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## Foreword

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a blessed and peaceful Advent and Christmas.

This special month of the year is lit up by twinkling decorative lights and the special warmth of candlelight. It is also a time of preparation and excitement in anticipation for Christmas and for us Christians, the celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus.

Sadly though, I notice, that material preparations dominate in our society to the extent that for many, the joy and peace, which is the very essence of Advent, is being overtaken by stress and worry.

I feel that as Christians we have an important role to play in our family and friendship circles; to be a counterbalance to these trends. Along with all the other items we buy, I encourage us to be a bearer of the much-needed gifts of love, peace, hope and joy to all those we come into contact with.

Just like beautiful Christmas lights; we too then radiate joy and warmth to those around us.

On a separate topic you will have hopefully heard by now of the UK Church Convention which takes place at the East Midlands Conference Centre, in Nottingham on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2020.

Various activities are being arranged on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September for different age and interest groups and on Sunday morning 6<sup>th</sup> September we are all invited to celebrate a festive divine service with our district apostle.

I encourage you all to get involved over the next weeks and months and help along in planning, preparing and above all participating in this major event. Further details on how you can do this will be sent out in due course.

**Step one is to please save the dates of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

With love and greetings

David Heynes

## Norwich

### Faith and Police.

Bishop David Middleton and Priest Elvis Beya, who is a sergeant in the Norwich Police Force, were invited to attend a seminar at the Faith and Police Programme on November 26<sup>th</sup> in Norwich. Launched in April 2018, this is a national initiative aimed at encouraging better partnerships between law enforcement and faith groups.

Communities across Norfolk are struggling to contend with issues such as homelessness, county lines, addiction >



Ministers of Norwich with DEv Aspden and Bishop Middleton



> and loneliness, as a result vulnerable people are being exploited. The chief constable expressed his concern that too much emphasis is placed upon the police response and not enough upon tackling the causes of these vulnerabilities; helping both offenders and victims to leave that life behind.

He went on to say: *“I am keen to see the Faith and Police Together Programme work across Norwich and Norfolk to tackle these issues, because I believe more can be done to improve how we respond.”*

Other presentations included; Night-Time Economy, County Lines, Child Sexual & Criminal Exploitation, Homelessness, Vagrancy and Addiction.

Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk, Lady Dannatt, MBE, spoke about the range of work carried out by the police force and said one of our important tasks was to pray for them.

Indeed, we regularly encourage each other to pray for the doctors and nurses who look after us, consider then too, praying for those that are tasked with

policing our communities. Especially in the light of recent events in London.

The College of Policing issued a flyer stating: *“We want to encourage good communication between our police and faith communities with both seeing each other as partners in helping to make our neighbourhoods a safer place to live. We encourage faith groups to pray for their police and get involved where possible to make an impact for the better.”*

See: [www.faithandpolicetogether.org.uk](http://www.faithandpolicetogether.org.uk) for further information. ■



### Seniors Corner

## Sister Margot Parfitt.

I was born in Stuttgart, Southern Germany, on 8th May 1926. My parents divorced soon after and I was brought up by my paternal grandparents on their village farm in Gerlingen. My spiritual education began there.

Every Sunday morning my grandmother took me to the Lutheran church for service. In the afternoon I was sent to Sunday School at the Evangelical church. I was confirmed in the Lutheran church when I was 14.

By the time I left school war had started and I joined the navy in 1944. I was posted to Wilhelmshaven on the island of Sylt on the searchlight station, to identify aircraft. Looking back at such a frightening

experience, aged 18, I can see how God preserved my life many times.

After the war, I fulfilled my aim to become a nurse and I looked after a young man who was New Apostolic; a romance ensued. His parents persuaded me to go to church with them. The church felt different and spiritually fulfilling and I felt at home.

Unfortunately, the romance did not last but the spiritual seed was sown. I started to attend service on a regular basis in Stuttgart.

In 1951, I came to England, even though I couldn't speak a word of English. The country needed nurses and I thought it would be an adventure. I was employed in a nursing home in Letchworth, Hertfordshire. It was hard to find our church, but I eventually did, travelling to London. Cadogan Square, if I remember rightly.

One evening, a German friend I worked with, who had been in England longer than I, invited me to a dance in Hitchin. I was

asked to dance by an Englishman called Tom who was local to Hitchin. After some time of friendship, we fell in love and Tom became my husband.

Tom was not New Apostolic. However, when we moved to North London, he attended Woodford congregation with me. Eventually, after many home visits and discussions with the ministers Ron Price and Eric Chalk, my husband was sealed.

We were blessed with four children.

After living in two London locations, we decided to move to Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, for our retirement. We were members of the Corby congregation for many years under the stewardship of Evangelist Kuhfeld.

We moved to Northallerton in 1982, attending Bradford congregation. After my husband's death in the late 1980's I also attended services in Northallerton. Our dear District Evangelist Mueller came >



Sister Parfitt young nurse



Sister Parfitt with Rector & Deacon on 90th





> from Nottingham to hold the services.

I have experienced many highlights in my New Apostolic life. I even had the joy travelling on a missionary visit to Iceland when I was already in my eighties.

I am so very thankful that I can still attend some services in Gateshead and that our heavenly Father has watched over me and protected me thus far. ■



Sister Parfitt group photo outing Iceland



Iceland

## Fellowship

### UK Convention 2020

We've been given a wonderful opportunity to create special moments in fellowship along with attending a divine service with our district apostle next year on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September at the De Vere Conference Centre, Nottingham.

The venue is familiar to many of us and will be a success come rain or shine. Factoring in our changeable weather has been a constant concern of the planning team!

Evangelist Monray Dodgen adds: *"I'm tasked with getting the venues and contracts for our convention, it has been quite a journey – but I'm pleased to say that we are there now and I'm so looking forward to seeing everyone enjoy the weekend."*

There will be activities for various age groups, ranging from our children through to seniors and momentum is maintained via regular meetings to drive things forward. One of the high points will be a children's mini musical – which is currently being devised by Priest Jeremy Dawson.

With the motto, 'I give...' there is huge scope for organisers to link this thought with action.

Jeremy adds: *"I want the musical to be as inclusive as possible, appealing to potential singers, actors, set design and supporting roles. We'll have the children create different shapes with their bodies and they will even manage props and lighting."*

The music will be released in stages throughout the year so that it can be learned in advance of performance day.

Jeremy explains the source of his inspiration: *"When Peter is released from prison, he goes to the house where the Lord's followers are praying and knocks on the door. Rhoda, a little servant-girl, is so overwhelmed when she hears his voice, she forgets to open the door and runs to tell the others. They struggle to believe her and say she is mistaken."*

*However, through Rhoda's sheer insistence, hope and joy, Peter is finally let in. The children will convey all of that drama*



*through music and movement, an exciting challenge to put together, however it will be something they can all contribute to."*

Additional activities involving our youth, families and seniors will be advertised throughout 2020. We also want our gathering to be an opportunity to give something back to the community so please bring an open mind and happy heart.

Evangelist Monray sums it up: *"GIVE means; Gracious Individuals Volunteering Everything...."*

*For it is in giving we receive the opportunity to start planning and bringing the future into the present. You can do something about it now...let's plan to give..."*

Congregational leads will provide updates in due course, and in the meantime, please keep the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020 free. ■





Music

## Meet musician Felicite.

Music plays an important part in our divine services, creating an impression in our hearts when words fail. Indeed; musical expression enables us to collectively feel something.

Felicite is a talented 16-year-old trumpet player and lives in Lanarkshire, she accompanies the organist and choir regularly in the Glasgow congregation and tells us a little about herself.

*“When I was ten years old a teacher at school offered us trumpet lessons, I thought it would be good to attend and went along every week with three other students. I was loaned a trumpet and worked hard, eventually passing exams.”*

*“After a little while, I really thought about quitting the trumpet – I was not progressing as well as I would have liked and more than a little impatient, however, my mum encouraged me to keep on and I’m so thankful as I have moved on and can play a whole range of music now.”*

At first playing in public terrified Felicite; those of us who play an instrument can empathise when things don’t go to plan.

Felicite says: *“Performances that haven’t gone so well can discourage me, however I now realise I have a gift and it is a joy to use. I know that music can influence others to feel what I feel and that is absolutely wonderful. Especially when members of the congregation tell me regularly that what I have played has really touched their soul.”*

With plans to become a jazz artist, Felicite now plays twice a week with the



North Lanarkshire Jazz Orchestra. This passionate soul just loves letting music do the talking. ■



Fritz Kamradt

## Reflection on a blessed life.

Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> was the funeral of our retired Priest, Fritz Otto Johann Kamradt, who passed away at home, dressed and ready for his ride to church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, minutes before our service for the departed.

Fritz was born 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1925, in Lauenburg, Pommern Germany. As a

young man he was an apprentice baker and worked on a farm, both skills helped him later in life. While serving in the army, Fritz had some narrow escapes from death and eventually became a prisoner of war. He was shipped to the USA, returning later to the UK and settling in middle England, where as a prisoner, he was hired out to local farmers.

On the farm, Fritz was to meet his future wife Jean, you may well know their children today, Sylvia and Rose in our Corby congregation, and the Rector of our Gateshead congregation, Shepherd John Kamradt.

At the time, POW’s were not allowed to fraternise with local girls, so Fritz employed his colourful imagination and crafty ways to meet Jean.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1951, they were finally married. Fritz continued to be a farm labourer while the children were growing and following a return visit to Germany he was reconnected to the New Apostolic Church. Once back in the UK, he and his family could join a local congregation. The family were sealed in 1962 and he received the following ministries.

April 1967 – Deacon.

February 1975 -Priest.

October 1986 – became Rector of what is today, our Corby congregation.

1992 - Retired from the Ministry aged 67.

Both Fritz and Jean enjoyed looking after the church grounds, which they had done since the first digging out the rubble left by the builders in about 1974. They both sang in the choir, did the cleaning and flowers, contributed to fellowship, mowed the lawns, and gave lifts to those needing them, often going miles out of their way to collect people and return them home.

Fritz was one of the many faithful pioneers, who has proceeded us into eternity. Those of us privileged to serve today are deeply thankful.

Back then they did not have the luxury of mobile phones, modern cars, motorways and even church buildings. However, our brothers and sisters in faith established the church here under difficult circumstances and were faithful through it all until the end. We today are thankful for such wonderful examples in serving the Lord. ■





Ireland and UK

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding affects all of us and is one of the most important activities we consider on behalf of our members and ministers. Our safeguarding policy can be found on the web site [www.nacukie.org](http://www.nacukie.org) or on your congregation notice board. Additionally, the majority of us have attended a safeguarding seminar, presented by Dr. Neil Sinclair as he has visited various congregations.

Safeguarding has also been brought to the forefront recently on [www.nac.today](http://www.nac.today) with an article from Southern Germany and from Africa. The UK church was probably the first to lead the way in implementing checks, which are now mandatory for all wishing to actively participate in ministering or teaching.

For consistency and good practice, we developed a joint policy to cover both Ireland and the UK and we have expanded the Safeguarding Committee. New members include; Iris Brown and Priest Denzil Jacobs who are based in Ireland,



Sister Iris Brown



Priest Denzil Jacobs



Sister Pamela Seaman

along with Pamela Seaman, from Birmingham. Each has practical or professional experience in areas of Safeguarding.

In Ireland, all ministers and teachers pass what is commonly known as a 'Garda check.' In the UK this is known as the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), which is required in many professions, especially the health sector and teaching.

Our new colleagues will contribute valuable experience to the team and will in future visit designated congregations to deliver the church's current safeguarding awareness presentation.

Iris, Pamela and Denzil join our current members who are:

- Karen Paisley – Trustee (*Glasgow*)
- Joyce Winkler (*Nottingham*)
- Craig Esterhuizen – Administrator & Secretary to the Committee (*Lyndhurst*)
- David Heynes (*Apostle*)
- David Middleton (*Bishop*)
- Neil Sinclair – Chair (*Chelsfield*)
- Neil Woodman Trustee (*London Central*) ■



Ministers

## Priest Marizani Batista.

Reinstated to priestly ministry on 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2019 in Corby congregation.

### How did I become a New Apostolic?

As a young boy, (if my memory serves me well, I was in grade 1), a New Apostolic priest, Zachs Kasumba, who was the

rector for St. Mary's Congregation, in Zimbabwe's third most populous municipality of Chitungwiza, and his family became tenants at our family home, occupying part of the house.

He invited all the children in the neighbourhood to church. During those days, more often than not, we used to have regular combined services mostly in Highfield, Harare, about 25km from St. Mary's, Chitungwiza, where we lived.

For these services, buses were hired by the church to ferry people from the various surrounding congregations to the combined service venues. While the other children would mostly only attend the combined services, perhaps particularly for the free bus ride, and hardly the local services, I fell in love with the music and hardly ever missed any of the services. Other children would later completely stop coming to church when the combined services reduced and eventually when people had to fund their way to the services.

I was baptized with Pr Kasumba standing in for my parents, as my parents were nei-

ther New Apostolic nor Christians at the time. I joined the choir even before I was Confirmed, and I am grateful to my priests at the time who stood by me when others questioned this move. Perhaps as a result of this, most of my friends at church were way older than me. I was also allowed to attend a lot of the youth functions even before I had reached the official youth age. For my upbringing in those early days, special mention goes to the now retired Pr. Edward Rasioto, together with Pr Kasumba, whose support helped to keep me in the faith through those early years.

### What brings me joy in my ministry?

I love to share with my brothers and sisters that which the Lord, through the Holy Spirit reveals to me. It is most humbling to me, and a great joy, to be of service to God through serving in the house of God and in His work, standing at the altar, performing the various tasks in the house of God, with the knowledge that I am not the best amongst God's children, not perfect, not the most gifted.... but through grace, just a vessel in the hand of God. >



> **Any special experiences?**

When I joined the church, as a young boy, no one in my family was particularly Christian. I am the fourth born child in a family of seven children. I recall stories my mother used to tell us of her childhood when she used to go to a certain church back in the rural area where she grew up. I also remember my elder sister at times attending an independent African apostolic church (Nothing apostolic about it as per our understanding of the term).

My father passed away in 1989 when I was in Grade 4, four days after my birthday. I am grateful to my mother for continuing to support me financially and otherwise on anything to do with church.

While I do not recall the exact times when it happened, I am happy to mention that

with time, my mother and all my siblings, except the first born in our family, became New Apostolic Christians, together with some nephews and nieces. Today, my mother remains a strong member of the congregation where I started my New Apostolic life.

**How do I spend my spare time?**

Playing board games with the children, reading current affairs, watching news and crime drama series on TV, singing from the NAC hymnals, and translating English hymns to Shona (mostly for fun, even though back home, some of my translations got used in some services, including at one point in a divine service by the chief apostle in Harare). ■



*Priest Elvis Beya takes over from Priest Kelvin Jumah*

**Ministers**

**Priest Elvis Beya.**

**How did you become New Apostolic?**

My parents were already New Apostolic Christians when I was born. They brought me to church as a baby and I grew up in the New Apostolic faith.

**What brings you joy in your ministry?**

There are many things that brings joy in my ministry. The smile from all the brothers and sisters I have met. The inspiration and collaboration across the district. It is a joy to share God's word and Holy Communion. I am always inspired by the work we do with in the New Apostolic Faith and that which is done out of love and humbleness.

**Share any special experience?**

I attended a conference with our bishop in Norfolk called FAITH AND POLICE. There were many leaders of different faiths and many senior ranking officers who covered a variety of topics. The most important thing was that the Constabulary said to the church leaders that they need our PRAYERS! Another special thing about this was that the bishop travelled over 6 hours round trip to attend a few hours conference. This was a wonderful experience for me.

**How you spend your spare time?**

I spend my spare time with my family. We are a young family currently trying to enjoy short holidays. I spend time reading books and catching up with friends and work colleagues. I use some of my spare time to prepare for divine service.

Love Elvis ■

**Northern Ireland**

**Belfast Report –  
by District Elder  
Jan Clement.**

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, we experienced our first service in Belfast, in over 20 years. Members travelled long distances across Northern Ireland; and it was wonderful to share these moments together.

The text word was Romans 15: verses 5-7, and we were encouraged to glorify God and be united as a congregation in

full harmony, remaining enthusiastic and sharing the gospel message with those around us.

A sister purchased for herself a keyboard to make sure we had music for the service, and we used the technology of our mobile phones to link to a NAK hymnal.

A nice fellowship was provided for the congregation before we said our good-byes.

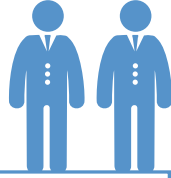
**Next service in Northern Ireland will be on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 at 11:00h at the Belmore Court Hotel BT74 6HX in Enniskillen.** ■





Since October 2019

## Ordinations, Retirements and other events



### Ministerial Events:

Elvis Beya:  
Appointed Rector  
of Norwich

Priest Marizani Batista  
re-instated as a Priest  
for Corby



4  
baptisms

2  
Holy Sealing

## Divine service

### Apostle Heynes' schedule in the UK

05.01.20	Sun	Divine Service	Camberley
08.01.20	Wed	Divine Service	Lyndhurst
12.01.20	Sun	Divine Service	Nottingham
15.01.20	Wed	Divine Service	Maidstone
19.01.20	Sun	Divine Service	Brighton
22.01.20	Wed	Divine Service	Corby
26.01.20	Sun	Divine Service	Plymouth
29.01.20	Wed	Divine Service	Romford
02.02.20	Sun	Divine Service	Thames Ditton
05.02.20	Wed	Divine Service	Walthamstow
08.02.20	Sat	Divine Service	Cork
09.02.20	Sun	Divine Service	Limerick
13.02.20	Thurs	Divine Service	Swindon
15.02.20	Sat	LC open day	London Central
16.02.20	Sun	Divine Service	Bristol
19.02.20	Wed	Divine Service	Welling
23.02.20	Sun	Divine Service	Corby
26.02.20	Wed	Divine Service	Manchester
01.03.20	Sun	Divine Service	Romford
04.03.20	Wed	Divine Service	Birmingham
08.03.20	Sun	Youth Service	Cambridge
11.03.20	Wed	Divine Service	London Central
15.03.20	Sun	Divine service	Brynamman
15.03.20	Sun	Divine service	Cardiff
18.03.20	Wed	Divine Service	Glasgow
21.03.20	Sun		Holiday
24.03.20	Wed		Holiday
29.03.20	Sun	Youth service	London Central

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