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Newsletter

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Foreword



Dear brethren,

I pray that you have had a good summer so far, and that you have been able to enjoy something of the warmth, light, and longer days that this season brings. We have certainly been blessed with some lovely weather, though I am sure many of

us are also praying that the Lord will send the rain, which our gardens, fields and reservoirs so badly need.

Summer can often remind us of the many signs of God's goodness sometimes in bright and obvious ways, and sometimes in quieter, gentler ways. For those who were able to experience the Solar Eclipse, it was a striking moment: the Moon passing before the Sun, the familiar light fading, and the world seeming to pause for a little while. Across many ancient cultures and spiritual traditions, such moments were not always seen as something to fear, but as a sacred pause, a reminder that transformation often begins in stillness.

There is something deeply spiritual in that thought. In a busy and noisy world, stillness can feel unfamiliar, even uncomfortable. Yet it is often in stillness that we become most aware of the presence of

God. Scripture reminds us, 'Be still, and know that I am God.' (Psalm 46:10). This is not simply an invitation to be quiet for quietness' sake, but to open our hearts to Him.

I encourage you to set aside a few moments to be with God, to listen, to pray, and to ask the Holy Spirit to continue His work of transforming us into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

We are part of a living fellowship, called to serve and bear witness together. May the Lord bless each one in our church family, refresh those who are weary, strengthen those who are carrying burdens, and draw each of us closer to Himself.

With love

Neil Woodman

International Church News

Change at the Helm of the New Apostolic Church International.

Zurich, 24 May 2026. During the Pentecost service of the New Apostolic Church in Cape Town, Helge Mutschler was ordained as Chief Apostle. He succeeds Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider, who retired after serving in this ministry for thirteen years at the head of the global Church. The divine service was broadcast worldwide and followed by New Apostolic Christians across the globe.

The transition had been prepared well in advance. As early as Pentecost 2025,

Chief Apostle Schneider had assigned Helge Mutschler as Chief Apostle Helper, thereby designating him as his successor.

Chief Apostle Schneider based his sermon on a passage from the first epistle to the Corinthians: "For by one Spirit we were all baptised into one body" (1 Corinthians 12: 13). He said that the church is the visible body of Christ and that it bears witness to the presence and work of Jesus Christ among humanity. Christ Himself leads His church, Jean-Luc Schneider

said. "Not a single member is superfluous," he stressed. "Even the weakest are necessary." In his own address, Chief Apostle Mutschler reflected on the image of the body of Christ. He pointed out that, like every believer, he is a member of this body and is preparing for the return of Christ together with the congregation.

The Chief Apostle is the international leader of the New Apostolic Church and, according to the Catechism, its highest spiritual authority. His responsibilities >>



>> include preserving the purity of the doctrine and developing it further, assuring the uniform spreading of the testimony of faith, and defining the order within the Church.

Helge Mutschler, born in Tübingen in 1974, holds a doctorate in law. Before entering the service of the Church full-time, he worked as a lawyer and held senior positions within the self-governing body of the tax consultancy profession. He received his first ministerial mandate in 1994. In 2015, then, Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider ordained him as an Apostle. Helge Mutschler is married and the father of two children.

Although this ordination marks the beginning of a new chapter for the New Apostolic Church, its mission remains unchanged: to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to prepare believers for the return of Christ, and to foster the unity of the Church.



Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider had led the international Church since 2013. His ministry was characterised by theological clarification, international cooperation, and a commitment to ensuring that the Church

remained centred on Christ in a changing world. Although his retirement concludes his service as Chief Apostle, his close connection to the Church and its members remains. ■

Blessings and anniversaries



Holy Baptism in Manchester



Holy Baptism in Oslo



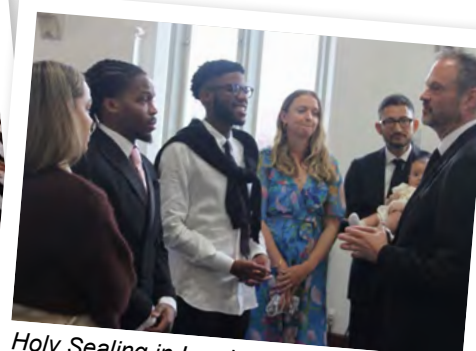
Holy Baptism in London Central



Holy Sealing in Corby



Holy Sealing in Göteborg, Sweden



Holy Sealing in London Central



Blessings and anniversaries



Holy Sealing in Manchester



Holy Sealing in Stockholm, Sweden



Confirmation in Eastleigh



Confirmation in Belfast



Confirmation in Glasgow



Confirmation in Göteborg



Confirmation in Leicester



Confirmation in London Central



Confirmation in Thames Ditton



Confirmation in Manchester



Engagement blessing in London Central



Blessings and anniversaries



25th Wedding Anniversary Blessing
in Chelsfield

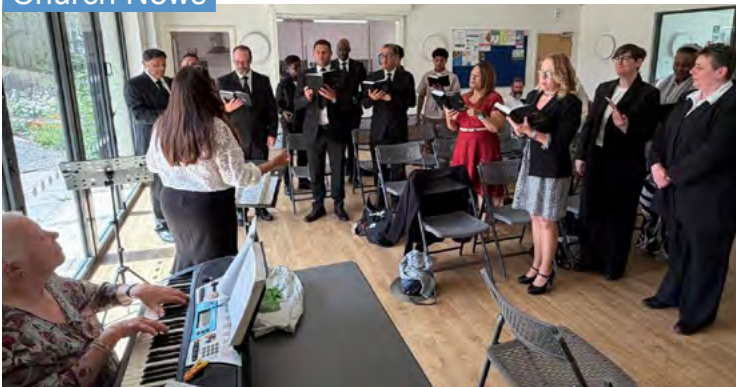


25th Wedding Anniversary Blessing
in Birmingham



60th Wedding Anniversary Blessing
in Corby

Church News



Combined service at Barry Island 31 May 2026



Funeral of Iris Armstrong 12 Jun 2026

Church News

Faith Alive Concert.

On Saturday, 16 May, the Faith Alive Choir delivered a sterling performance at the St Mary's Chapel, Purton, to a full house. The eclectic programme premiered a piece called, 'Don't Fear, Just Believe', by our very own composer, Jeremy Dawson. The choir aided the collection of funds for the charity Christian Aid.

The choir is a gathering of members from across the country, united by a shared love for the Lord and a desire to bear witness through music, offering their voices in faith, and fellowship. ■





Church News

London Central Fun Walk.

On Sunday, 14 June 2026, members of the London Central congregation came together for a fun walk and picnic around the St James's Park area. The event served a dual purpose:

- To raise funds for the upcoming youth Camino Walk later in the year and
- To foster a vibrant afternoon of fellowship and celebration. ■

Church News

A Heartfelt Tribute to Glasgow's Fathers, Sunday June 21st, 2026.

Priest Kooijenga asked the congregation to bring along pictures of their father or people who had acted as a father figure throughout our lives.

As we look at these treasured photographs, we see more than faces. We see stories. We see strength. We see love that shaped us in ways words can barely hold.

Each picture shared by our congregation is a window into a life lived with purpose: fathers who worked hard, who protect-

ed, who encouraged, who prayed, who laughed, who carried burdens quietly, and who gave more than they ever asked for in return.

Some of these fathers are still with us, guiding and supporting. Some are now held in God's eternal care, their legacy living on in the hearts of those who loved them. But every image speaks of a man who made a difference in his family, in his community, and in the lives that continue because of him. ■



Ministrations



Assignment of Ernst Cookson as Assistant Rector for Jersey and Guernsey



Assignment of Natasha Duperray as Sunday School Teacher for Thames Ditton



Assignment of Janus Strydom as confirmation lead coordinator for the UK



Ministrations



Assignment of Astone Davids as Assistant District Rector for UK South



Ordination Deacon Josephine Segerberg for Stockholm



Ordinations Priest Ellen Rosimannus and Deacon Rainis Lilleht for Estonia

Children Activities

Gloucester Children's Day

On 17 June 2026, all children of the UK West district came together in Gloucester for a children's service.

'A Heart Like David's', brought the story of 1 Samuel 16:7 to life: 'The Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'

The children's choir, led by Dc Anthea Boyes, filled the room with joyful praise, while the sermon became an interactive adventure as the children followed the storyline of how Samuel was sent to find a king for Israel, answering questions and recording their thoughts on paper worksheets.

After the service, the children were invited for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and games; an event enjoyed by all. The hosts, David and Rene Hume, were most generous in opening their lovely garden to the children. ■



Children Activities

Mollie Moos Children's Day Ireland.



Nordics News

Apostle Visit to Iceland.

On 3 July 2026, Apostle Neil and sister Adelle Woodman travelled to Iceland together with Priest Torsten Hilke (Norderstedt) and his wife.

Also accompanying were, Evangelist Stefan Jaroni (Berlin City West) and his wife, Priest Simon A. Schmidt (Berlin Kreuzberg), Deacon Sven Wrede (Alstertal), and Brother Marius Ramacher (Buxtehude).

Saturday 4th saw the group enjoying a walking tour of Reykjavík and an afternoon barbecue.

Apostle Woodman used a text word from Psalm 130:7, 'O Israel, hope in the Lord; For with the Lord there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption.'

Following the celebration of Holy Communion and the prayer for the departed, Priest Hilke was relieved of his responsibilities as rector of the Reykjavík congregation, and Evangelist Jaroni was appointed as the new rector. ■



Release from rectorship: Thorsten Hilke for Iceland



Appointment of Stefan Jaroni as rector of Iceland



Ministers of Estonia



CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."

Exodus 20:12 (NKJV)



What this commandment means for us as children:

- » **Love and respect your parents:** Listen carefully, speak kindly, and say thank you for the things they do.
- » **Help and care for them:** Look for simple ways to help at home, such as tidying up, sharing, or doing what you are asked.
- » **Respect trusted adults:** God also wants us to show respect to people who guide and care for us, such as grandparents, teachers, and leaders.
- » **Remember God's promise:** God says there is blessing when we honour our parents and follow His ways.

Here is an example:

Imagine your mum, dad, or carer asks you to put away your toys before dinner. You may want to keep playing, but honouring them means listening, answering kindly, and helping without arguing. This shows love and respect in a simple, everyday way.



Obedience is like planting good seeds.
When we obey, we grow strong in God.

Think about it

? What is one kind thing I can say to my parents or carers today?

? What is one helpful thing I can do at home this week?

Short Prayer

Dear God, thank You for our parents, carers, and trusted adults who help us. Please teach us to listen, speak kindly, and show love and respect every day. Help us to honour You by honouring them.
Amen.