Germany was the New Apostolic family of her friend, who always had an open door and taught the young Ilse the importance of hospitality. It is a lesson she has never forgotten and over the years she has invited many visitors to stay at her home for a short holiday. On one occasion, it was for young men from Germany who met for the first time at 'Alpine Nurseries,' the home of our sister. Today the Apostle Volker Kühnle and Apostle Wolfgang Zenker remain close friends with many happy memories of being with Jim and Ilse Cedar.



Sister Ilse Cedar and Priest Jim Cedar

Both Ilse and Jim wanted to help the brethren get to divine services, so when Jim was given an advance payment for gardening work, they made the decision to buy a car. For many years they would collect members from the Reading and Farnborough area and take them to London Central on Sunday mornings and then do the same in the afternoon taking members to church in Reading in the afternoon. The day started at 8am and ended at 8pm. On one occasion the car broke down on the Brentwood fly-over on the way to London Central, but the Lord provided and District Elder Volker Duemke spotted them and towed them home.

Divine services were held in a Quakers' hall in Reading and midweek services were celebrated in members' homes. In 1980 Jim and Ilse decided to build a church in their grounds, however they didn't have the necessary planning permission and had endless discussions with the authorities until they finally >



> received permission for use of the church for a longer period. During this time the now traditional fellowships took place in their grounds with regular children's services, congregational picnics and youth events. Many happy memories were made in the church and garden. Ilse fondly

remembers the words of the Apostle Fendt senior, who once stood at the entrance of the chapel they had built in the garden and said, "there is such a warmth here that you can come in with the greatest upset and immediately feel at peace". He then knelt at the altar and prayed.

Still today and fifty years on our sister Ilse opens up her home and garden for an annual congregational picnic and barbecue. The lesson learned in having an open door and open heart continues to be a great blessing for the congregation. ■

UK South West District

5th May 2019, Apostle Service for the UK South West District at The Gables Hotel, Falfield.

On Sunday 5th May, Apostle David Heynes served the congregations from the UK South West District in a memorable service at The Gables Hotel, near Bristol. Deacon Frank Saliki was ordained a priest for our congregation in Gloucester.

Text word: 1st Chronicle 29, 8-9:

"And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, into the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord; and King David also rejoiced greatly."

Our apostle explained that David increased the blessing for his people by not just giving of his own wealth, but also by inviting others to offer gifts for the building of the temple. He drew a parallel to the building of God's work today, to which we all contribute. He then reminded us that

growing into the likeness of the Lord Jesus also means changing and growing, as we are building God's temple in our own soul and putting on the new creation. The question arises, which 'precious stones' are we prepared to give up willingly? What will help us build this temple in our soul, and come closer to God? If the Lord Jesus gave up everything for us, then we can give back some of our own?

Inspired by the beautiful floral arrangement on the altar, our apostle referred to the phrase 'April showers brings May flowers', reminding us that not everything in life goes well, but that there are many different ways in which the heavenly Father speaks to us. Even on the dull and grey days, let us open up our hearts like a May flower! Our heavenly Father is with us and keeps us open.

During the service, the children, together with all the congregation, sang the song 'Store up Treasure Above,' by Jeremy



Flower display

Dawson. The service also included contributions from Priest Sascha Becker (Birmingham) who served especially for our children, as well as Evangelist Monray Dodgen (Nottingham) and District Elder Jan Clement.

We were encouraged to be a flower in our congregations, showing the beauty and love of God, so that everyone can see we are a joy to be around. Like children, who can make up in an instant, we should be quick to make peace and restore harmony. 'Get it done!', we were encouraged. We were also reminded to bring out true fellowship in our congregations and communities, through a recent quote from our chief apostle: *"Fellowship is only fellowship if it is conducted in the name of Jesus, and with the Lord as the focal point. Everything else is just a party, or a get-together."*

For the ordination of Priest Saliki, the apostle referred to the choir hymn, "I surrender all," as a perfect introduction to ordination, and as guidance to fulfilling the ministry. ■



Priest Frank Saliki



Violin



Ireland

Denzil Jacobs' Field of Dreams.

Take a minute to imagine how it might feel to be unemployed and desperately wanting to work. Yet, you are held back by other's opinions of your disability and potential employers cannot or will not see your talents and abilities. You yearn to earn a salary and experience friendship with colleagues, build your confidence, hone a skill and feel useful. There is much more to working than just 'work'. How do you get there?

Our Priest Denzil Jacobs, who is based in Tullamore, Ireland, is a specialist occupational therapist, working with children with autism and Downs Syndrome, he has also volunteered for the charity, Downs Syndrome Ireland for the last 12 years. He says: 'I have real compassion for people with disabilities and really want to raise awareness of the needs of adults with intellectual disabilities. For me, it is

wonderful to be part of the Field of Dreams project.'

The charity have secured four acres of land from Laois County Council and plan to build a centre of excellence and integrated community for people with Downs Syndrome to live, train and work. They will make products to sell and learn skills that will help them live as independently as possible.

Denzil says: 'This will be a template for the nation and to make these dreams happen we need resources.'

This drive and passion to raise funds for the project includes a special challenge. Denzil, who is well-known for fundraising and his marathon challenges, will take part in the Ottilo swimrun along with a running partner, on September 21st in Germany. They will run across 11 islands and swim across 10 ice cold lakes. No change of clothes – straight out of the lake and running in specially made wet suits trying to beat the clock, and other competitors! They've called their team, 'Feed the Dream.'

On October 6th Apostle David Heynes will be in Tullamore for Thanksgiving service and he will present a cheque for the total monies raised to the Field of Dreams team. It will be a special moment for both Denzil and the congregation. ■



For further information about the project and ways you can provide support follow Denzil on social media and hear the podcast.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2309175295802248&id=101869576532842&sfn=mo

<https://youtu.be/kHeBTnMpTk8>

<https://soundcloud.com/midlands103oficial/the-open-door-field-of-dreams>

Ministers

Priest Colin Tango

I was born in Cape Town, South Africa into a faithful New Apostolic family of 6 brothers and 6 sisters, where at the time my father served as a priest. Before my father committed to becoming a New Apostolic Christian, he was dis-inherited from his family because they were not New Apostolic and had to leave the family home. Throughout this difficult time, he never gave up on his faith.

My father always taught us as little children about prayer and offering. As a young man I was distracted about going to the Lord's house, and I always remember the words my father said to me, 'Colin my son, don't let time pass you by. Get up and go to church. The Lord has great plans for you.'

At the time I never really understood what he meant. At the age of 24 I met my soul-mate Cheryl and she also comes from a faithful catholic family. Our family is blessed with 2 children 4 grandchildren. After the passing of my father we moved into an



area where there were no church buildings at the time; the area was still undeveloped and we had started conducting services in our home.

As years went by, I received the sub deacon and deacon ministry. I was the behind-the-scenes guy and could never see myself standing behind the altar. In 2002, when the opportunity came knocking to come to Ireland, I accepted in a hurry to get away from serving at the altar. Before departure my priest prayed and left me

with the following words, "My deacon you don't want preach for us here in South Africa. Go and preach for God's children in Ireland in English, as my home language was Afrikaans". And the rest is history.

In 2012, I received the deacon ministry for Trim congregation. In 2013 into the priest ministry. In April 2019, I was commissioned the Rector of Trim congregation. The Lord really works in mysterious ways *ISN'T IT?*

I find great joy in my ministry by serving the Lord and the congregation. Trim is a small congregation and we consider each and every one as family. Together as the bride of Christ we strive and work as one congregation waiting for the Lord to send His loving son Jesus Christ. I hope and pray it will be soon.

As a family man, I spend my free time making BBQ with family. I also love to take time out to read, a little bit of gardening and spending time with the grandchildren. Weather permitting, I love to spend time with the family by the lakes.

Whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly... ■



Dublin

District Apostle Krause visit to Ireland on 7th April 2019

On Sunday the 7th April, our brethren from congregations across Ireland were invited to a divine service held by our District Apostle Krause in Dublin.

At the beginning of the sermon our district apostle reminded us that as Christians we need to deny ourselves and follow the Lord Jesus. This means that we need to seek His will and when we earnestly do this, He will open up His love and grace to us.

The congregation was reminded to be watchful, (Mark, 13:37) and not to fall asleep in the spirit of our time but to hold on to our faith and the promise of the Lord Jesus that He will return and take us to Himself.

In this divine service, District Evangelist Philip Baron was placed into well-deserved retirement having served as a minister for some 42 years and 3 new rectors were appointed for the congregations of Cork, Limerick and Trim as well as 2 deacons.

As is custom in Ireland, the congregation stayed long after the divine service to enjoy the fellowship and the delicious food. ■



Meet our ministers

Evangelist David Abrahamse

Our evangelist opens his heart and shares his thoughts about teaching our children in divine services. Every week he prepares something especially for them to consider and encourages learning where there are no wrong answers.

'I have a concern that the children are served, and it would be neglectful of me as a rector not to provide for them,' he says.

'I can learn from them, they are very resourceful, say things simply and straight to the point. They don't waste time!'

Regularly using a flip chart or prop enables the children to understand the summary of the service.

'It really helps to have a visual aid and I am happy to play confused, I will ask the children – who will help me? I heard something in service that doesn't make sense to me.

Can you understand? They love to help me figure it out.'

He was recently inspired to learn sign language for a divine service,

'Well, the thought just came to me, the theme of the service was, "Jesus wants to say – I love you." And I wondered how else could I say that more than just verbally? So, I learned a bit of sign language and took it to church. I am thankful for when these thoughts come!'

He adds, 'Personally, I'm a visual learner and I really want people to participate, without a doubt, visual mechanisms can help children. Occasionally teachers will advise that the theme of a divine service is a tough concept, but I tend to keep going, encouraging the kids to participate. If I feel their responses are going down a dead end, I'll then pull back and revisit.'

The children are encouraged to think about the natural world and then draw comparisons with the spiritual, for example, 'How would I travel to London from Manchester?'

A debate follows. Then, 'How do I get to heaven? What does "being good," look and sound like?' Everyone gets to contribute and build on the theme.

There are around 20 children in the congregation; our evangelist learns all of their names so that he can address them personally and there is real engagement during services.

He refers to the text from Matthew 18:1-3, 'At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them and said, "Assuredly, I say to you unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of Heaven."

'That is how important the children are to us,' he says with feeling. ■



Ministers

Priest Francis O'Brien

How did you become New Apostolic?

I was first introduced to the New Apostolic Church out of curiosity or concern when my mother started attending services, and was at my first apostle service when she was sealed. I was there to support her.

At school in my teens I was always interested and at ease in Religious Knowledge classes. I was a non-practicing Catholic, however, searching for God and believing in God but with no real Christian identity.

I then started attending services and was fascinated with many religious and spiritual conversations with the then Rector of Dublin, Priest Kolmar.

I gradually had the desire to join the New Apostolic Church and was sealed.

What gives me joy in my ministry?

The feeling that my ministry provides me with an outlet for my faith in God and my relationship with God.

The priestly ministry helped me to grow as a person and has given me a greater

inner confidence. I often feel a special upliftment and power when preparing for services, especially when I am holding a service. There is also a good feeling of camaraderie when brothers get together for a meeting, planning church events or apostle services.

It's also a special joy to feel the draw and need from the congregation and the acceptance of you as a minister and servant of the Lord.

That can be very fulfilling. I have no problem with accepting criticism or as I call it 'encouragement,' from some members.

Once a sister said, 'You know, I love your serving and how it's never boring and sometimes quite intensive but one thing I don't like is you have a habit of almost whispering the final Amen.'

Another sister said, 'Your handshake is a bit limp,' so I laughed but quickly corrected those ways.

Isn't it beautiful when the members feel at ease with you, even love you as a brother /minister that they can share something like that?

It is all about growth towards perfection or betterment. I do believe we ministers are a channel for God's love and inspiration.



How do I spend my spare time?

Chilling out at home with my wife on a Friday evening, relaxing with a chilled craft beer in my hand is good.

I enjoy every so often a long walk with a close friend chatting about life and experiences. I do the odd bit of gardening and I like thrillers on TV, especially Scandinavian noir and bit of soccer too. ■



Ministers

Deacon Mark Kollmar

My name is Mark Kollmar and I'm a Deacon in the Trim congregation in Ireland. I first attended a New Apostolic service held by the late Apostle John Fendt, on his visit to Dublin. Everything that he said made sense. Having been raised a Catholic, I had lapsed in my late teens and was seeking a continuation in faith as I became an adult. It is perhaps ironic, that my father, my grandmother and my great-grandfather had all become New Apostolic in their adulthood. In fact, there was only one person in each generation of our family who did so.

The elements which bring me joy in the ministry are twofold. Firstly, seeking to be inspirational through my behaviour and through serving from the altar by looking to bring scripture to life and make it rele-

vant to the listener, whether members or guests. Secondly, gaining insight through observing people's interactions within the context of the work of God, to better understand the dynamics of the congregation. My home congregation has a 'live and let live' approach which encourages people to be more open. Fellowship after service absolutely cements the unity within the congregation and brings me joy as all generations mingle together to generate a genuine family feeling. Some members have non-New Apostolic relatives who sometimes come for fellowship after service and who blend in seamlessly into our community. The fact that we often spend up to three hours together on Sunday bears out the unity within the group.

I love spending time at the sea and work right beside it. My work is my hobby, in a way, as I like data analytics and developing German language ad campaigns for clients. At home, I like gardening, and I do most of my own electrical and carpentry work. ■



Reflection

Some thoughts from our Deacon...

About twelve years ago, thanks to my partner, I had my first contact with the New Apostolic Church. Back then I had entirely lost contact with any church and was, mentally and physically, in a very bad state. During my first service I noticed: this is something different. Everyone knows the problems, sorrows and questions you carry along in your mind. But suddenly there was a place, where I finally got some answers.

Curious, if this would continue, I kept visiting services. Not only did I get more answers, slowly but steadily my life changed. Today, I really miss something, if I can't make it to service for whatever reason. So, thank you Lord, for showing and leading me this way, thank you too, for all the lovely brothers and sisters I have met so far and for all those I hopefully will meet.

Faith and Prayer Are Vital.

When you have experienced yourself, what faith and prayers are capable of, then you want to be part of it. Praying for each other, and not just for yourself, is the only way it works – I am convinced of that.

This doesn't mean I am not asking our Lord for guidance and protection for myself at the end of my prayers. However, it is a joy and very rewarding, to give something back to all the brothers and sisters in the congregations, no matter what your task is.

It really feels like family, being there for each other and caring for each other. Assisting our priest, such a humble and faithful man, is also something that brings me joy. Standing behind the altar has now taken 'doing our Lord's work,' to a new level. Even though you prepare yourself for a service, sometimes you don't really know where the words you speak are coming from.

Hopefully the Holy Spirit will always be there to assist and the brothers and sisters find it useful in their life of faith. ■



Meet our ministers

Evangelist Craig Esterhuizen

Evangelist Craig Esterhuizen, 50, the rector of the Lyndhurst Congregation, works in the administration office. He is married and has two daughters. Almost 15 years ago, he served in the South African Navy. His experience helps him to manage another task that he has held for some time, as an honorary chaplain of the Legion of military veterans.

? How did you come to the New Apostolic faith

I grew up in the suburbs of Cape Town, South Africa, to faithful parents. My dad served as a Priest in our Ottery congregation. I have fond memories as a boy going door-knocking with my dad and doing multiple trips to and from church on guest service days to fetch guests.

? Why did you join the Navy

I would say I was a 'late bloomer' and had no idea what career path to embark upon (even though my school results would have allowed me to enter university). Having spoken with two brothers in my congregation who were in the Navy, I decided to side-step the 2-year compulsory national service, which every young man in South Africa had to do, and joined the Navy as a permanent force member with the idea of gaining some life experience.

I served in the Navy for 18 years. I studied after hours, eventually graduating with a Psychology degree and a post graduate diploma in Quality Management. I left the service with the rank of Lieutenant Commander and had acquired a wide experience, notably amongst others, in administration, quality management and training.

? Did you have special faith experiences in that time

Back in the 1990's I was very excited to learn that our little Retreat West congregation was to be invited to a chief apostle service for the upcoming service for the departed. I had never seen our chief apostle in person, so this was a real treat for me. However, I received orders to put to sea for a 3-month deployment. I was very saddened that I would miss the service and I asked after our heavenly Father's motives.

Then I learnt that we were sailing to the Island of St Helena to refurbish the war graves of soldiers who were incarcerated there during the Anglo-Boer war (1899-1902). I then understood the Lord's plan and I was humbled to be of service to the souls in the beyond at this remote place. On the Island, I met Priest Benjamin and his family, and we spent Sundays together at his home where he held service. I left with very fond memories. ➤



> At the end of the year 2012, I was in our Lyndhurst congregation in the UK when a familiar family walked in. It was Priest Benjamin and his wife Joan who had come to the UK mainland to undergo medical treatment. Who would have thought that we would meet 20 years later on foreign soil?

Joan later passed away sadly, and her funeral was to be held over the Christmas festive period on the Falkland Islands. As no ministers from Cape Town (who cared for the Falklands Islanders) could make it at short notice, I was asked to assist and so travelled to the Island where I spent Christmas 2012 there with the Benjamin family and held Joan's funeral. In all my years of serving our Lord, this event certainly stood out for me as one where the hand of our Lord was evident throughout.

! *Please tell us about Lyndhurst congregation.*

We are a small congregation of approximately 25 souls established in Lyndhurst, in the picturesque New Forest area. Most of the members don't live in the area. It is not uncommon for members to travel 45 minutes to get to service.

As a rector I am fortunate to serve alongside three priests, one of whom is my brother, Grant.

We use a hired hall to hold services, so every Sunday morning, we need to pack out the chairs and the altar and the

books etc. and pack them away again afterwards. We enjoy a hearty fellowship, so we always have tea and cake after service. I would say that we have a warm, friendly congregation. We love welcoming visitors, especially those who stay.

? *How did you come to your contact to the Legion of Military Veterans?*

I joined the Legion after meeting an ex Naval colleague on social media. I thought it would be a good idea to catch up with a past that occupied so much of my life. Initially, I went to meetings and parades and helped out where I could. I felt good to support people in need, especially veterans who were struggling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), homelessness and other adaptive disorders, as well as remembering the souls in the beyond who left history's battlefields.

? *You are the chaplain of the Legion now. How did you come to this task?*

I remember we had a meeting and we needed someone to bless the food. I volunteered. I was asked if I was a practising Christian and I told them of my involvement in our church. The existing minister was having health concerns, so they asked if I could manage the task of the Chaplaincy, to which I agreed (after having a word with my bishop). Now, every 2 months I hold a service for the Legion. I usually always call our apostle to share some thoughts. It gives me much confidence to work with our apostle in this manner.

Last year we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. I invited members from local congregations to join the choir and this was a very special experience, for some, their very first outreach event. The veterans were so impressed with the service and our choir that they spontaneously stood up and applauded. That was very moving indeed.

At the year-end Legion ball last year, I received a certificate of recognition for services rendered in the Chaplaincy. I am now also the owner of a Shepherd's crook – this is a rather strange addition to my regalia, and I am still trying to get used to this.

? *What is one thing you have learned in being involved in this ministry?*

I was surprised by how open people were to our faith. I think us New Apostolics are sometimes too inward looking. We have a wonderful belief and a powerful blessed message - others are seeking to experience this. I have therefore grown to become more forthcoming when others ask what it is that we believe. Outreach IS possible. ■





Since April 2019

Ordinations, Retirements and other events



Divine service

Apostle Heynes' schedule in the UK

03.07.19	wed	Divine Service	Corby
07.07.19	sun	Divine Service	Swindon
10.07.19	wed	Divine Service	Thames Ditton
14.07.19	sun	Divine Service	Glasgow
17.07.19	wed	Divine Service	holiday
21.07.19	sun	Divine Service	holiday
24.07.19	wed	Divine Service	holiday
28.07.19	sun	Divine Service	Nottingham
31.07.19	wed	with District Apostle	Maidstone
04.08.19	sun	Divine Service	Bristol
07.08.19	wed	Divine Service	Lyndhurst
11.08.19	sun	Divine Service	Brynamman
14.08.19	wed	Divine Service	Welling
18.08.19	sun	Divine Service	Gillingham
21.08.19	wed	Divine Service	Birmingham
25.08.19	sun	with District Apostle	Estonia
28.08.19	wed	Divine Service	Thames Ditton
01.09.19	sun	Divine Service	Chelsfield
04.09.19	wed	Divine Service	Corby
08.09.19	sun	Divine Service	IOM
11.09.19	wed	Divine Service	Gloucester
15.09.19	sun	Divine Service	Tiverton
18.09.19	wed	Divine Service	Manchester
22.09.19	sun	with District Apostle	Nottingham
26.09.19	thurs	Divine Service	Swindon
29.09.19	sun	Divine Service	Camberley

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