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www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/



A Mystery Visitor at Purley

Rev'd David Gaffney writes:

Many years ago, Anne and I had the pleasure of meeting a remarkable and distinctive woman who had attended the New Church at Whitefield since her childhood days in Sunday School. I believe she also served as a worship leader for many years. The last occasion we saw her was at Purley Chase, shortly before her beloved Len passed into the spiritual world, which I estimate was sometime around 2007 to 2010. As we had no address for her we often wondered what

had happened to her. Earlier this week, we received a phone message at Purley Chase from someone mentioning that “Dorothy” would be coming to visit us. At first, we were unsure who this could be.

Then, at approximately 11:00am yesterday (26th June 2025), Dorothy Margeson arrived along with her granddaughter, her granddaughter’s partner, and their very cute dog. Dorothy, now 96 years old, continues to live independently in Eastbourne in a manageable house on a fairly busy street—which she enjoys because of the frequent passersby. There is a bus stop just a few doors away, providing her with convenient access to shops and other destinations. Her daughters and granddaughter live nearby and visit her regularly.

The three of them (four, counting the dog) had just completed a canal barge holiday near Purley. During the journey, Dorothy and the dog sat together on a deckchair at the bow, watching the world go by.

If anyone wants to write her a nice letter, please contact either Anne or myself.

Revd David Gaffney



Marketing and Media Coordinator

The Marketing and Media Coordinator Sibongile Mkoba, known to us as Sibby, has completed her six months probationary period. Unfortunately, she was found to be unsuitable for our requirements, and therefore her contract was terminated.

We wish her well for her future endeavours.

The post of Marketing and Media Coordinator is currently under review, and further announcements will be made in due course.

New Church Youth Association AGM and Creative Session

Carolyn Kennion writes:

Warm sunshine greeted us at Bradford New Church on Saturday 28th June for the NCYA AGM and Creative Session. During the AGM we heard reports of the NCYA's work during the last twelve months which has included all the usual activities of producing Sunrise magazine, Children's Day materials, Home Sunday Club and the Creative Exhibition - and also some new initiatives such as the production of more colourful and child-friendly new Home Sunday Club materials for those in the 8 plus age group. (photo of worksheets)

As the business meeting drew to an end children and parents began to arrive for an introductory activity about Angels – our theme for the event. A power point presentation engaged the children in recalling well-known Bible stories featuring angels and thinking about the angels' varying appearances and what functions they were performing. A short story illustrated how our guardian angels care for us by prompting us to act in honest and kind ways.

Group activities followed which involved making decorative boxes to hold cards bearing angelic qualities, making colourful tissue-paper angels to give a stained-glass effect on windows and baking angel-shaped biscuits. (photos of children making boxes and finished boxes, colourful angels and biscuit-making.)

After all this activity everyone enjoyed a delicious tea of pizzas, salad, fresh fruit and chocolate cupcakes. The afternoon was rounded off with the presentation of prizes to those children who had entered work for the Creative Exhibition. (photos of prizes presentation) I felt that it was a very happy gathering with all ages enjoying learning and creating together. Sincere thanks to all involved and to Bradford New Church for hosting the event.





Youth Membership

Dear Readers,

For those of you who have received papers for this year's Conference, you will already be aware that a new rule has been proposed. It is to allow for Youth Members of Conference. At the moment, young people can become Junior Members of societies, but there are teenagers who do not live near churches and they are currently being missed out.

You can read a leaflet that has been sent to young people aged between 14-17 on the AGM section of the Conference website: www.generalconference.org.uk/agm/ plus an application form for them to become members. Of course, the rule would need to be passed in order for them to do so! Therefore, if you are not attending Conference this year and would like to support this venture, please speak to a voting member who is.

We feel that it is important for young people to have a sense of belonging and a chance for their voices to be heard so that they can help shape the church going forward. After all, the church will be in their hands in the not too distant future!

Becky Jarratt – on behalf of Committee of Ministers



Upcoming Events

22 nd -25 th July	Annual General Meeting - Hayes
27 th Jul–2 nd August	13 to 18 Summer Camp – Purley Chase
28 th – 31 st July	9 -13 Summer Camp – Wellspring House
30-31 st August	Dalton 200 th Anniversary
5 th – 7 th Sep	Swedenborg Weekend – Purley Chase
5 th – 7 th Sep	New Forest Family Bunkhouse Weekend
20 th Sep	Dream Workshop – Purley Chase
31 st Oct – 2 nd Nov	November Family Weekend – Purley Chase
17-18 th October	Leaders United
3 rd – 6 th Nov	Autumn Fellowship – Purley Chase

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