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www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/



Kearsley New Jerusalem Church

The 40th Anniversary of the Opening of the Kearsley New Jerusalem Church on Sunday 23rd June 2024

Our Minister, the Reverend Brian Talbot, took the service and based it upon some of the hymns and readings from the Dedication Service on the 19th June 1984, using the same opening sentence "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with

God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. (John 1. 1-3). Brian also included an anniversary hymn by George Thomas, an Australian living in Sydney, the words of which are so appropriate. (See end of report)

We were pleased to welcome several members and friends who are unable to attend very frequently and also two families from overseas who have recently joined our congregation. This was a very moving service appreciated by all.

After the service we retired to the church hall for a delicious Jacob's join style lunch, including a 40th 'birthday' cake! The hall looked suitably festive as it had been decorated by the Sunday School with red bunting and balloons.

We then returned to the church where Roy Partington spoke of the details leading to the building of the new church. This came about after finding dry rot in the roof of the old church (built 1878) which proved too costly to repair resulting in the decision to build new. Roy had circulated a sheet giving details of where items in the new building came from.

Eric Yates was responsible for raising the money required, by catering for dinners every Saturday for a good number of years, ably assisted by members of the church. (Eric, as a sign writer, produced all the church signs free of charge.)

The design of the church was by Roy Partington a member of the Kearsley Society, who considered the format to be of a square design. He then consulted the Reverend Bill Grimshaw who suggested the altar be placed in the centre with seating on all four sides. However, the church council, having agreed to a square configuration, could not find it in themselves to go any further, and the altar was placed on the east side.

Costings for the building were drawn up by a quantity surveyor who determined the cost to be approximately £190,000 if built by a general contractor, but if we purchased all the materials and employed individual tradesmen we could possibly bring the price down to £100,000. We only had £50,000 in the kitty but it was decided to start anyway. When we



had spent the £50,000 we still had a long way to go but we were blessed by the daughter of the Reverend Curtis, a former Kearsley minister, who left us £50,000 in her will. The church was very fortunate in that the quantity surveyor, electrical and heating design engineers and Roy all worked for Lancashire County Council and no one charged any fees. All the timber work in the church was installed by Steven Fawcett a church member who did the work at cost.



Displayed in the church on the anniversary were the plans for the building and a collage of photos showing the old church and the new church together with scenes from past events and photos of members past and present.

Pauline Grimshaw, wife of the late Reverend Bill Grimshaw, has played the organ at our church for a good number of years and played at the anniversary.

A good day was had by all.

Roy and Pauline Partington and John Ford



Conference Reports

The Conference Planning Team write:

As readers will know, we have an exciting programme for this year's Conference. We look forward to working in groups to think about how we can move our church forward.

We would like to encourage those attending the meeting to read their reports in advance, as usual, and two groups are presenting them in an alternative format for those who like to receive information in a different way. The Committee of Ministers have produced an audio recording, or podcast, for people to listen to, and the Youth and Family Team have produced a video.



To find these audio and visual reports, please go to the AGM page of the Conference website:

<https://www.generalconference.org.uk/agm/>

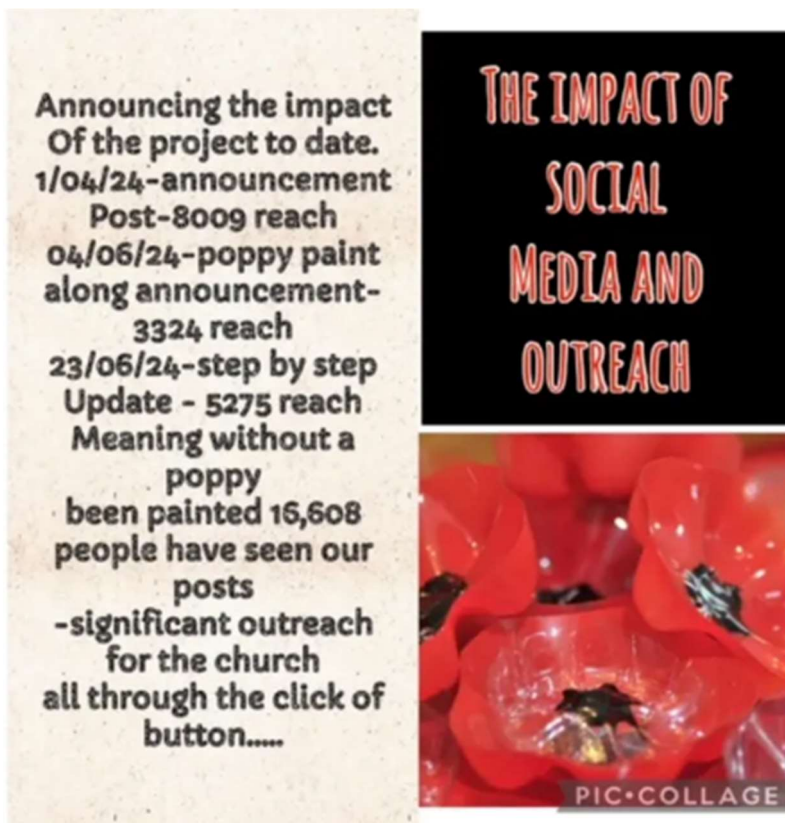
Conference Zoom Invitation

We intend to live stream via Zoom, the Keynote speech, the Conference Service and the Business Day. If you wish to join the live stream then please email paul.crone@generalconference.org.uk no later than Thursday 18th July 2024.

Update from Seaburn's Poppy Project

Lynne Griffiths Writes:

Preparations continue for the first ever Poppy Project at Seaburn Dene. We are delighted that a local United Reformed Church is joining us and also Kearsley New Church are also going to have their own poppy project.



Since the commencement of our Facebook page in 2018 we have sought to increasingly engage the local community as well as our wider church community through the sharing of events, biblical verses, doctrine and discussion. In recent years this has seen our Candle for Christmas event advertisement lead to new people attending on both occasions which has been amazing and an indication that outreach through the use of social media can be effective. We have seen our following steadily grow and we have been overwhelmed with the

reaction to the Seaburn Poppy Project. Facebook indicates a reach is each person who views the post and as you can see through the sharing of the Facebook posts in local community groups also we have had a significant impact even without picking up a paintbrush.

It has been our belief for many years that 'digital ministry' is something that we should engage with and the majority of our Facebook posts garner between 40-70 reaches on average. We have followers not only in this country but also in several other countries around the world.

We hope by sharing the impact that social media can have on outreach that it may inspire others and we give thanks that here at Seaburn it's having such a positive impact!

Circle Dancing at Kearsley New Jerusalem Church

Carolyn Kennion Writes:

At Kearsley Church we hold circle dancing once a month.

Enjoy gentle exercise and friendly company while dancing to music old and new from all over the world. All dances are taught and no partner is needed. Once a month on Thursdays 2-4pm. Suggested donation £3 to include light refreshments.

Upcoming dates:

July 18th

August 8th

September 19th

October 17th

November 7th

December 5th

Events Calendar

The events calendar is now live on the General Conference web site. Please send your Church, Society and Committee special events to paul.crone@generalconference.org.uk

Please include the following:-

- Your logo(if you have one)
- The date/s
- Location
- Contact details
- Details about the events (please send in plenty of content)
- Do include photos if you can

To include images of individuals, they must be made aware that the pictures will be published on a public website to promote the Church and they can ask for them to be removed at any time. This consent doesn't need to be in writing.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 30 th June	Seaburn Dene New Church Baptism
Saturday 13 th July	Drayton Manor Theme Park
23-26 th July	217 th Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 23 rd July	New Church Children's Society AGM
28 th July-3 rd Aug	13+ Summer Camp
Sunday 28 th July	Seaburn Dene Conference Feedback & Praise
Monday 29 th July	Seaburn Dene Poppy Paint Along
29 th -1 st Aug	9 to 13's Summer Camp
21-22 nd September	Kearsley Scarecrow Festival & Harvest Festival

Full details <https://www.generalconference.org.uk/new-church-events/>

The next E-News will be published 19th July. Items by Wednesday 17th please.