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Foreword

Choose Kindness. Every time.

Jesus was considered 'different' when He extended help to people who were sick, poor and social outcasts. This was radical for the culture of that time and He was criticised. His kindness involved action, and kind people seek opportunities to be kind.

Modern examples of doing something for others are 'pay it forward' where someone might cover the toll charge for the car behind; or pay for someone's coffee. These are small experiences, which are likely to make the recipients' day and give the helper a great feeling.

However, have you ever thought about being kind to your spiritual self?

We heard in a divine service recently that we should put spiritual health above our physical health. This rationale makes sense as when we are loving, peaceful, grounded and patient, our bodies benefit.

Those with good spiritual health typically display hope, a positive outlook, forgiveness/self-acceptance, commitment, meaning and purpose, a sense of self-worth, clear values, and feelings of peace.

Having compassion for our spiritual lives means taking action. Similar to physical exercise, it takes practice and a little effort.

A sister persistently prayed for guidance throughout a very difficult time in her life.

She asked for a bible verse each day which resulted in an abundance of faith affirming verses. She described it as putting down a root in search of nourishment.

We can read that kindness is the fifth fruit of the spirit. Let us take that forward even into the online community and

behave in a way that is supportive and understanding.

Jesus demonstrated that if we step outside of our lives and create acts of kindness to the unsuspecting, the undeserving or the hurting, we can change their world. ■

Karen Paisley

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

Introduction

Kelly Easton

I clearly remember my grandad telling me, 'When our heavenly Father asks something of us, no matter what it is, the answer is always YES!'

Several years ago, I was asked to take responsibility of updating and maintaining a Facebook account that had been created for our Corby congregation. It certainly wasn't a big request or a big job at the time. For years, all that was posted was pictures of big congregational events.

All my life I have been drawn to the quote from Matthew 7:7 'Seek and you will find,' and it occurred to me that people may not know where to look, or if they dared look it is easy to find inaccurate information about our faith. So, it became a need in me to share the love, grace and forgiveness of our faith and of our heavenly Father.

I felt drawn to search for quotes and images that related to things such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter etc. and posting them in the days leading up to them as a way to prepare for the upcoming service. Hoping that people would





see them, read them, maybe even share them and that they too would be uplifted and inspired by them.

I soon began to be flooded with 'friend requests' from New Apostolics all over the world!! I saw the beautiful images that contained God's word being shared far and wide, so I started to post a couple of times a week. It was such a wonderful feeling to know that I was putting something good out into the world, especially on a social media platform which can be potentially, so unkind.

The more regularly I posted the more friend requests I got, unfortunately a personal account can only have 5000 'friends.' The feeling in my heart, thinking of having to turn people away, was horrible so I approached our rector about expanding. At which point I was asked if I could, instead of just doing it for Corby would I create something for the UK North. It felt like a big responsibility, little old me both representing and providing for so many faithful souls. Then I heard grandad's voice in my mind.

I am now your Facebook administrator for all of UK and Ireland. I can't wait to see my inbox filling up with amazing news of God's work in our congregations and, only with your permission, share our faith with the world. ■

Kelly Easton



The new location



Craig Esterhuizen

Introduction

Our New Church Office

On 1 December 2020 our Church Office moved from its Lyndhurst location, to the home of our church administrator, Evangelist Craig Esterhuizen.

The fully functioning office consists of two secure rooms, one being a storage facility and the main room serving as the administrative hub / meeting room. The structure is comfortably insulated and has efficient low energy heating for the cold winter days.

The office move has saved our church a significant sum as we no longer need to pay rental costs. Furthermore, it has reduced the need for travel which makes

for an improved carbon footprint and a shorter commute for our administrator.

Working alone has never been an issue for Craig, who has largely run the church office on his own since joining in 2012. Nevertheless, apart from the occasional visit by our bookkeeper, he is kept company by his able assistant, Lelo.

The new correspondence address for the church office therefore reads as follows: New Apostolic Church Admin Office, 20 B Christchurch Road, New Milton, Hampshire, BH25 6QF ■

Craig Esterhuizen



Assistant Lelo



Divine Service

Returning to Church

The first four congregations in the UK opened their doors for in-person divine services on Sunday 18th April. We hope and pray further churches and rented halls will be able to open over the next few weeks and months. In the meantime, enjoy below a selection of photos from Brighton, Camberley, Corby and London Central. ■



Brighton



Camberley



London Central



Corby

Divine service

Apostle Heynes' schedule May 2021

02.05.21	Sunday	Norway
05.05.21	Wednesday	Ireland
09.05.21	Sunday	UK West
13.05.21	Thursday	UKIE
16.05.21	Sunday	UK North
19.05.21	Wednesday	UK West
23.05.21	Sunday	Chief Apostle transmission
26.05.21	Wednesday	UK North
30.05.21	Sunday	Camberley

