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## Save the Date

## Chief Apostle Visit to UK 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Our Chief Apostle Schneider will hold a divine service on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021, to

which all our brethren in the UK are invited. Please note that this divine service will not be available online.

The venue address is:

De Vere East Midlands Conference Centre  
Beeston Lane,  
The University of Nottingham,  
Nottingham NG7 2RJ

The divine service will begin at 11am.

Due to the ongoing need for caution when gathering in communal worship, the music contributions will come from individuals and small groups of up to a maximum of 8 participants. This means there will not be a large choir or orchestra.

If you would like to be involved in the music programme, please do contact your local music leader or district leader.

**The deadline for registering interest in contributing to the music is the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

We will of course try to find room for all those who wish to contribute, howev-

er, please do understand that if we are over-subscribed that may not be possible due to the restricted number of available times slots for music during the divine service.

Please do prepare, plan and above all pray for this event as we are living in uncertain times, and we can only plan based on what we know at the time of writing. May the following words of the psalmist also resonate with us:

*'I was glad when they said to me,  
Let us go into the house of the Lord.'*

**Psalm 122**

With love and greetings

David Heynes

## Introduction

## Interview with Malcolm Mwansa

### ? How did I become New Apostolic?

*I was born into the New Apostolic faith. My father was an evangelist and he had been introduced to the church by a friend of his. My mother was previously Catholic but changed churches when she married my father. I have always been in*

*the church since then. I attended Sunday school, got confirmed and even ordained as a priest in the same congregation in my home town in Mufulira, Zambia.*

### ? What brings me joy in my Ministry?

*Being able to interact with people from different backgrounds gives me great joy. It gives me an opportunity to learn different cultures and the values of different societies. It keeps on opening my eyes about the love of God for mankind despite our various ways of life. The ministry >*





> also gives me an opportunity to proclaim the message to souls that need comfort in times of trials.

### ? A Special Experience?

*In my youth, I had an experience of faith that gave me the faith and the will to continue praying to God no matter how hopeless the situation looks. I had just completed my college education and mum did not have enough money to look*

*after me and my siblings since dad had departed.*

*So, I went for my first interview, but before I did, I had offered the only money I had in the world and asked the Lord to open doors of blessings to my job search. During the interview I came in as second choice. Naturally I was disappointed, but I kept on praying with faith and three days after the interview I was called only to be told that the first candidate had turned down the offer and the job was mine!*

*I was able to educate my siblings and look after my mum.*

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

*I'm a football fan so I like to watch matches over weekends and visit different places like the beach. I also like to walk in the parks with our children and occasionally visit historical points of interest. ■*

## Interview

# Shepherd John Kamradt, a reflection on ministry

### ? How old were you when first ordained?

*I sat in Dukes Hall, London as a young 17-year-old and as we may remember, in those days, we didn't receive any advance warning of being called to ministry. When my name was called out to step forward, it didn't register that I was the John Kamradt they expected to stand up in front of our then District Apostle Michael Kraus, who conducted the service. Someone then whispered in my ear, 'That's you!'*

### ? Is there any particular event that stands out for you?

*On that day in Dukes Hall, at the age of 17, I gave my 'YES' to serve the Lord, since then, I never felt it necessary to be asked again. Living in the north east, it was a surprise when I was asked by our bishop to join the Iceland mission team and to serve the congregation in Reykjavik.*

*One of my most enduring memories was as a young man, I asked my dad, 'What is there, is nothing after life?' Dad replied, 'If there is nothing more to life, then as a New Apostolic Christian, you will have gone through life with the most wonderful people on earth.'*

### ? You were also scheduled on Isle of Man and were part of the Iceland missionary team, in fact you always had very long distances to cover, what inspired you to do so?

*Necessity to serve the brethren and wanting to support in the Lord's work. I have constantly been inspired by so many members. I have always served with joy and have also enjoyed serving regularly in numerous congregations such as Gatehead, also previously known as Sunderland, Northallerton, Glasgow, Manchester, Nottingham and Corby. Occasionally I have also served on the Isle of Man and of course, Reykjavik.*

### ? As the longest serving minister in England, do you have a thought to share with the younger ministers of today?

*I look to the next generations of ministers with pride and with confidence. From all my years of serving and travelling, often only in small congregations and many times with only one other minister, with all my personal experience I want to say to the next, 'Fear not, serve the Lord and He will guide and bless you.'*

### ? What do you intend to do in retirement?

*I want to have a slower pace of life. I've been blessed with good health and good friends. Despite the distances, I shall remain closely connected to brothers and sisters who have remained good friends over many years. I will enjoy a retirement of spiritual reflection and with you all, wait for the return of our Saviour. ■*







### Interview

## Deacon Mark Cook, a reflection on ministry

### ? How did you become a New Apostolic Christian?

*Once a relationship with my wife Linda began, she invited me to church. I had previously been a Baptist so going to church was not new, but when I asked*

*which church she belonged to, I couldn't get my head around the name, 'New Apple what?' I asked three times.*

*I first attended in the congregation of Bradford, the famous 'Nab End' as it was mostly known as.*

### ? Do you remember how you felt when you were first asked to carry a ministry?

*I suppose it happened in the same way many found themselves in ministry. I had never thought of carrying a ministry, but our rector, Shepherd John Kamradt, with whom I shall be jointly retired with, would say, 'Can you just help me with...'*

*Despite my nerves and questions, I was well coached by Shepherd John and with the help of our heavenly Father, I wanted to support Him and my congregation.*

### ? Becoming a minister and serving members from the altar, how did you feel about that?

*Nerve racking!*

*Despite the nerves, and according to my wife, I turned visibly grey! I was happy to serve. It filled me with joy, and I certainly knew that it could only be accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit. I am not a*

*natural talker, so all thanks belong to our heavenly Father for making me a tool in His service.*

### ? Is there a particular moment in faith that you would like to share with us?

*I particularly enjoyed meeting our many brothers and sisters. I really feel this is 'Our Family.'*

### ? What are your plans in retirement?

*I am already retired from work and once the pandemic is truly behind us, we have the idea to explore the UK.*

*I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank my lovely wife Linda for all her support. When we met it was 'love at first sight' for us both. We look forward to many more years of happy retirement together.*

Ps. For the older ones amongst us, it will be of interest to point out that Linda's father, Harry Sault was from London. There the family attended divine services in the south east before moving north to Bradford where Priest Salt was appointed rector. ■

### Ireland

## Divine Service in Dublin.

On Sunday the 22nd August, Apostle David Heynes held a divine service in Dublin, Ireland. Trim and Tullamore congregations were also invited. In this service five young souls received Holy Sealing and Priest Denzil Jacobs was assigned as an assistant to the District Rector, Jan Clement.

We rejoice together with the congregations in Ireland for this important step forward for our church, and wish our dear priest, along with all the ministers, much joy in serving the Lord and the souls entrusted into their care. ■





## Introduction

# Interview with Stuart McGregor

## ? How did I become New Apostolic?

At the age of 4 years my mom married my step father, Norman Reginald Reimers. He came from a long line of New Apostolic Christians who originated from Germany. His great grandfather was one of the first pioneers who help build and start the New Apostolic church in Palmyra Road, Claremont in Cape Town, which was over a 100 years ago. My mom, my oldest brother and myself, were sealed into the New Apostolic faith a few years later.

## ? What brings me joy in my Ministry?

The faith of God's people. I'm humbled by the way God's people trust explicitly in our heavenly Father and the way in which the love of God transcends into every soul. I love to hear the experiences

our members make and are awed by the magnanimous nature of our members and fellow ministers. The most humbling thing for me is that God has chosen me, a sinner and a simple man to serve His people. Just a man, nothing special at all. Seeing the joy in fellow brothers and sisters along with their faith, love and hope, truly uplifts one to carry out the service of our heavenly Father and enriches one's soul.

## ? A Special Experience?

About 10 years ago Apostle John Kriel (now District Apostle) came to serve our congregation in Muizenberg, South Africa. He said that I should get in contact with the Bishop Grant James as they were arranging a cycle from East London to Cape Town to raise funds for the Red Cross Children's Hospital. This ride was to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church and this included 14 ministers from various congregations. We were set to cycle the same 1200km stretch which the apostle and ministers walked over a



100 years ago. This was truly a once in a lifetime experience. My stepfather's great grandfather was one of the ministers who was included in this walk.

## ? How do I spend my spare time?

I love cycling including mountain biking. I enjoy watching the Tour de France and rugby. My favourite pastime is cooking and barbequing. ■



Birmingham auditorium

## Structural changes

# Birmingham remodelling project.

We hope you will enjoy these photographs but for the rest who'd like to see a more progressive transformation, click on the following YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BSS7TCOHg-w&t=2s>

This project was definitely made infinitely more complicated by the pandemic and while we are all delighted with the finish, the journey from start to end was indeed, challenging.

Thankfully our two lead contractors, Derek Schluter and his colleague Marco kept pushing ahead despite other external contractors, through no fault of their own, failing to arrive on site as planned as well as difficulties and delays in obtaining materials. Such factors delayed the >





> completion of our project however, the church was still able to open in accordance with the lifting of most restrictions for In-person divine services and the congregation could finally return 'home' on Sunday August 1st.

No part of the church or its grounds were overlooked, it now has a new roof, new carpets, and everything else new in-between.

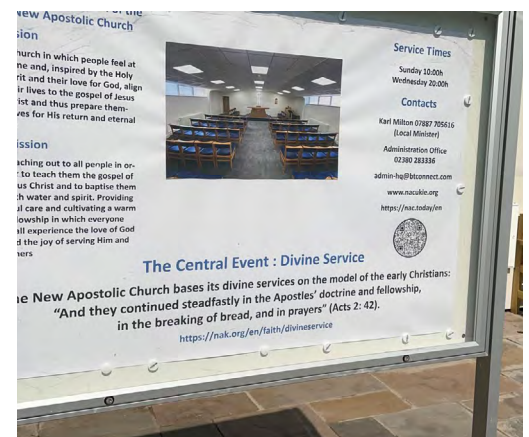
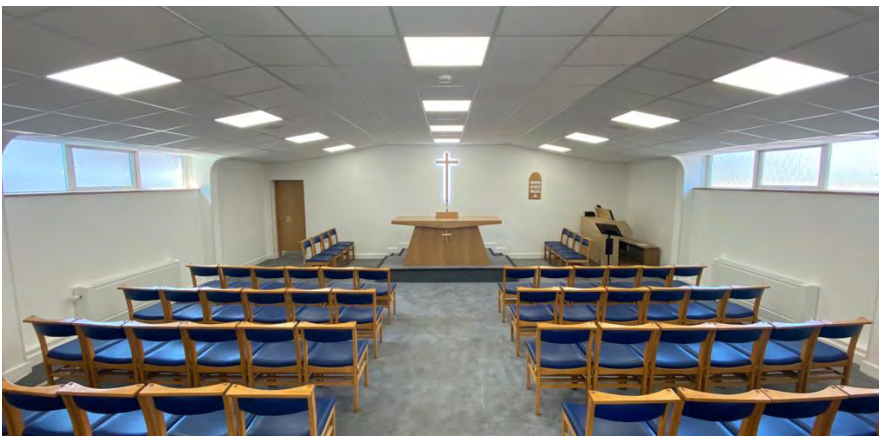
An additional breakout room was renovated out of an old storage space and the

congregation will be able to hear the sermons clearly with their new audio system and our children have a more user-friendly room to use. The back of the church has a well-placed Info-storage centre.

Our brother, Peter Mietus, brilliantly managed the installation of our new ceiling with lights, an alarm system, and new electrics. Our congregation also benefit from a much expanded and newly installed kitchen and an entirely newly heating system. It was truly a thorough upgrade!

Members are now able to congregate in their new courtyard, which is fitted with benches. With the old railings now removed, new signage and a much more informative notice board, our property feels more open and inviting.

We wish our brethren many blessed divine services and wonderful moments of fellowship. ■





## Ireland

## Divine Service in Belfast, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

District Elder Jan Clement drove through the night and then sailed through Friday to eventually arrive at Belfast City airport late in the evening just as Bishop David Middleton landed. This was the first time both ministers had seen one another since 1st February 2020, when the last divine service was conducted in Portadown.

Since the pandemic, circumstances changed and a new venue was required

for our fledgling congregation and so, after making contact with the Religious Society of Friends, better known to most of us as the 'Quakers,' a rental agreement was signed to accommodate our new Belfast congregation from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

For this first divine service however, a hotel room was reserved and many members and even guests attended from various towns throughout the North and we were delighted to welcome several members from our Trim congregation that came to support.

Several of the congregation had not previously been known each other and due to the situation, a number of members were also unable to cover the distance to attend however, we wait to welcome

them all when the travel situation has improved.

During this official launch of our new congregation, two priests were reinstated; photos and a short report from each follow.

On Sunday evening, whilst our bishop had an easy flight home, District Elder Jan had many hours to wait for his return ferry to Liverpool and then after docking at 07:00h, he had a 7- hour drive home with many delays on route. The joy of seeing our fellow brothers and sisters certainly lifted our spirits enormously and we both look forward to being with them again. ■

## Manchester congregation

## In loving memory of Deacon Joseph (Joe) Richardson: 20<sup>th</sup> March 1925 – 2021.

Born in Manchester, Joe married his wife Ilse in 1948, and they had one daughter, Jean. They were some of the founding members of the Manchester congregation, attending services from the humble beginnings when a few faithful brothers and sisters gathered for services in a house in Manchester. Joe worked for many years for the Daily Mail newspaper.

He was sealed in 1953, and in 1955 he was ordained as a subdeacon by Apostle Michael Kraus together with brother Robert Schoen in the congregation on the present-day site at 7a Park Range. In 1970, Joe was ordained as a deacon and was retired from ministry in 1992.

Joe had time for everyone in the congregation and would warmly welcome all who attended the services, as well as paying meticulous attention to the offerings. He did this even when he had retired.

In their retirement, Joe and Ilse moved to Abergele in Wales. For many years, the 75-mile trip to attend service in Manchester was gladly made every Sunday followed by lunch at a garden centre before returning home.

When he could no longer drive, Joe looked forward to the visits made to his home by the ministers to share the word of God and celebrate Holy Communion with him. On these occasions, Joe was often moved to tears – touched by the love of God.

In his 90's he even learnt how to use a laptop and email to maintain contact with family and his blessing bearers.

He will be fondly remembered by the Manchester congregation, thankful for his sacrifices over the years. ■



*Ilse and Joe Richardson*