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'It's (still) Time to Do

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we move into the second half of the year, it's a perfect moment to pause and reflect on how we are living our 2025 church motto: "It's time to do good," which our chief apostle shared with us at the beginning of the year.

One aspect is to assess our focus on doing good for our own salvation. Have we been enquiring into God's will in our decisions and been striving to follow the example set by Jesus in our conversations and behaviour?

Are we prepared to focus more in putting this into practice in the second half of the year?

We can also do good in our congregation by supporting and strengthening our brethren. For example, by standing shoulder to shoulder with our sister and brother in faith and praying the Lord's Prayer both with and for them. Our presence in the congregation is already doing others good.

Finally, we are called to 'do good' in our interactions with others. As Jesus taught, we should treat everyone with the kindness and respect we would wish for ourselves. We have received so much good from our loving God in His grace and forgiveness, can we perhaps share this great wealth of undeserved love even more with those we encounter.

Looking ahead, we have a significant moment on the horizon when on the 17th of August our chief apostle will conduct a divine service in which Bishop Neil Woodman will be ordained as our new apostle.

This divine service will be transmitted across the district apostle area, and it is planned for the translation into English to be done at that altar. I am deeply thankful for our Bishop Neil Woodman's willingness to accept this great responsibility and ask that you pray for him and open your hearts to him.

In the same divine service, I will be assigned district apostle helper, and I take the opportunity to thank you all for all the good you have done me in your love, support and prayers over the past seven years as your apostle.

With love and greetings



David Heynes

Blessings

50th Wedding Anniversary in Brynamman.

Priest Karl-Josef and Sister Brigitte Mergler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 16th in Brynamman and received a special blessing on 25th from Apostle David Heynes.

The service focused on love and the promise that our heavenly Father is

always with us. The couple's marriage has proven that if you commit to one another no matter what comes your way love will prevail.

Our apostle used the text word:
Psalm 119:76,' Let,
I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant.'





Blessings

50th Wedding Anniversary in Birmingham.

Retired District Elder David and Sister Susan Beamish got married on 7th June 1975. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday 1st June 2025 in Birmingham congregation and received a blessing for District Evangelist Karl Milton.

The theme of the service focused on their 'Quiet resilience, strong bond of love and their endurance through difficult times.'

Our District Evangelist chose a text word for the Golden couple from Ecclesiastes 4 vs 9 – 'Two are better than one, because they have a good return for the labour'





Fellowship

UK West Children's Service and Picnic Event

God's creation is very good! Genesis 1:31

This was the theme for the annual children's day service for the UK West District that was held in Gloucester Congregation on the 22nd of June 2025.

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" was a fitting opening hymn, and our Bishop Neil Woodman used Genesis 1:31 as the Bible word for the service. A slideshow and posters of God's creation adorned the church hall.

Prior to the event, one of the preparations the teachers made for this occasion was to ensure that each child knew how special they were and to get them excited for the Children's Day: each child was posted an invitation to the service that included a suncatcher, paints and a brush. The children brought the painted suncatchers

to the service where it was displayed. This collection of the children's artwork will be donated to the children's wing of a hospital to brighten up its corridors and windows.

After service, the children had a fun-filled afternoon playing games and enjoying a barbecue lunch. They were spoiled with a party packet and gifts on their departure. We are proud of our children who are upholding our motto of 2025 'It's time to do good!'



Blessings

Confirmation blessings across

the Apostle District



Birmingham



Brighton



Brynamman



Corby



Gillingham



Guernsey







London Central



Manchester



Nottingham



Oslo



Sheffield



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Fellowship

Ireland Children's Day May 4th 2025.

The day commenced at 10:30 a.m. with a warm meet and greet at Mollie Moo's Pet Farm.

At 11:00 a.m. we gathered for an inspiring children-oriented divine service, guided by the bible text Genesis 1:31, 'God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.'

The theme, 'God's Creation is Perfect,' resonated throughout the service, led by Priest Denzil Jacobs with contributions from Shepherd Nunes Ndombele and Deacon Carmen Kane. Together, we explored the beauty and harmony of God's world

The event welcomed 78 joyful souls, including 38 children and 5 guest families.



Together, young and old, we embraced the wonders of God's creation. The enthusiasm was palpable as children, alongside their caregivers, engaged with the gentle animals, explored play parks, zoomed around in go-karts, played crazy golf, and relaxed in sensory-friendly rooms. The activities catered to all ages and celebrated inclusivity and joy.

At lunch there was time for reflection, conversation, and bonding in fellowship.

With smiles all around, members shared stories of newfound friendships and blessings experienced throughout the day.

Every member voiced having a deeply blessed experience, and the venue proved to be a perfect setting for our purpose – a harmonious day of learning, fellowship, and celebration of God's perfect creation.

Fellowship

Sunday School Service Leicester 25 May 2025.

A special Sunday School Service was held in Leicester Congregation by District Rector, Evangelist David Abrahamse on 25th May 2025.

The excitement could be felt in the congregation especially from the children leading up to the service.

The text word for the service came from Genesis 1: verse 31: 'Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So, the evening and the morning were the sixth day.'

The theme for the service was the NAC 2025 Motto: 'It's Time To Do Good.' Corby, Norwich, Nottingham and Cambridge congregations were all warmly welcomed with a, 'it's time to do good' T-Shirt.

As a family in Christ, we all came together celebrating our faith and praising God's Holy name with the orchestra playing and

everyone singing joyfully together. After Evangelist Abrahamse read out the text word, the children from Leicester congregation repeated the text word in British Sign Language as part of reaching out to friends and our neighbours, helping them feel included. With the warm support of the ministers, the children were invited to interact throughout the service including a quiz hand-out and video on God creating heaven and earth. The youth were eager to join in too.

Evangelist Abrahamse related a heart-warming story of when he was a child, his mother would call him for dinner. He would rush to wash his hands and would sometimes have to wash it again before sitting down to eat his food. He said his mother's food was always 'very good,' demonstrating with a double thumbs up.

After the service, we had fellowship and a picnic in the church hall. Everyone spread out their picnic blankets on the floor and enjoyed the yummy food prepared. Afterwards the children all came together >>



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>> and with great excitement and made their way to the park next to the church hall, holding on to a banner with the NAC motto printed on it.

Everyone was in good spirits, with the brothers and sisters in faith leading the games which appealed to all age groups. We ended the fun day with everyone writing on the banner on how they would like to do good!



Fellowship

UK West Youth service **Bristol**







Ordinations, appointments and assignments



Rolf Wirth was ordained Deacon for Växjö congregation



Donovin Kisting was ordained Deacon for London East congregation



Jessica Palmer was ordained Deacon for Swindon congregation





Jacqui Carlo-Krams (in the middle) was ordained Deacon for Birmingham congregation



Justin Kalambayi was reinstated as a Priest for Gøteborg congregation



Jacqueline Lavelot was assigned as a Sunday School teacher for Bristol congregation

Community

Welling congregation has a new tenant

It has long been the desire of the NAC charity trustees to be more community focussed.

An opportunity arose in our Welling congregation where a member of the public approached the church with a request to hire the facilities. After some deliberation, and a change to the layout of the Welling church fellowship room, it was agreed to open the doors.

Jeka Play is now hiring our space. We asked the owner, Anneka Russell, to write a short paragraph for this

newsletter. This is what she had to say:

Jeka Play Community Crèche. This collaboration has given rise to a successful new initiative: Stay and Play sessions held twice a week during term-time every Monday and Friday.

These low-cost community sessions, that are offered

'We are delighted to announce a heartwarming new partnership between the New Apostolic Church in Welling and

free to families most in need, provide a welcoming and inclusive space for local families with young children to come together, connect, and play.

Led by experienced early years practitioners, each session is designed to support children's early development through fun, curiosity-led activities while offering parents and carers a moment of rest, community, and encouragement.

With over 15 families registered since opening in May and new bookings coming through each week, we're thrilled by the positive response so far and are grateful for the opportunity to serve the families of Welling in this way.'



his assignment as the Youth Leader for the UK West District





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Volunteer opportunity: SAFEGUARDING

Are you passionate about creating safe spaces for children, youth, and vulnerable adults? The New Apostolic Church UK & Ireland is inviting applications for the voluntary role of **Safeguarding support**.

This is an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the spiritual community by promoting and supporting robust safeguarding practices across all church activities.

Role: Safeguarding Support (Voluntary Position)

Location: UK & Ireland

Reports To: NAC Safeguarding Lead Commitment: Part-time (voluntary)

Who We Are Looking For:

We are seeking member of the New Apostolic Church who bring either:

- A recognised qualification, or
- Demonstrable and traceable experi-

ence in one or more of the following sectors:

- Social Work
- Education
- Healthcare / Health Services

Experience or understanding of safeguarding policy implementation and child/ adult protection procedures in line with UK and Irish regulations is desirable.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

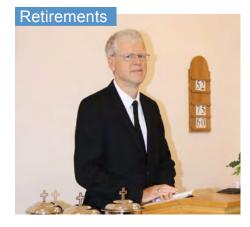
- Promote and uphold the safeguarding values of the New Apostolic Church.
- Assist with the implementation of the NAC Safeguarding Policy within your assigned area.
- Be the point of contact for safeguarding concerns raised in the congregation or district.
- Support ministers and activity leaders in safe planning of events involving children, youth, or vulnerable adults.
- Liaise with the NAC Safeguarding Lead on all matters relating to safeguarding incidents and/or allegations.
- Support awareness-raising and basic safeguarding training within the church community.

 Contribute to annual safeguarding reviews and audits.

To Apply:

To apply for this role please contact the church office by email: admin-hq@btconnect.com by 29 August 2025.

'Let all that you do be done in love.' – 1 Corinthians 16:14 ■



Priest Peter Moser of Gloucester congregation was retired

Priest Felix Beya of Norwich congregation was retired



Priest Hans Werner Dickel of Gøteborg congregation was retired

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Vacancy for a volunteer role of a Trustee

Description of role

The New Apostolic Church UK is seeking a volunteer trustee to help lead the charity and decide how it is run.

The charity is managed by a board of trustees, which include the District Apostle and Apostle as well as volunteer trustees known as Nominated Trustees.

The role of the trustees includes but is not limited to:

- Supporting the charity to achieve its purpose to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the worldwide teachings of the New Apostolic Church.
- Complying with the charity's governing document.
- · Acting in the charity's best interests.
- Managing the charity resources responsibly.

- · Acting with reasonable care and skill.
- Attending trustee meetings these are held a minimum of twice per year.

Skills and qualities needed for the role:

- Fully committed and active New Apostolic Christian.
- Able to dedicate approximately one hour per week plus two meetings per year to engage in the duties of a trustee.
- Most meetings are held online, however, if travel is required then travel expenses will be paid.
- Experience in teaching, property
 management or social work would
 be an advantage, however, we would
 welcome applications from anyone
 who thinks they would be a good trustee. Previous board experience is not
 necessary.
- We value objectivity, openness, and commitment.

To apply for this role please contact the church office by email: admin-hq@btconnect.com by 29 August 2025.

Read <u>The Essential Trustee</u> for further information on being a trustee. ■