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Newsletter

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Guernsey

A new congregation is established in Guernsey.

Guernsey is one of the small Channel Islands (area 62km²) and has a population of circa 65000 people. The island had not had a New Apostolic Congregation for many years. This was all about to change when family Dean and Tania Hayes moved into the capital city, St Peter Port in February 2023 from South Africa.

The hand of our heavenly Father was already evident when, in May of that year, a diverted holiday cruise stop meant that Ev Craig and Gail Esterhuizen were able



to meet with the couple to celebrate Holy Communion in the town gardens of St Peter. This was especially memorable as it had been some time since Dean and Tania had been able to be in a physical divine service.

Later that year, family Ernst and Lynn Cookson together with their children Danielle and Joshua also moved from South Africa to the island.

Since then, Evangelist Craig and Priest Stuart McGregor from Belfast congregation have been supporting the soul care work in Guernsey. With the enthusiasm and faith of the members, the congregation was soon to become a reality...

On Sunday 23 June 2024, Bishop Neil Woodman was able to travel with Ev Craig to St Peter Port to enjoy some fellowship with the congregation, and more importantly, to bestow the Confirmation blessing on Danielle Cookson and to reinstate Priest Dean Hayes. This service also heralded the formal start of congregational life in Guernsey.

The congregation was joined by visiting family members as well as sister Wilhelmina Petersen who was temporarily seconded for work purposes from London, and sister Anthea Boyes, Danielle's Confirmation teacher, who travelled especially for the event.

The congregation is blessed to have capable choristers and musicians: songs of praise and worship from an impromptu post-service concert persuaded a pas-



ser-by to join the congregation and she was moved to tears by the hymns.

Guernsey congregation will enjoy divine services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month. Services will take place at 10:00 at the Les Cotils Hotel, St Peter Port. All visitors are most welcome. ■

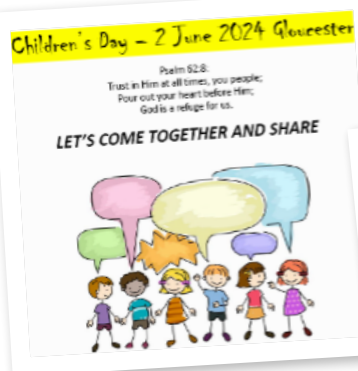




Fellowship

UK West Children's Day – Gloucester

The children of the UK West district came together on 2 June in Gloucester congregation with our Bishop for a service about prayer. The children were treated to lots of interesting posters and pamphlets as well as a prayer box gift with lots of goodies supporting the subject of praying.



After the service, everyone was invited to a picnic barbecue at the home of Deacon Hume where fun in the sun and excellent food was the order of the day. ■



Music Corner

Conductors' workshop Saturday 15th June.

Music conductors from all over the UK gathered in our Birmingham church to learn voice technique and improve their conducting style. It was a great day to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone enjoyed the session and took away videos of themselves conducting to refer to. ■



Music Corner

Faith Alive Choir

Our dedicated singers and musicians travelled many miles during April and May to perform three benefit concerts in Camberley and the Swindon area. In total they raised £1600 for Connect Counselling in Camberley, Prospect Hospice in Cricklade and Christian Aid.

Below is an excerpt from a message of thanks from the CEO of Connect Counselling:

WOW – just WOW!!!!

What an amazing, moving concert. Please pass on my thanks to all the musicians who performed this evening. It was so beautiful, and the way the choice of music dovetailed the work of Connect is credit to Burkhard. I am sure God's spirit was also at play.

I tried to thank all the choir, but I am sure I missed some so please do pass on my sincere thanks – my 2 friends who came were raving about it on the way home. We are planning an event where we will fill the venue to hear you.

You were just awesome, thank you.

I am just so grateful and on behalf of the trustees, and most importantly our vulnerable clients, can I ask you to pass on our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all involved, including St Michael's for hosting.

*Carolyn Nahajski
CEO Connect Counselling*



Ministry

Camberley: Priest Elvin Julius Retires.

Priest Elvin Julius was retired from his ministry by Bishop Woodman on 9 June 2024 in Camberley.

Over the years he helped out in various congregations where there were shortages of ministers and remembers one special occasion was when he held a service for the departed in Tullamore, Ireland during a visit. He also enjoyed working with the youth and accompanied them to Dusseldorf. Currently, he is part of the Faith Alive choir and the technical team that supports our YouTube services. ■





Music Corner

Interview with Morgan Price.

Morgan Price has been a minister for 47 years, well known for his distinctive voice and music abilities, he still contributes and organises church music in his home congregation of Brynamman. where he has served as Rector since 1993. He is married to Cheryl with two daughters and contributes to the weekly devotional call each week. He retired from ministry in 2023.

I spoke to Morgan while he was walking his cats, yes, that is a thing!



Morgan and Cheryl Price

? What do you currently work as?
Senior Project manager, with a banking and finance background, currently working in the retail sector.

? What inspired you to learn the clarinet? I played the clarinet since I was 11, and I initially started the piano at 4 years old. They had a great music department at my secondary school, and

I chose the clarinet. It is wonderful playing in a group, and I really went back to proper practicing when covid came along, as well as the piano and clarinet I also play guitar and bassoon and I enjoyed helping to organise the music in our online services and kept it up ever since.

? Tell us a bit more about the music in Brynamman? When covid hit, lots of people suffered from boredom and my wife Cheryl took up the violin and practiced diligently over the last 3 years. In Brynamman, we have a string trio and I accompany playing either clarinet or organ. This music group has now replaced the choir, as we don't have so many young voices, we prefer to play music, but it works for us and brings a lot of joy.

? What kind of music do you like? I love everything from 70's rock and roll, The Beatles, classical music and the new hymns, the modern ones are really catchy, so I'm looking to play more of them.

? What would you say to someone thinking of taking up an instrument? It takes perseverance, but once you get the hang of playing something you feel a sense of achievement and joy. Play with other people and learn with them – you will be inspired and grow. I used to play with a rock band and one of us was tone deaf, but we had such a great time! Don't give up, it is such a lovely feeling to join in together. ■

Fellowship

Norwegian Youth Event

Fredrikstad was the location of choice for our Norwegian youth to come together in a Divine service on 7 April.

The youth from Fredrikstad and Oslo were joined by members from Bergen

who made the trip down especially. The Service was conducted by Norway's youth priest, Joseph Tshaba. After the service, the youth enjoyed a fellowship meal and discussed the upcoming Nordic Youth Convention which will take place 17 – 18 August in Aneby, Sweden. ■



Ministerial changes

Reinstatement



Priest Haydn Boyes – Bristol congregation.



Introduction

Emily Philips – our new Safeguarding Lead

Providing a safe environment for our children and vulnerable members is a critically important part of the Church Trustees responsibilities.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we can advise that Sister Emily Philips of Cambridge congregation has agreed to take on the voluntary role of Safeguarding Lead for the church in the UK.

Emily has BA (Hon) Degrees in Social Work and Business Studies and MA in International Development. She is currently studying for a PhD in Psychology. Emily worked as Advocacy Development and Delivery Consultant in High and Medium Secure Forensic services before joining the Local Authority as a social worker for Cambridge County Council with a focus on children with disabilities. Previously, Emily worked as Administration Manager

of the New Apostolic Church (District 28 - Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe), responsible for Malawi between 1997 and 2004, prior to relocating to the United Kingdom.

Emily is also a foster carer with experience in fostering vulnerable children including unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors. Emily's great joy is seeing these children progress and live a fulfilled life. Her knowledge and day to day experience of acting on behalf of the vulnerable and her understanding of the various relevant Government departments and other organisations will be of great help to the trustees, ministers and teachers.

As an active member of the church, Emily sings in the local choir in Cambridge congregation and is a member of our Faith Alive choir.



Emily will work closely with the Trustees to support the church in complying with safeguarding regulations and best practice.

For further information on our church safeguarding policy please visit our website www.nacukie.org and click on the 'legal' tab. ■

Ministerial changes

Ordinations and Appointments



Deacon Frederico Ferreiro ordained for Dublin congregation



Priest Steven Kalenda ordained for Kemi, Finland congregation



Priest Shaun Jefferson appointed rector of Brynamman congregation and Deacon Angharad 'Haddy' Price ordained



Deacon Carmen Kane ordained for Trim congregation



Priest David Pretorius ordained for Nottingham congregation



Priest Mark Kollmar appointed rector of Trim congregation