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## Foreword

My very dear brothers and sisters,

The line: 'Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled' from the carol 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing,' carries a very important Christmas message.

### *Peace on Earth:*

It is God's will that we live in peaceful relationship with Him and one another. The Lord Jesus came as a messenger of this message of peace, and we celebrate His birth knowing that He will return and establish His kingdom of Peace here on earth.

### *Mercy mild:*

How thankful we can be that God so loved the world that He sent us the Lord Jesus who gently and with great tenderness leads us on our pathway of faith.

I wish you peace and joy this Christmas and God's blessings for the New Year of 2024.

With love and greetings

David Heynes



## Fellowship

### CARING for the Creation

A wonderful new project, under the theme of CARING for the Creation has been introduced empowering Christians who CARE for God's creation and want to align their lives more deeply with the calling of God to love our neighbour and care and tend to the creation.

In a special message in October 2019, Chief Apostle Schneider emphasised, "Draining the earth's resources and then hoping that God will replenish them for future generations? This is unacceptable. We are responsible for today and tomorrow, individually and collectively!" Members from the Manchester congregation gather monthly to share thoughts on how we can individually and collectively

embrace this message, and act in alignment with the Godly calling of love.

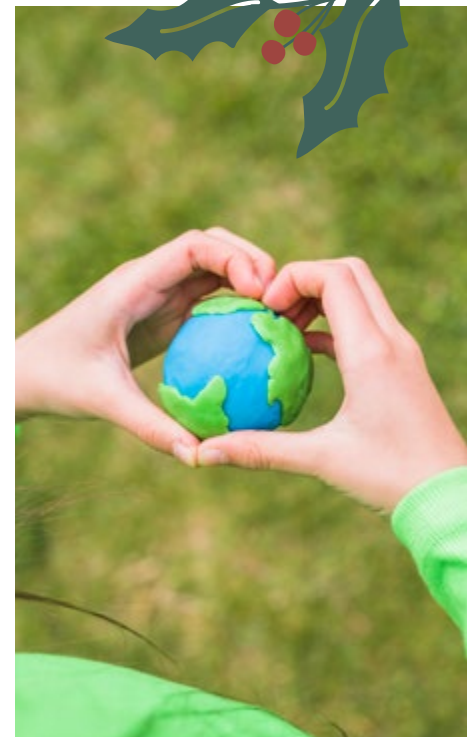
At the initial meetings, members identified several focus areas to work on, which will be developed collectively in the months ahead.

The theme has also been shared through an online devotional, with a group of members choosing to set up a dedicated CARING for the Creation WhatsApp group to explore this together.

For more information, on how to start a congregational group, or to join the online WA group contact [leoaspden.nac@gmail.com](mailto:leoaspden.nac@gmail.com)

Individual and collective responsibility for the creation - video by Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider <https://nac.today/en/a/1012628> ■

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Ministry

# Retirement of Shepherd Marinus Clement

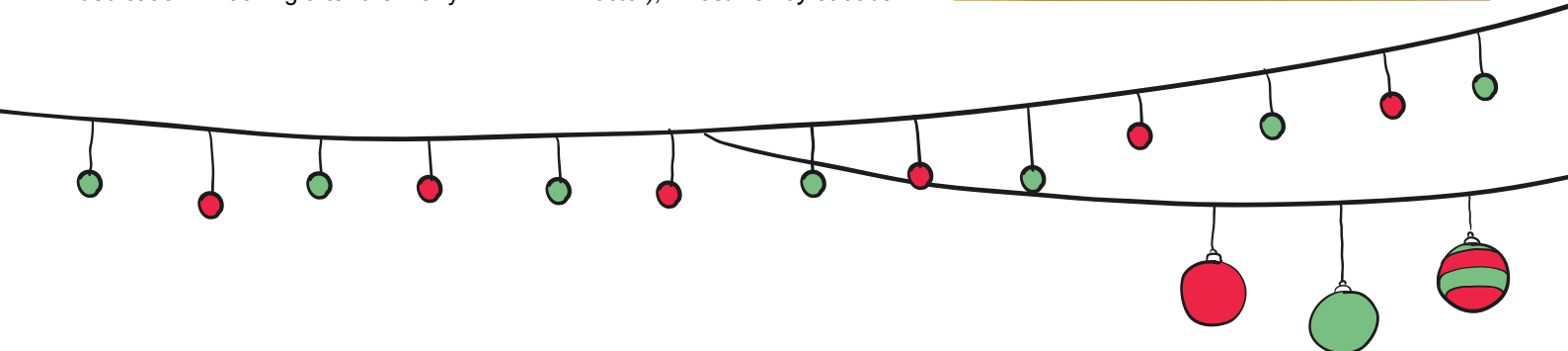
After 43 years in ministry, Shepherd Marinus Clement was placed into well-earned retirement when the Apostle Heynes visited Sheffield congregation on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024. In his retirement address, Apostle Heynes said: 'We are deeply thankful for your love and dedication in looking after the many

congregations throughout your time as a minister.

You are a beautiful example of faithfulness, utterly steadfast, and always humble.'

Priest Kelvin Mwanautе was appointed as rector of the congregation. ■

*Sheffield congregation ministers > from left to right; Priest Nana Tabiri, retired Shepherd Marinus Clement, Priest Kelvin Mwanautе (new rector), Priest Ashley Jacobs.*



Ireland News

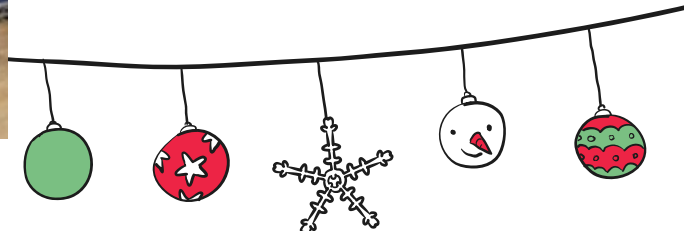
# Thanksgiving in Limerick

There was a special reason to celebrate thanksgiving on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Ever since COVID shut down places of worship it has not been possible to find premises for the congregation. Our local minister, Deacon Dirk de Klein, refused to give up and finally his efforts were met with success and meeting room in a hotel was secured. Our brethren across Ireland made a special effort to travel to Limerick to support the congregation and celebrate thanksgiving together with them.



# Bishop Neil Woodman in Tullamore

On his first visit to Ireland, Bishop Neil Woodman conducted a divine service in Tullamore. The small, rented hall was filled with over 60 brethren. Following the divine service, the congregation enjoyed their fellowship together.





## Fellowship

# The Presence of His Love - Faith Alive sings for Charity

The October half-term weekend 2023 saw our first ever Faith Alive Residency project. 19 singers and musicians from all over the country came together and enjoyed a weekend of singing, practicing, vocal coaching, and instrumental music – and of course lots and lots of fellowship, fun, laughter, and experiences. With professional conductor and vocal coach Claudia Zohm as our special guest (especially flown in from Weimar, Germany for our weekend!), we created a complete, hour-long choir programme in just two days of practicing. The music ranged from baroque instrumental pieces on recorders, flutes, and strings, to romantic and contemporary choir music by Gounod, Baird and Rutter, plus spiritual and gospel music, including a world premiere of a new piece by our Sister Namiye Sianga (Manchester Congregation).

The weekend was rounded off by two benefit concerts in aid of the local foodbanks in our church in Camberley, and in Christ Church, Swindon. The concerts under the title '*The Presence of His Love*,' took the audiences on a journey from loneliness and longing into God's house, and through an experience of God's love eventually to grace, praise and blessing.

Both concerts also provided an opportunity for the chairs of the charities, the BESOM at Camberley and the Swindon Food Collective, to speak about the escalating challenge of supporting people and families in poverty and need. They reported that the foodbanks have seen a 50%+ rise in the number of people requiring support, an effect of the difficult economic situation many families see themselves in. The concerts raised over £300 for the charities, which was greatly welcomed; and audiences praised the sense of upliftment from the music, and the warmth of faith expressed. It was a hugely rewarding experience.

A couple of weeks later, we were also privileged to repeat some of our concert



## Faith Alive Projects 2024

We are looking for talented and enthusiastic singers to join us in 2024!

We have three projects planned:

- Concerts on 27/28<sup>th</sup> April, with practices from Jan – Apr 24 in Camberley
- An Advent Project, with practices from Sept – Dec 24 in London Central
- and a Weekend Residency from 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July (first weekend in the Summer Holidays) in Camberley. This project is accessible for singers from anywhere in our district (including Scotland, Ireland, and the IoM...) – all the practices and concerts will take place over just the one weekend! Keep your eyes peeled for the invite in January 2024!

Please contact Burkhard Zohm ([bzohm1@gmail.com](mailto:bzohm1@gmail.com)), or email [FaithAlive.NAC@gmail.com](mailto:FaithAlive.NAC@gmail.com) if you are interested in either of these projects. We would love to sing with you!

pieces with a small choir at the Remembrance Day celebration at Richmond Cemetery, where the South African Cenotaph is located. The choir performed three pieces in a short ecumenical service which was conducted by our Evangelist Craig Esterhuizen, who is also an Army Chaplain. This was followed by a short walk to the Cenotaph and the laying of a wreath. In addition to the choir, the service was also framed by a bagpiper, and by a bugle player, poignantly playing *The Last Post*. It was a solemn service of remembrance and a fervent prayer for peace.

Faith Alive is a small, project-based Chamber Choir with singers from the New Apostolic Church UK. We perform music of all eras and styles, so long as it expresses our faith and lifts our soul. Recent projects included singers from all over England – from Welling. London, Camberley, Cambridge, Corby, Luton, Leicester, Nottingham, and Swindon (apologies for any congregations we forgot!). You can find some of our music on our YouTube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/@faithalive4355>. ■



Finland

# Youth Weekend

Spending pleasant moments in faith under the theme of JESUS LOVES YOU was a key ambition of the youth in 2023. The aim of this event was to remind young people that Jesus Christ loves them.

From 27th – 29th October 2023, a great New Apostolic youth event took place in Vaasa, one of the cities in Finland located on the west coast.

They started to arrive from all over Finland at around 1pm. Some of the young people from the New Apostolic church had invited their friends, and it was great to be able to share the love that unites us as the children of God with other people.

The youth were escorted in cars to the Valonia hotel and others took the public bus. When they arrived at the hotel, they were given their respective room keys to leave their luggage and rest. After everyone had finished resting, the youth leader, Pr. Clement Tshisungu asked all the young people to gather in the meeting room and gave the guidelines to be followed during their stay at the hotel. The meeting began with an opening prayer by the priest, assisted by our three deacons.

After the presentations from young people from different towns: Jyväskylä, Kemi, Kokkola, Klaukkala, Mikkeli, Turku and Nykarleby were completed, the guests asked questions about the New Apostolic faith, for example, the baptism with water

and the Holy Spirit and what the purpose of the church was.

‘What can one do to be a faithful member of the New Apostolic Church?’

‘All you have to do is accept Jesus Christ as your only Lord and Saviour of your soul and be baptised by water and the Spirit.’

After the meeting ended, the young people had some free time to get to know their guests, and to discuss their communities and activities within the church.

In the refectory, you could see the joy, happiness, and hope on the faces of the youth. It was a wonderful moment.

They wore T-shirts which sent out a strong message to the public who were there and who were keen to understand this joy. There was a kind of celestial pride that the young people managed to convey to the public and the love of God. The love of God could be felt everywhere.

The youth set off to the place of activities, full of anticipation. Once there, the programme was presented to the young people, and you had to see the expression on their faces to know that they were going to have fun.

The sports events included among other things, football between girls and boys and group football, egg race, jumping in bags on two feet, and a race between Sunday school /confirmation teachers.

Once the first part of the activities had finished, the youth headed to where the

food was served by their mothers. The young people ate, and it was an incredible and wonderful moment.

The second part started at 2pm and there were poems to be presented by communities, song competitions, bible race, bible quiz, sketch and eating competition. After completing all the activities, the young people rehearsed for 2 hours and then had time to rest. Then it was time for supper.

Sunday was a special day. After the breakfast in the early hours, the youth prepared for the divine service. The deacons arranged the room where the service would take place and already at 9 am the young choristers were in the church rehearsing.

The divine service was led by Priest Clement Tshisungu under the theme ‘Jesus loves you,’ Mathew:19:21.

Priest Clement explained the young people how often it is beneficial to work for the Eternal Father, that we must leave our wealth (the carnal desire, which pushes us to sin) behind. He strengthened the young people to take the decision now; not tomorrow, but today to work for God. And he called on the deacons to assist and encourage the youth to remain faithful.

After the divine service, they sang hymns, chatted, and thanked God for the incredible experience they had. It was a real blessing from God. ■

*Priest Clement Tshisungu and Deacon Heritie Kayombo*





Vacancy

# Vacancy for a volunteer role of a Trustee

## Description of role

The New Apostolic Church UK is seeking a volunteer trustee to help lead the charity and decide how it is run.

The charity is managed by a board of trustees, which include the District Apostle and Apostle as well as volunteer trustees known as Nominated Trustees.

The role of the trustees includes but is not limited to:

- Supporting the charity to achieve its purpose to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the worldwide teachings of the New Apostolic Church
- Complying with the charity's governing document.
- Acting in the charity's best interests
- Managing the charity resources responsibly.
- Acting with reasonable care and skill
- Attending trustee meetings - these are held a minimum of twice per year.

## Skills and qualities needed for the role:

- Fully committed and active New Apostolic Christian
- Able to dedicate approximately one hour per week plus two meetings per year to engage in the duties of a trustee.
- Most meetings are held online, however, if travel is required then travel expenses will be paid.
- Experience in teaching, property management marketing or finance would be an advantage, however, we would welcome applications from anyone who thinks they would be a good trustee. Previous board experience is not necessary. We value objectivity, openness, and commitment.

To apply for this role please contact Apostle David Heynes by email: [d.heynes@nak-nordost.de](mailto:d.heynes@nak-nordost.de).

Read [The Essential Trustee](#) for further information on being a trustee.

Divine service and Fellowship

# Key events 2024

04.02.24	DAH Mutschler	Oslo / Norway
17.02.24	UKI Rectors meeting	Corby
18.02.24	DAH Mutschler	Corby / UK North
07.04.24	DAH Mutschler	Umannaq / Greenland
05.05.24	District Apostle	Luton / UK South
19.05.24	Pentecost	transmission
02.06.24	UK West Children's Day	Gloucester / UK West
09.06.24	District Apostle	Klaukkala / Finland
21.07.24	District Apostle	Gloucester / UK West
26-28/7/2024	Ireland Youth Weekend	Glendalough Youth Centre
2-4/8/2024	UK Youth Weekend	Lee Valley Youth Centre
16-18/8/2024	Nordics Youth Weekend	Aneby / Sweden
30/8-1/9/2024	Nordic Rectors Meeting	Aabenraa / Denmark
06.10.24	DAH Mutschler	Paide / Estonia
20.10.24	Chief Apostle	Transmission from Glasgow Scotland
01.12.24	DAH Mutschler	Finland

