

**New Apostolic Church** 

# nacukie news

# Newsletter

2025 Q1 edition



# Foreword Easter Greetings.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this article, we are approaching Palm Sunday and the Easter week. This very special time of the year and the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus are central to our Christian faith. It is therefore important for us to take the time, especially over these days, to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and the joy of His resurrection even if much of western society has lost the understanding of the true celebration of Easter.

I wish you a blessed and joyful Easter and also strength of faith to hold on to teaching of Jesus Christ and hope in His return.



# New bishop for Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Priest Clement Kalala Tshisungu from Denmark was assigned as bishop for Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway by District Apostle Rüdiger Krause on 6 April 2025. The act took place during the divine service for district rectors and district rector assistants in Visselhövede, Germany.

Bishop Thorsten Beutz, who had previously looked after the church members in Finland, was relieved of this task and will continue as bishop for Estonia and the German districts assigned to him.

The fact that Clement Tshisungu has lived in Denmark for over 20 years and is a Danish citizen creates ideal external conditions. His gift for languages is a door to the hearts of his neighbours. In this way, he can be a blessing for the congregations. In 2013, Clement Kalala Tshisungu was ordained a deacon by Apostle Jörg Steinbrenner in the congregation of Horsens a few days before Christmas. He was ordained a priest four years later in December. In February 2023, he took on the role of congregational rector there. In November 2023, Apostle David Heynes entrusted him with the responsibility of district rector for the congregations in Finland. He had already been working there as a youth leader since 2021.

Born in Lubumbashi (DR Congo) in 1985, the bishop has six siblings. Clement Kalala Tshisungu moved to Zambia with his family at the age of five and then to Denmark in 2004. He has been married to his wife Rita since 2010. The couple have three children.

Bishop Tshisungu is rector of Horsens congregation in Denmark and district rector in Finland; he will continue in these roles for the time while caring for some 20 congregations in Northern Europe.

With love and greetings to all.

Do Otenes







# Fellowship Seniors' day in Cambridge.

A special divine service for seniors was held in Cambridge congregation by District Evangelist Leo Aspden on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025. All were warmly welcomed by the two deacons and our bishop at the gate to the little chapel, and a small orchestra and choir prepared the way for the divine service. The chapel was almost full as the congregation sang the opening hymn 136, 'The Father's house is our delight.'

The text word for the service came from Psalm 81: verses 1 and 2: 'Sing aloud to God our strength. Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob. Raise a song and strike the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the lute.'

Worshiping God was the theme of the service, be it with our voices, playing

instruments or praying to our heavenly Father.

Our District Evangelist Leo related a heart-warming story of when he was a young man of 21, he used to drive his parents to church but stayed in the car until the service was over and then took them home again.

One day he accepted his parents' invitation and came into church with them, where four elderly sisters had formed a choir and were singing.

It was by no means a polished performance, but the young Leo was touched by their heartfelt expression and the meaning they gave to the words, so much so that he came back and never left.

Towards the end of the service, the congregation were reminded of the significance of the benediction. Our District Evangelist emphasised that our heavenly Father gives us a threefold blessing and assurance of His love in the benediction, to accompany us into the week ahead. After the service the invited guests spent time with the congregation and were welcomed into their midst. They then made their way to a beautiful riverside restaurant in nearby Ely, where our retired bishop had arranged for us to enjoy extended fellowship and lunch.

This gave everyone the opportunity to spend time together, especially those who had worked in the Lord's work for many years and even decades.

If you'd like to receive updates for our next planned fellowship lunch fixed for Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 along the picturesque river Ouse then simply drop a note to our retired Bishop David on 07813 270956.

This is a self-funding event with divine service taking place in our Cambridge congregation. An overflow room is available with video link so we should be able to accommodate everyone.

# 1

# Seminars and Workshops

Rectors and Workers Seminar – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

A large gathering of lead ministers, musicians, teachers and youth leaders came together in Birmingham from across the UK, Ireland, Isle of Man and Channel Islands to be with our District Apostle Helper and to attend seminars and workshops.

On Saturday morning District Apostle Helper Mutschler addressed the delegates with a bible word from Matthew 23:1-12 and focused on the following seven key messages:

- 1. Do what you say
- 2. Demand only of others what you do yourself
- 3. Honour your brother and sister
- 4. Bind the brethren to Jesus and not to yourself
- 5. True authority only comes from Christ
- 6. Serve your brethren
- 7. God will judge us

Further presentations were given on the role of trustees, safeguarding in ministry, health and safety, and GDPR (data protection). The various groups responsible for music, teaching and youth then spent time discussing their challenges and aspirations to support and develop the work.







Sister Nana Krumminga ordained as deacon Deacon Michael Mueller ordained as priest Priest Astone Davids - appointed rector of London Central Bishop Neil Woodman relieved as rector of London Central



Priest Haydn Boyes - assigned youth leader for UK West



# Cambridge Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, Birmingham, District Apostle Helper Helge Mutschler.

### Text word: Psalm 73: 23-24.

'Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.'

Our district apostle helper began with a warm welcome, adding, 'We are family', and, referring to the choir's opening hymn, 'Your singing was truly an opening to heaven.'

Jesus Christ gave us a promise, and that is, He will return. We will go to a future that is hopeful and bright, and I wish for you that this thought will give you strength.

Indeed, when we are young – we may have very strong convictions.

Referring to the Psalm of Asaph, (Psalm 73) where the psalmist notices that godless people have health, good lives, and even great wealth, whereas his brother or sister in faith may have nothing.

Asaph has a crisis of faith.

Asaph realises that if he left the church, he would lose the community that provides him with comfort and strength. There are three reasons why Asaph stays.

- God holds his right hand, even in deepest tribulations. Maybe sometimes we are on the edge, but may you feel God is with you.
- God guides him with His counsel. We may have real despair and become confused. May you experience His wisdom that you see a light and a way forward.
- Some of us have self-esteem issues, we think 'I am nothing.' Yet God says, 'You are worthy in the eyes of your heavenly Father.' Indeed also, He will receive us in glory.

Now for many of us – when we think of going on to die, that makes us fearful. However, God gives us orientation and hope. And we also ask that He receives us in glory, we want to overcome.

Apostle David Heynes and Evangelist David Abrahamse assisted, and the congregation witnessed the holy sealing of two children, plus the commissioning of Priest Hayden Boyes as a youth leader. An exceptionally moving moment for all was the celebration of holy communion for the departed.

162 attended the service from across the West District and the choir and orchestra touched many hearts with their beautiful pieces of music.



Priest Amisi Faraja - was reinstated for Stockholm



Deacon Eli Sambi was ordained as priest for Manchester

# Congregation

# District Apostle and District Apostle Helper Visits in the Apostle Area



District Apostle Helper Mutschler visits Thames Ditton

### District Apostle Krause Visits Bergen Congregation Norway

On 30 March 2025, District Apostle Krause visited Bergen congregation. He was assisted by Apostle David Heynes and District Evangelist Sebastian Jaggi. The text came from Exodus 50:20, with a call to remain steadfast as all things are in God's hands.

A lovely fellowship was enjoyed by all after the service.





### District Apostle Krause Visits Dublin Congregation Ireland

On 2 February 2025, District Apostle Krause visited Dublin congregation for a combined all Ireland service. He was assisted by Apostle David Heynes and District Evangelist Karl Milton.



District Apostle Krause in Turku Finland