



nacukie news

Newsletter

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Foreword

Dear Brethren,

I cannot believe how quickly time has flown by!! It has been just over seven months since I have been active in the bishop ministry. It has been a great joy for me to visit almost 20 of the congregations across the UK, Isle of Man & Ireland in this timeframe and I'm looking forward to visiting every congregation this year.

I can truly say, only with the help, prayers and support of every member, minister, my family and loving encouragement I receive from our apostle, I can serve in the capacity of the bishop and manage my day job.

I am grateful to have been part of a new deacon's program where we completed six weeks of training for new or, to be appointed sisters and brothers, and very excited to know we already have six sisters in the deacon ministry and more to follow this year. (There were also some brothers ordained as well!!!)

We will start the second group of deacon training in April.

We also completed a five-week program with all newly appointed rectors and assistants where lots of great material was shared and some amazing thoughts and ideas were brought to the table to use within the congregations across our working area.

The highlight for me so far has been the great joy I experience in the congregations. Seeing how members and ministers have continued in faith, in preparation to be worthy for the return of Jesus Christ. Covid came and has gone (sort of :-)), and even through those difficult times, I still see the commitment and support in every congregation.

I receive a warm welcome in every congregation I visit. I feel your love, prayers, and support for each one of our ministers. I

love seeing the young children and youth involved as well as seeing those who have been faithful for many years, still doing something in the congregation.

Music also brings a smile to my face, and I see the time and effort that goes into this beautiful participation in our Christian lives.

I thank everyone for all the tasks that are performed in love and humbleness, no matter how small it might be, I thank you for your prayers and I continue to remember everyone in prayer.

Let's continue in unison to pray for the return of Jesus!

I would like to share a word from Jude vs 20-21:

'But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.'

Yours

Neil Woodman



London Central

Sisters Vanessa Hill, Millie Simms, Sonja Black and Tanya Beecroft as well as Brother Sebastian Beecroft were ordained into the deacon ministry for London central congregation and Priest Astone Davids was assigned as new assistant rector on Sunday 21st January 2024.



Music Corner

Upcoming music events.

Faith Alive Concerts

Saturday 27th April, 5pm
 St Michael's Church,
 London Rd,
 Royal Military Academy,
 Camberley
 GU15 3JP



Sunday 28th April, 5pm
 St Sampson's Church
 Bath Rd,
 Cricklade,
 SN6 6AT



Dear musicians, there are a few opportunities to get together over the coming months and have a great time making music. Please contact your music ambassadors if you have any questions.
Music.nacukie@gmail.com

INSTRUMENT DAY

Where: NAC Corby, Grafton Drive,
 Corby, NN17 2XL
 When: May 11th 11-4pm



Please confirm your attendance by April 15th
 Anyone playing orchestral instruments at any level is invited.
 Please contact: bzohm1@gmail.com

CONDUCTOR WORKSHOP

Where: NAC Birmingham, Raddlebarn Road, Birmingham, B29 7DA
 When: June 15th

Please confirm your attendance by 30th April
 Register: <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bqABEzGb>

SUMMER CHOIR RESIDENCY

Where: NAC Gloucester, Tredworth Road, Gloucester, GL1 4QE
 When: July 25th-28th
 Concert Sat 27th July Gloucester
 Concert Sun 28th July St Neots



Further details will be updated via the Eventbrite link nearer the time.

Please confirm your attendance by 30th April (super important for accommodation purposes!)
 Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-choir-residency-project-tickets-785485607597>

UK Music Ambassadors

- ➔ Brenden King – Youth
- ➔ Brent Brown – Ireland
- ➔ Karen Paisley – Glasgow and Manchester
- ➔ Margit McQueen – Nottingham, Leicester, Sheffield, Isle of Man
- ➔ Rose Pusch – Corby, Cambridge, Norwich
- ➔ Martin Krumminga – London Central, Luton, Brighton, Thames Ditton
- ➔ Andreas and Christal Schneider – Gillingham, Welling, London East, Chelsfield
- ➔ Ricardo McCarthy – Camberley, Lyndhurst
- ➔ David Palmer – Plymouth, Tiverton, Bristol, Swindon, Gloucester (Birmingham and Brynamman – vacancy)

If you have any music related questions, please contact the music team via Music.nacukie@gmail.com

Bergen, Norway

Retirement and Ordination.

Our congregation of Bergen received a double blessing on Sunday 14 January:

Shepherd Matthias Korinth, the rector of Bergen, was placed into a well-earned retirement. Shepherd Korinth had served in Norway for many years, travelling back and forth from Germany on many weekends.

Sister Natasha Parkins was ordained into the Deacon ministry for Bergen congregation. She is the first sister to be ordained in the Nordics. ■





Introduction

Interview with Christal Schneider .

Each quarter in 2024, we will feature one of our musicians from across the UK, Ireland, and the Isle of Man. Music enhances our experience of the divine service, by encouraging, inspiring, and sustaining us. And for those performing, it is a pleasure and a responsibility to bring that joy to the congregation.

Christal Schneider is a gifted soprano and organist. She is based in our Chelsfield congregation and is our orchestra group secretary and NAC music ambassador. Christal shares what makes her tick music wise.

? What do you work as? *I'm working full time as executive assistant supporting four managing directors with their diary, expenses, and day to day meetings, I've been doing that 11 years.*

I love organising and getting things done, you might even say I like being bossy!

? What or who inspired you to sing and learn to play the organ and recorder? *In terms of singing, my family is quite blessed, it starts with my great grandparents, and their talent was passed down through the generations. I looked to them for inspiration and as an example – they sang out of love and that encouraged us kids to follow and do our bit.*

I taught myself the organ – my mum could play too – there were two pieces out of the old blue hymnal: 'What joy tis redeemed to be', and, 'I praise God's love in adoration'. Both were free from any sharps or flats and I could follow them.

Mum wrote the notes in pencil above the melody, and I learned with one finger, then I added the alto bass and tenor. As I got more confident – I then chose another piece and just built up for there, I did that for a couple of years. Mum and dad got me a music teacher and I went for lessons once a week. I told the teacher I wanted to learn the music from our church hymnal. So, she patiently taught me the music; the theory book she wrote her notes in is so sentimental to me that I still have it!

When I want to do something, I can be quite determined, and I did that for two or three years.

However, the area we lived in didn't have many teachers so from then on, I just practiced and worked at home.

After my Confirmation I was asked if I wanted to play the organ at church. It was nerve wracking!

However, my grandparents had come to that first service, and I felt very proud and blessed and I just kept going. I am passionate about music and that is what keeps me motivated.

To improve my technique, I listened to others and really tried to get things right. It helps when watching and listening to what other experienced organists do, you just can't go wrong when following that.

? How often do you practice? *I do now and then – and I do try and master pieces, sometimes after church I do tinkle with a few pieces. I play most weeks at church and that helps me.*

? What kind of music do you like? *I like a bit of everything – from Nat King Cole and pop to classical, gospel and jazz.*

? Any favourite hymn? *Tough question! So I'll go with a few pieces, I love 'Miracle of Love', and moving away from hymns I also love George Ezra's 'Budapest,' and Meghan Trainor, 'All the about that Bass,' which is a great pick me up piece! And of course, any song by ABBA!*

? What would you say to anyone thinking about taking music lessons? *I'd say to anyone wanting to learn music or play an instrument, go for it! It takes a lot of practice, hard work and dedication but is very rewarding. Music has certainly enriched my life over the years and continues to do so. ■*

Camberley

Sister Shene Belton was ordained into the deacon ministry on Christmas Day 2023.





Glasgow

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration Glasgow Congregation.

Our retired Deacon Robert Anderson and his dear wife Rhoda celebrated 50 years of marriage on December 29th 2023.

Their Golden Wedding blessing took place on the 7th January 2024, in the Glasgow congregation.

Priest Paisley highlighted that our deacon served for 17 years and also contributed

as our church photographer, covering many events all over the UK and Ireland. Rhoda was a beloved Sunday School teacher for 15 years and also supported in the choir.

The congregation enjoyed a beautiful fellowship with them at the close of the service. ■



Robert and Rhoda on their wedding



Manchester

Priest Andrew Thomas was appointed rector of Manchester congregation on Sunday 28th January 2024.

Thames Ditton

Sister Tracy Adams was ordained into deacon ministry for Thames Ditton congregation on Good Friday.



Gothenburg

Deacon Richard Kalenga was ordained into the priestly ministry for Gothenburg congregation on Sunday 24th March 2024. Here standing together with his rector.



London Central

Claude Hartzke was re-instated as priest for London Central on Easter Sunday.

