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Newsletter

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Fellowship

A blessed weekend in Iceland, August 2024

It was a blessing to be part of a special weekend of fellowship, outreach and worship in Iceland, this year.

On Saturday 10th, Priest and Sister Hilke and I were invited to breakfast with Bishop David Tencer who is responsible for Reykjavik Diocese of the Catholic Church. We could enjoy a warm and open discussion and amongst other topics shared thoughts on the importance of defending our Christian faith in an increasingly secular society and how to best connect with and serve the local community.

In the afternoon, the youth choir and musicians were invited to give a musical presentation by the head of a public

library. This special event was attended by a few visitors and was an opportunity for us to bring testimony of our faith and church. The choir were immediately invited back by the library manager to perform again next year.

Following the concert everyone was invited to the home of our brethren Jon and Monique for a barbecue and fellowship.

On Sunday the choir and musicians played an active part in the divine service through their music and bible reading. ■

David Heynes





Ministry

Karl Milton UK West District Rector.

Karl was appointed as District Rector for the UK West and Ireland district by our District Apostle on 21st July 2024.

District Evangelist Karl provides some information on himself below:

Background

I grew up in Cape Town, South Africa and moved to the UK in 1998. I live in Birmingham with my wife Marilynne and

two daughters, Gabrielle, and Melissa. I am Construction Planner and in my spare time I like to work on motorcycle engines.

My motto in life

Trust God in everything, be confident that He has the best intentions for us, and in everything always give thanks. Always be kind, you'll never know what it means to someone who has lost all hope in life and humanity.

My hopes

I hope for health, and wisdom, but most important is that I remain steadfast, strong, and humble in my faith until God's work is fulfilled. ■

Music Corner

Felicite Luvunzu

Felicite Luvunzu is a talented brass player and the congregation in Glasgow enjoy the beautiful warm sound she creates from the trumpet. Still studying at university, she talks about her musical inspiration and what she hopes to achieve in life.

? How old are you and what do you work as? *I'm 21 and currently studying law, I also work part-time as a receptionist. I'm still living at home with my mum and two sisters.*

? Why did you choose to study law? *I'm originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo and since my*

childhood I have had a passion for politics and human rights. One day I hope to make a significant difference in my home country.

? Why did you pick the trumpet and how long have you been playing? *Growing up, my favourite artist was a Nigerian musician called Nathaniel Bassey, who often played the trumpet during worship, his sound was incredible and so for 11 years I have attempted to follow suit.*

? What kind of music do you enjoy playing? *I love playing jazz and classical music, in my earlier years I was often playing in big orchestras and bands.*

? What would you say to anyone thinking of learning the trumpet,



do they need any special skills? *My advice would be, just go for it, you'll find it a lot easier than it looks and with a healthy set of lungs you will go far! ■*



Sister Sabine Evans was ordained into Deacon ministry for Brynamman congregation on Wednesday 4th September



Deacon Adam Godwin was ordained as Priest for Chelsfield congregation on Sunday 8th September



Sister Anthea Boyes was ordained and Brother Abel Moono reinstated into the Deacon ministry for the congregation of Bristol on Sunday 25th August



Cambridge

John and Corinne Laverty Ruby Wedding Blessing.

On Sunday 1st September, John and Corinne Laverty celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary in Cambridge congregation. 40 years ago, they received their wedding blessing from District Elder Raymond Thomas in Chelmsford congregation. Their silver wedding blessing was in Hunstanton, with Bishop David Middleton. Blessed with two children, Anna and Shaun, they now also have two grandchildren.

The Cambridge congregation sang for the special couple, and presented them with beautiful gifts and flowers. A cake was also baked especially for the occasion. A great deal of love and joy was experienced on the day; John and Corinne are very thankful to have so many wonderful brothers and sisters. ■



Chelsfield

Roy and Margot Upton's 50th Wedding Blessing.

On Sunday 8th September, Roy and Margot Upton received their golden wedding anniversary blessing from Apostle David Heynes in Chelsfield. Roy and Margot have been blessed with two sons and now have four grandchildren.

They were married on the 7th September 1974, in the same congregation by Priest Douglas Heynes. The text word for their blessing was from Psalm 18:2. 'The Lord is my rock and my fortress and deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.'

The congregation celebrated the event by hosting a special lunch for the golden couple. ■



Isle of Man

90th Birthday Celebration



On the weekend of 14-15 September the retired Priest Ray Gillis celebrated his 90th birthday together with the congregation on the Isle of Man.



Cambridge

District Apostle Visit to Gloucester 21 July

Our District Apostle visited Gloucester congregation on 21 July 2024 and carried out the following acts:

- District Evangelist Karl Milton was appointed as the District Rector for the UK West & Ireland District

- Priest Frank Saliki was appointed as the rector of Gloucester congregation
- Priest David Palmer was relieved of the rectorship of Gloucester congregation. He remains the rector of Swindon congregation
- Brother Rudi Van Aarde was ordained a deacon for Eastleigh congregation.

Gloucester, Swindon, Birmingham, Bristol and Eastleigh congregations combined for the special service. ■



Image above: Deacon Rudi Van Aarde with family



Image left: District Evangelist Karl Milton and Priest Frank Saliki



Image right: Priest David Palmer and District Apostle

Finland

Confirmation and Ordination in Northern Finland

The new board of members of the New Apostolic Church Finland met on Saturday 28th September to be presented with the updated Constitution of the Church and to review and approve the accounts.

On Sunday confirmands travelled long distances from various parts of Finland to Vaasa where 17 young New Apostolic Christians recited their vow with great power and conviction and could then receive the blessing on their confirmation from the apostle.

Brother Isaac Mubenga was ordained into the deacon ministry for the congregation of Mikkeli. We can be deeply thankful that the ministerial body in Finland continues to grow to serve our brethren in the country. ■





Fellowship

Ireland Youth Weekend

We are excited to share the wonderful success of the Glendalough Youth Weekend, made possible by the dedication and enthusiasm of our amazing youth and their committed leaders. Their energy truly brought this weekend to life!

Most attendees arrived on Friday afternoon around 4 PM, while some joined later on Saturday. Despite facing last-minute cancellations due to the Olympic Games in France and the sad passing of one of our dear sisters, which led some to attend her funeral, we navigated these challenges with grace.

Upon arrival, the youth were welcomed with a surprise welcome pack donated by generous members. After settling in, we kicked off the evening with an icebreaker activity, followed by a delicious pasta dinner.

Saturday was jam-packed with adventure! After breakfast, we set out for a hike in the stunning and powerful Glendalough mountains. For the brave among us, there was outdoor sport and even a refreshing cold water lake swim after lunch. The late afternoon featured captivating youth discussions and indoor games that fostered connection and camaraderie.

The weekend culminated in a powerful and soul-inspiring Youth Divine Service conducted by Bishop Neil Woodman, centred around the July youth word and message. We were delighted to have our

young brothers, Deacons Federico Izzy and Brent Brown, assist in serving during the divine service.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our non-youth members whose spirited involvement enriched our experience. We also extend our gratitude to our fantastic activities team for keeping everyone engaged and our incredible food team for ensuring delightful meals throughout the event. Finally, we appreciate the warm hospitality of the Glendalough hostel staff, which added to our enjoyment.

Once again, thank you to every participant and organisers. Your dedication and efforts were instrumental in making this weekend memorable. Let's continue to build on this positive momentum for future events! ■

Denzil Jacobs



Fellowship

UK Youth Weekend

District Apostle Helper Helge Mutschler joined the UK Youth on a sunny weekend from 2nd - 4th August at the Lee Valley Youth hostel.

A demanding challenge was set for the youth on Friday to build a paper tower without using any other materials to hold it together with the highest tower winning the competition. Fair to state that some groups did better than others.

Despite the lack of sleep the youth were led, cajoled and encouraged by Priest Pier Kooijenga for the obligatory Saturday morning walk along the nearby canal. Following lunch, they then had to complete their next challenge to create a TikTok video explaining their New Apostolic faith.

In the evening, our district apostle helper gave a photo presentation of his travels in the eastern part of the district apostle area, and it was very moving to see how our brethren in other countries battle difficult circumstances to practise their faith. Following this, it was time to view and vote on the very creative TikTok videos each youth group had produced.

Sunday morning dawned to a lovely English summer's day and the divine service could be held in the open air in the grounds of the youth hostel.

All too soon it was time to bid farewell and make the long journey home. ■





Fellowship Nordic Youth Weekend

The youth from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Norway and Sweden descended on Aneby, Sweden, for their Nordic youth weekend. Most of the youth had epic journeys behind them some travelling for 24 hours by road and ferry to attend.

Amazingly they were still fit and raring to go and enthusiastically joined in the appropriately named welcome game for Sweden of 'knowing you and knowing me.'

Each country had arranged an activity, and the youth were able to go canoeing on the lake, hike to a nearby waterfall and play various games.

On Saturday evening our district apostle helper showed some photos of a recent trip he made with the chief apostle to the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia. This was especially significant for the many of the youth who had come from there.

The evening finished with a 'talent show' where the youth put on a little play, sang a song and danced.

On Sunday all the youth formed the choir and celebrated the divine service conducted by our district apostle helper.

In this divine service Brother Mfariji was ordained into the deacon ministry for the congregation of Goteborg. ■





Fellowship

Nordic Rectors and Gospel music weekend

It was a happy accident that a gospel music workshop had been planned on the same weekend in Denmark as the 2024 Nordic Rectors meeting. Both events could be combined into one which created a lovely opportunity for fellowship with musicians, rectors and brethren from southern Denmark.

On Saturday the rectors were led in discussions on Holy Baptism, Repentance and Holy Communion by the church theology advisor Evangelist Reinhard

Kiefer. In the afternoon the ministers shared some thoughts on opportunities and challenges in outreach work (evangelisation).

In the meantime, many of the wives of the rectors joined the gospel choir rehearsals and, in the evening, all joined together for a meal and fellowship

The divine service was held in a community hall where over a hundred years earlier the population had voted to become

Danish. Behind the altar was a photo of that historic event and it was therefore a poignant moment when Holy Communion could be celebrated for the souls in the eternity.

The divine service was followed by a concert by the gospel choir and fellowship. ■

