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Newsletter

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Foreword

Happy and Blessed New Year

This is not just a greeting, but my dear wish that you can experience happy moments during this year whether in the circle of your loved ones or in the congregation. I also wish that you are blessed by God in a special way and that through this

blessing you can feel His nearness in all of your circumstances.

So, from my heart, I send you my very best wishes for a happy and blessed new year.

David Heynes



Glasgow Congregation

Chief Apostle service Glasgow October 20th, 2024

Text word: Ephesians 1, v3&4.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

Chief Apostle Jean Luc Schneider was accompanied by District Apostle Rudiger Krause, District Apostle Helper Helge Mutschler, Apostle David Heynes, Apostle Andreas Sargant, Bishop Neil Woodman, and the UK district leaders.

As the group arrived at the church, they could experience a beautiful welcome from our brethren as well as a joyful piece of music played on the bagpipes before the divine service began.

Our chief apostle began by reminding us that we should never forget, we all have the same future. Despite our many differences and backgrounds, God wants to give us the greatest thing a person

can achieve, fellowship with God in His kingdom.

Additionally, the Lord Jesus Christ gave us the opportunity to understand the will of God. This is a very important blessing. As children of God, we have the opportunity to become like Christ. We received the grace from God to have this inheritance. We can say no to evil. We are able to love and forgive.

And you can serve.

Dear sister, dear brother, dear friends, dear guests, you can become like Christ: 'For with God nothing will be impossible,' (Luke 1:37). God has given you >



> the power of the Holy Spirit. And this is the spiritual blessing.

Apostle Sargant and Bishop Woodman assisted, and both emphasised that we should work actively in our congregations, having confidence in our God and using our gifts. Act today! We can build and develop the Lord's work together.

Following the divine service our chief apostle and visiting ministers spent some time greeting each one of the congregation: which was a treasured moment for everyone. ■

India

A visit to the New Apostolic Church in Pune, India

In September 2024 Evangelist David Abrahamse had a business trip to Pune, India where he had the opportunity to visit to one of our congregations. He reports below:

Brother Sunny from Manchester, who originally worked in the church office in Bangalore, put me in touch with the Apostle Pravin Gajbhiv and the district rector, Priest Nitin Raje.

On arrival in India, I received a welcome message from the Apostle Pravin. I was looking forward to being in service in the Kalewadi congregation in Pune.

My work colleague assisted me by providing a driver to take me to the church and collect me.

Whenever I attend services in other countries, I am curious:

1. Will I experience the love of God?
2. How will I be welcomed in the congregation?
3. Will my soul be fed – often services are not in English?
4. What sort of experience does my heavenly Father have in store for me?

All of these were answered in a resounding way before, during and after the service in Pune.



My driver dropped me off and I walked down the street and soon saw the church emblem on the front for the building. I took a photo outside and then a little boy in his Sunday best came to shake my hand and welcome me to the congregation with a broad smile. Then another member came, and I introduced myself.

I was invited into the sacristy and introduced to the district rector and local ministers.

Before service the choir sang with passion and joy and prepared the congregation to receive the word of God.

The congregation was full, and some members were even standing outside at the entrance to the church.

When service started, all ministers walked from the back of the church through the congregation to the altar. Pr Nitin took his shoes off at the back door, just like Moses – this place is holy. >





> Pr Nitin served in the local language, Marathi, and called up priest Nikhil who served in English. God had a word for me too – He and the congregation wanted my soul to be fed!

It was a joy to hear that in God's house there is no caste system – we are all the same, sinners and welcome. God loves us all – rich, poor, young, seniors.

The closing hymn was 'What a Friend we have in Jesus,' and the first two verses were sung in the local language.

I recognised the tune immediately and was humming along. Then the choir sang the last verse in English! I sang along with great gusto and forgot to record it! What love and thoughtfulness – inclusion, a truly warm welcome and experience. I was truly touched by this.

After service, the youth had prepared some questions for me, and these were answered. Fellowship for the whole congregation followed and an opportunity to meet and greet. The members also sang happy birthday for a young child.

In conversations it was clear that the members in Pune, like everywhere else have challenges. Our commitment to each other was that we would pray for each other – linked with our motto for 2024: 'Prayer works.'

Sincere thanks to all the ministers and members in Pune, India for their love and kindness. I truly felt at home, loved and richer for the experience. ■

David Abrahamse

Fellowship

Faith Alive Choir News

Supporting British Legion – South African Branch

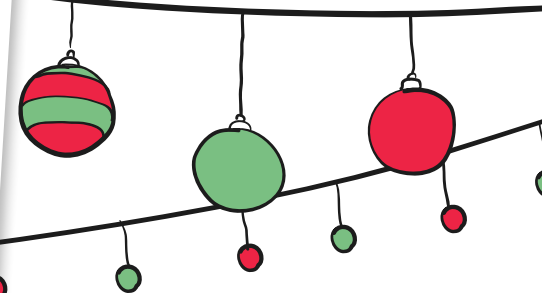
On a chilly Saturday morning, 9 November 2024, the NAC Chamber Choir supported a veterans' wreath-laying service held by the South African branch of the Royal British Legion and which took place at the Richmond cemetery cenotaph, London, in commemoration of Armistice Day.

The service was presided over by Evangelist (Chaplain) Craig Esterhuizen and the topic of the sermon centred around the 'unknown warrior' underpinned by the Bible verse, 1 Peter 2:17.

Advent Benefit Concerts

The Faith Alive Vocal Ensemble held two advent benefit concerts in December 2024 in support of London's St. Thomas' hospital and of a local Surrey charity which provides much needed counselling support for those in need.

The concert in St Anne's church, Bagshot, Surrey (pictured) was a huge success with an audience from the local community of approximately 100 guests who generously donated to the charity, raising over £1400 for Connect Counselling. ■





Finland

Ecumenical meeting in Turku

On Thursday, November 28th, 2024, Bishop Thorsten Beutz met a group of Lutheran Christians in our church in Turku, Finland. With the help of a PowerPoint presentation, the bishop presented our beliefs as well as, the sometimes, profound changes within our church. The 15

participants were very impressed, and it was agreed to stay in closer contact. In the spring of 2025, the bishop will conduct a service in our church, to which the group will be invited.

There is great joy on both sides about these small steps towards ecumenism in Finland. ■



Fellowship

Birmingham Nativity Play

On 22 December 2024, the Sunday School group of Birmingham congregation put on a nativity play to commemorate the marvel of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ who came as a gift to all mankind. ■





Channel Islands

A new congregation is established on the Island of Jersey



The Island of Jersey, is the largest of the Channel Islands (area 120km²) and has a population of circa 103,000 people. The island had a New Apostolic presence many years ago when, back in 2005, District Elder Gordon Mc Queen started a congregation in St Helier, (the capital of Jersey), at the St Johns Ambulance HQ Hall. Members came and went, and the congregation ceased to function.

Many years later, with the establishment of our Guernsey congregation, it became possible to support the local membership Jersey who had mainly arrived from South Africa.

On 11 October 2024, a visit by Evangelist Craig Esterhuizen and Priest Dean Hayes, saw the first service being held for the small membership comprising of three families, in the repurposed Old Magistrate's Court Hall, St Helier.

Sadly, due to the inclement weather (not uncommon in these regions), Bishop Woodman could not make the trip to Jersey in December 2024 where Priest Cookson (from Guernsey) was to be reinstated into the priestly ministry. However, this could take place on 5 January 2025, with the almost the entire congregation of Jersey present.

Priest Ernst was accompanied by his family.



Like Guernsey, the congregation is blessed to have very capable choristers and musicians.



Jersey congregation will continue to be supported by the ministers of Guernsey, and of the UK West district, who will travel on a monthly basis.

Divine services will take place on the last Sunday of every month at 10:00 and will remain at the current venue, that being

The Old Magistrate's Court
Town Hall Parish of St Helier
York Street
St Helier
JE4 8PA

All visitors are most welcome. ■





Ministry

Ordinations, Reinstatements, Assignments, Appointments



6 October 2024: Sister Doris Luneta ordained deacon for the congregation of Cambridge, UK North District



27 October 2024: Sister Marilynne Milton ordained deacon and Priest Alex Louis reinstated for the congregation of Birmingham, UK West District



3 November 2024: Deacon Martin Wiech ordained priest for the congregation of Bergen, Norway.



24 November 2024: Priest Edward Meyer reinstated for the congregation Dublin, Ireland. Brother Michel Kalonga ordained deacon for the congregation of Limerick, Ireland.



15 December 2024: Deacon Ivan Sovych reinstated for the congregation Stockholm, Sweden



29 December 2024: Deacon Marlin Green ordained priest for the congregation of Brynamman and Cardiff, UK West District

5 January 2025: Priest Ernst Cookson reinstated for the congregations of Guernsey and Jersey (page 5, bottom left hand corner)

