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Foreword

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I think we can all agree that the children's presentation of a, 'Tree of Thanks,' which depicted leaves with messages and drawings, was a wonderful expression of thankfulness. It may have also helped some of

us grown-ups to remember that essential things like food and a roof over our head are not automatically experienced by everyone on earth.

The project demonstrates to us that a relatively small individual contribution, which in this case was a drawing of a leaf, can, when done together with others, have a most wonderful result. We have also seen this in the willingness of so many to be actively involved in the devotionals, quizzes and other congregational activities. The individual contributions have resulted in a great variety of Christian activity and fellowship, which has been a great source of strength, comfort and joy for us all.

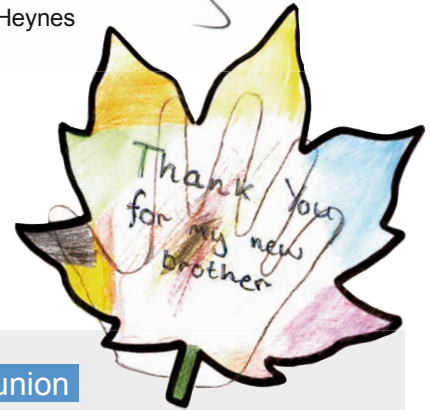
Another example of this has been the music performances and the virtual concert on Thanksgiving Sunday evening, which was a delightful way to conclude the week of Thankfulness.

So, on behalf of us all I would like to thank you, dear children, dear musicians and all who continue to actively engage in the Lord's work for all your many labours of love. I also thank those who faithfully join the worship and fellowship and appreciate the efforts of others.

Your loving support and prayers are also a great blessing for the congregation.

With love and greetings,

David Heynes



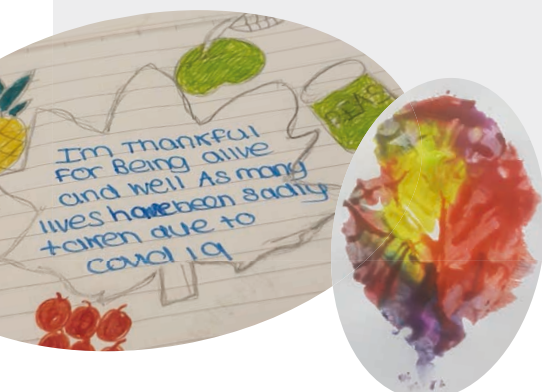
COVID 19 Update – Important news on Holy Communion

The continued steep rise in the infection rate and subsequent measures to reduce social interaction within the country has led to the decision, in agreement with our District Apostle Krause, to continue to offer online rather than in-person divine services for the time being.

Our district apostle has agreed however, that as an exception, and due to the long period we have been unable to celebrate Holy Communion, Sunday 1st November will be a divine service with Holy Communion. This will be a momentous occasion for us, and especially so as it is also the divine service where we connect and intercede especially in prayer for the souls in eternity. I am delighted and extremely grateful that this is possible. We have the ambitious plan to send consecrated Holy Communion wafers to all our brethren in UK and Ireland who wish to receive it so

that all who are connected can partake of Holy Communion in this divine service from their home.

To ensure we send the correct number of consecrated wafers to the correct address, an online registration page will be created to capture this information. The link will be distributed via congregational WhatsApp groups. The deadline for registration is Sunday 25th October. Unfortunately, any registrations after this date will not be included on mailing list.





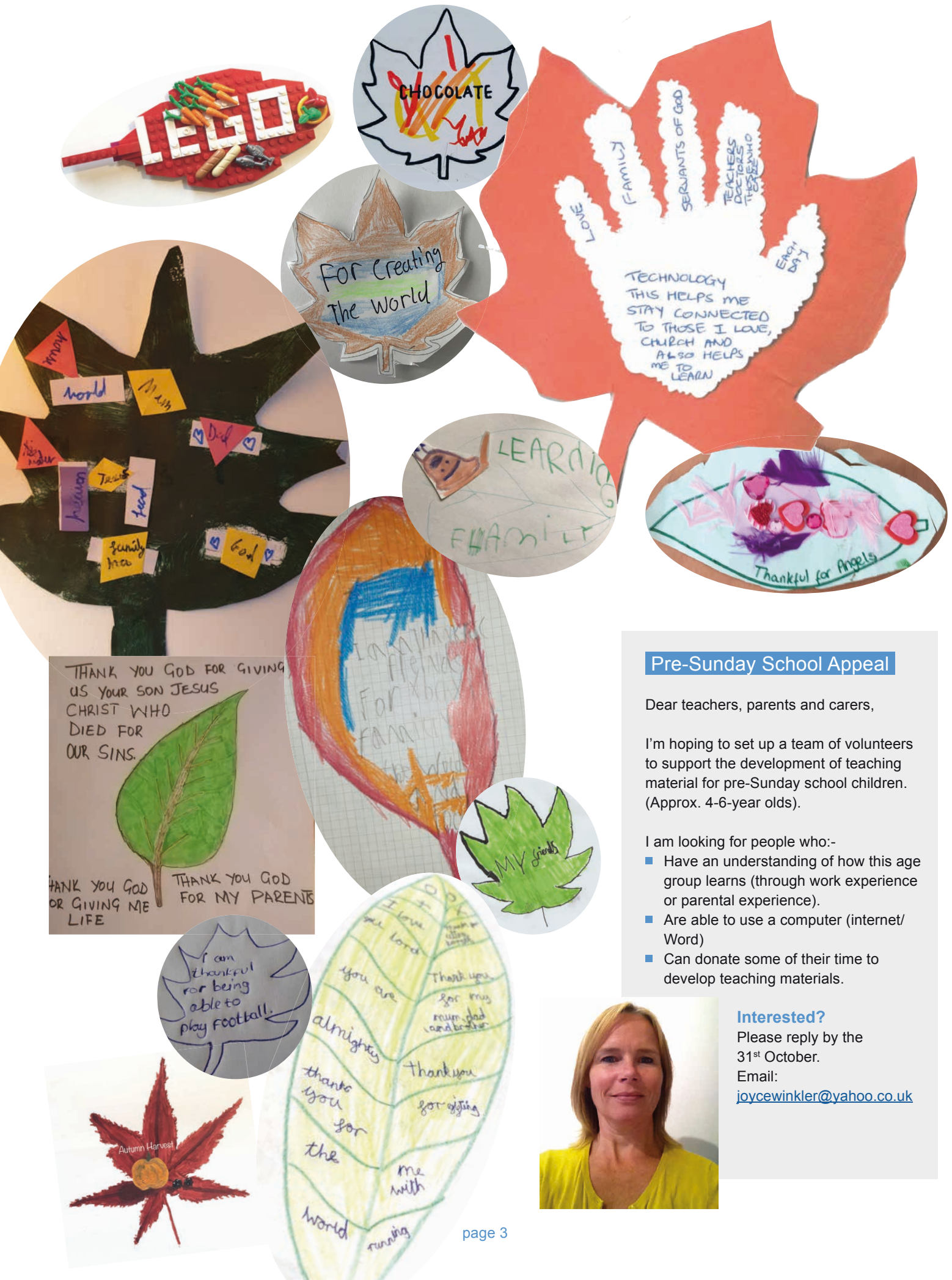
The Tree of Thanks

A CHILDREN'S PROJECT



SEE THE FULL VERSION ON OUR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL

<https://youtu.be/AUgoGxNEQyY>



Pre-Sunday School Appeal

Dear teachers, parents and carers,

I'm hoping to set up a team of volunteers to support the development of teaching material for pre-Sunday school children. (Approx. 4-6-year olds).

I am looking for people who:-

- Have an understanding of how this age group learns (through work experience or parental experience).
- Are able to use a computer (internet/ Word)
- Can donate some of their time to develop teaching materials.

Interested?

Please reply by the
31st October.

Email:

joycewinkler@yahoo.co.uk





Gloucester congregation

Eva and Pearl.

Despite the pandemic – Eva and Pearl from the Gloucester congregation have kept their spirits up and they share some thoughts on how they have remained positive.

Eva: Well, the morning sessions with our bishop are fun, and it's lovely see everyone online, they really set us up for the day. It helps us see our wider church family and that is so special.

Pearl: For me also, the devotional evenings are really important. It is inspiring to hear from our brothers and sisters and how they have gotten through difficult circumstances. It underlines that there is a



need for us to be connected in faith and it helps build our strength.

Eva: In all honesty, we all probably took fellowship for granted in the past – and now when we are online; we share the laughter, cry tears together and pray for one another. It is a reminder that we need to call people and see how they are doing.

*Let the peace of Christ rule
in your hearts, since as
members of one body
you were called to peace.
And be thankful.
(Colossians 3:15)*

Pearl: We have got an incredibly powerful connection between the group of musicians here in the West District. We want to give joy and playing music together



is wonderful. The encouragement from Priest Morgan Price is amazing and we get so much out of it ourselves. Sometimes in life our faith is supported by being able to give back. ■



Life Story

An Experience of Faith.

From my father's life – as related by my father. My father, Heinz (Harry) Hoeck, was born in Berlin, Germany in 1925, into a faithful New Apostolic family. At the age of 17 he was called up to join the German army and during WW2 he was drafted to Jersey, one of the Channel Islands, which was occupied by the German army.



Harry Hoeck

He remained there until the war ended and then he was sent to Scotland as a prisoner of war.

After his release he took up the opportunity to remain in Scotland and moved near Glasgow where he met my mother, Nan Bambridge. They fell in love and got married, settled down and then my sister Anna was born. My father never forgot his faith and read his bible diligently but missed the services he used to attend regularly as a young New Apostolic brother in Berlin.

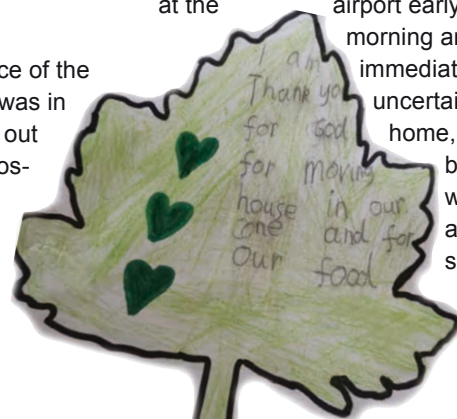
After much discussion with my mother it was decided that they would go as a family to Berlin with the intention of possibly settling there. This, however, was not to be the case as after some months my father could not find work and my mother was very homesick; so, they decided to return to Scotland.

Unfortunately, as a consequence of the Cold War, the Berlin Blockade was in force and the only route in and out of Berlin was by air. It was impossible to make a flight booking without joining a long waiting list, which would take months.

My father decided to speak to the rector of his home congregation, who was a loving shepherd, and understood the family's predicament. They knelt down and prayed in tears and the shepherd asked the Lord to grant the necessary help to get the family back to Scotland and to make it possible for my father to make contact with the New Apostolic Church in London.

He told my father to go with his family to the airport and present themselves at the booking desk and request seats on the next flight to Hamburg (from Hamburg they would sail to the UK). He urged him not to be discouraged but to wait and keep faith and the Angel of the Lord would accompany them.

My father, mother and little Anna arrived at the airport early the next morning and were immediately told in no uncertain terms to go home, they would be put on the waiting list and contacted some >





Nan and Harry Hoeck

months from now when seats became available. My father politely thanked the officiant but said they would take a seat

and wait, to which the reply was, 'You must be crazy, it is impossible, every seat is always taken, they are like gold dust! Please go home!' They did not go home but waited patiently the whole day as the flights came and went and the passengers filed through the airport. In the evening, when the last flight was called and all the passengers checked in, the officiant said to my father, 'Now will you go home?!'

Her telephone rang, she answered, listened and said to the caller, 'No – no that is not possible, my list is complete, and all passengers are through.' she looked at my father, shook her head and said, 'There are three seats, please book in and hurry.'

As they left the desk to board the aeroplane, exhausted but very thankful, the attendant shook her head said, 'It NEVER

happens!' They only needed two seats as Anna was just a baby, then my father remembered what his shepherd had said, that the Angel of the Lord would accompany them. They returned home, and my father wrote to the rector of the congregation in London. After pawning his only possession of value, his camera, he was able to travel by bus to London to meet with the ministers and rejoiced when they said that they would visit my father and his family in Glasgow with the intention to start a congregation there.

Unfortunately, my father never had enough money to retrieve his camera but knew it was well worth the sacrifice. He was ordained a priest and divine services started in my parent's home. Today we have our own church building and a wonderful, loving congregation. We are so blessed.

Linda Hoeck ■

Gift Aid Donations

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to make you aware that the New Apostolic Church is a registered UK charity and there are benefits associated with that. One of which is being able to receive Gift Aid on donations/offerings.

Gift Aid is a UK tax incentive that enables tax-effective giving by individuals to UK charities like us.

As long as you are a UK taxpayer, you can register as a Gift Aider meaning that your offerings / donations will be uplifted by 25% in benefit to our charity. Significantly, that means we will be able to do 25% more with your donation, at no extra cost to you.

How to Register

Registering as a Gift Aider is easy: simply e-mail the church office at admin-hq@btconnect.com and we will send you an application form to complete. Return the form to us and we will give you a unique Gift Aid reference number.

How to Gift Aid Donations During Covid 19

You can make an electronic deposit direct to the church bank account. Please remember to reference your **Gift Aid number**.

For the UK our Barclays Bank account details are:

- Account Name: New Apostolic Church UK Ltd
- Sort Code: 20-11-39
- Account No: 53188809
- Swift: BARCGB22
- IBAN: GB83BARC20113953188809

If you wish, you can also mail a cheque directly to the church office address:

New Apostolic Church UK
Office 1 Fenwick 2 Health & Wellbeing Centre
Pikes Hill
Lyndhurst
Hampshire
SO43 7NG

Also, please place your Gift Aid number on the back of the cheque.

At year end, feel free to request a statement of your donations from the church office. This may be of particular value to higher rate taxpayers where such charitable donations are deemed to be tax deductible. ■

