

Bangor Convention

Easter 2015 | April 3-7

SPEAKERS

George Verwer - Robert Murdock
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Tuesday 30 June - Sunday 5 July 2015

Speakers expected...

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 DAVID HARRISON ~ JOHN MATTHEWS ~ JANICE QUINN ~ ROBIN SYDSERFF

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SPEAKER : JOE BARNARD

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PRAYER focus

JANUARY 2015



Alistair & Sharon Patterson
 DIRECTOR FOR ENGLAND

Dear Praying Friends

Greetings to you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to begin this first Prayer Focus of 2015 by wishing you God's richest blessing and His sustaining grace for the year ahead. At this time, many of us ponder what the year may hold for us personally, spiritually, nationally, and politically with elections coming, or on the wider world scene with all the unrest, persecutions and disasters. Praise God, He knows what is ahead.

I have been drawn to Proverbs 3:5,6 as I think of the coming months:

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart
- Lean not on your own understanding
- In all your ways acknowledge Him
- He shall direct your paths.

What a blessing to know God's direction in all the paths of life.

This month, most of The Faith Mission workers are preparing for camps, conventions, missions and outreach opportunities. The Principal and College Staff are also planning for the year ahead and looking to the Lord for an increase in the number of students applying.

Thank you for interceding in prayer with us for the Lord's direction and blessing in 2015.

Yours in Him,

Alistair Patterson
 DIRECTOR FOR ENGLAND



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SCOTLAND

SOUTH DISTRICT



Gordon & Janice Thomson
GLASGOW

From Saturday 10 until Saturday 17 January I will be in Northern Ireland taking various meetings in the North Irish District. I then take a children's mission in **Drumchapel Baptist Church**, 19-23. On Wednesday 21 I speak at a school assembly when there will be approximately 200 children in attendance. Pray that God will give freedom in sharing the good news of the gospel.

I speak at **Fraserburgh Baptist Church** 175th anniversary services, Saturday 24 and Sunday 25, a men's fellowship night in **Moodiesburn** near Airdrie, Tuesday 27, **Motherwell Baptist Church**, Wednesday 28, and **Johnstone Baptist Church**, Sunday 1 February. Please pray that in these meetings we will know the glory of the Lord and the deep sense of God's presence, that people will come to know Christ as their Saviour and Christians will have a fresh look at their walk with God.



Danny & June Chambers
EDINBURGH

We thank God for the anointed ministry of Mark Schenk at **Edinburgh Rally** last month and for the singing by our Bible College students and the report by Gordon Thomson, all of which made a great impact. June and I continue to counsel a number of people and would value prayer for wisdom. We look forward to **Edinburgh Rally** on Saturday 7 February when the speaker is Rev Peter Grainger.

ANGLO SCOTTISH BORDER DISTRICT



William & Carolyn Harrison
NEWTON STEWART

The District programme of Prayer Union visitation is now getting underway along with openings in a number of churches giving opportunity to broaden awareness of the work of the Mission. Carolyn speaks at **Glenluce Gospel Hall ladies' meeting** on Monday 19 January. We thank God for further openings that are developing for future missions. Gordon Thomson and I value prayer for a mission at Bethany Evangelical Church, **Dumfries** in February.

ADVANCE NOTICE
District Youth Weekend
6-8 March
Faith Mission Centre, Newton Stewart

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT



Ian & Hazel Gilkinson
LEWDOWN

We want to take this opportunity to thank all who prayed for the Farmers' Carol Service in **Hatherleigh**. The Lord answered prayer and we were thrilled to have at least 320 attend. We were able to give out many shopping bags printed with John 3:16. Inside we put a CD by George Barkley and a card with a gospel message and reply slip. We were very encouraged to receive a reply slip requesting a New Testament and other Christian literature.

This month we resume our regular programme. Do remember our school assemblies, children's club, Prayer Union visits and church services each Sunday.

We look forward to the Prayer and Fellowship Weekend in Torquay at when John Shearer will be our speaker. There are still places available should you wish to join us!

BIBLE & FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

Friday 30 January – Sunday 1 February

Brunel Manor, Torquay, Devon

Speaker: Rev John Shearer

WALES



Paul & Elizabeth Crowe
NEWTOWN

I was pleased to have the opportunity to take services over the Christmas and New Year period in Newtown, **Llandrindod Wells** and **Shrewsbury**. I am responsible for the *Learn to Lead* group on Thursday 15 January in **Newtown Evangelical Church**. I also have the Reading Group on Monday 19. This has proved to be a very worthwhile ministry. The group of twelve are showing real enthusiasm as they look forward to meeting monthly. A number spoke of how they were both challenged and helped through the reading of J C Ryle's book on 'Holiness'. As well as visitation, up-coming meetings include two mid-week meetings in **Newtown Evangelical Church** and Sunday services in **Cregrina Mission** and **Llandrindod Wells Evangelical Church** on Sunday 18 and **Machynlleth** on Sunday 25. The weekly children's club recommences on Wednesday 14. One little boy from the club has started to attend church regularly on Sunday mornings.



Alistair & Sharon Patterson
YORK

It was encouraging to have a number of unbelievers in **Leyburn** Mission Hall for the Christmas services. My programme this month includes services in St Andrew's, **York**, Sunday 18, **Harrogate Young Life**, Saturday 24, both services at **Doncaster** Evangelical Church, Sunday 25 and **Leyburn** Mission Hall, Sunday 1 February.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Team working on the
EARLESFIELD ESTATE
GRANTHAM



Daniel & Grace Howson

Earlesfield Community church has made quite an impact on the community this Christmas! Around seventy children, as well as a good number of adults, came to our Christmas party on 20 December with a few following on to the carol service the next day. Christmas activities in the schools also gave us great opportunities to present the real meaning of Christmas. Our usual programme of outreach continues:



Andrew & Grace Morton

- Sundays: Family Church 4pm
- Tuesdays: Fortnightly school assembly 9am and weekly Bible study 7.30pm
- Wednesdays: *Tots & Toys* 9am and children's *Explorers* club 3.15pm
- Thursdays: Fortnightly school assembly 9am and *Engage* youth 7pm
- Fridays: Preparation and planning

We are currently praying and researching possibilities of further 'community development'. This is wide-ranging and long term, but necessary if our church is going to continue to make an impact for the gospel on the estate.

Harby:

We had a great time on Friday 19 December with the youth from **Harby** for a Christmas event. Around forty gathered with good attention to the message. Our *Connected* group continues to meet each Friday evening for Bible study. God has given us lots of people in the village who have become close friends and we would love to see them come to the Lord.

CUMBRIA BIBLE WEEKEND 6-8 FEBRUARY 2015

Friday 6 at 7.30pm
KIRKBY STEPHEN Baptist Church
 Saturday 7 at 7.30pm
CARLISLE - Edward Street Free Elim Church
 Sunday 8 at 11am
PLUMLAND Evangelical Chapel
 Sunday 8 at 3pm
WEST CUMBRIA - Castle Sowerby Chapel
 Speaker: **Dr Robert Murdock (FMBC Principal)**
 Taking part: **FMBC students**
 Further details: contact William Harrison 01671 403632

HIGHLAND DISTRICT



Justin & Carol Cummings
FORT WILLIAM

Thank the Lord for all the opportunities to speak to people of all ages, from primary to pensioners. In November and December alone, through various meetings and assemblies, we had great opportunities to speak to men, women and children. We prepare for our regular commitments: SU in **Lochaber** High School every Wednesday; visits to **Kinlochleven** High School on Fridays; teen girls' Bible study fortnightly; primary school assemblies; recovery meetings; preaching engagements; monthly youth meeting, rally and Prayer Union lunch.

Please continue to pray for Carol's preparation of *Bible Alive* and that schools would welcome her input this term. Pray for open doors and opportunities.



Donnie & Catherine Macleod
INVERNESS

We look forward to John Matthews speaking at the Ross-shire Rallies at the end of the month. They take place in **Maryburgh**, Friday 30, **Fortrose**, Saturday 31 and **Balintore**, Sunday 1 February.

Coming up:

- Youth Weekend Friday 13 - Sunday 15 February in Kingsview Christian Centre, **Inverness**
- Skye Convention Thursday 19 - Sunday 22 March in **Kyleakin** Church of Scotland
Speaker: Alan Bartley

EAST DISTRICT



Kathy Wood
KIRKCALDY

The carol services went very well. Thank you for your prayers for the regular work in the nursing homes.

On Wednesday 28 I speak at **Pathhead** Baptist Church ladies' meeting.



Nigel & Ruth Wilson
PETERHEAD

Nigel speaks at **St Combs** Assembly of God and **Peterhead** Deep Sea Mission on Sunday 18 January and will visit some of the Prayer Unions in the area over the next few weeks. **Peterhead** Methodist Church ladies' meeting is on Wednesday 21. Ruth takes **St Fergus** school assembly on Wednesday 28 and continues to be involved in children's work at the local church. Please pray for an elderly man and an elderly lady met on visitation who are both unsaved.



Noel McClintock
ABERDEEN

The New Year is always a time of reflection. We look back with deep gratitude to the Lord for all His faithfulness and enabling, and to all of you who have stood with us in prayer. May 2015 be a year when we prove the promises of God and see His hand at work.

Thank God for the many opportunities to minister His Word in the coming weeks. I am responsible for a series of Bible studies in **St Combs** Assembly of God during January, and then in **Fraserburgh** Baptist Church in February.

GLENROTHES RALLY
Wednesday 4 February
Speaker: **Andrew Quinn**

ENGLAND

SOUTH EAST DISTRICT



Arabella Paul
KENT

I take **Platt** assembly on Monday 12 January, to inspire the children to come to the after school club there Monday 26 - Friday 30. **Vigo** assembly is on Monday 26 January, prior to the after school club there Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 February. This is the first time we have done a club in the school at **Vigo**, where space is very restricted (around the computers!) Please pray just the right number of children book in. I am deeply grateful to Chris who will be helping me with these.



David & Donna Ohin
NORFOLK

The last open-air was tough. However it was encouraging to see that two homeless people have clearly trusted the Lord a while ago and are literally full of the joy of the Lord. Unfortunately Eric's wife Jane lost the battle against cancer and passed away. David went to the funeral at the beginning of January. It's very encouraging though that in the midst of this difficult time Eric (who was saved last February) is determined to go on with the Lord.



Stephen & Cynthia Walker
EARL STONHAM

This month sees the commencement of the second phase of the building project. We have a willing team coming to help us with demolition and groundwork in preparation for the new storage barn to be erected in the early spring. We value prayer for safety and speedy progress.

NORTH DISTRICT



Paul Curwen
NORTH LANCASHIRE

Over the coming month I will be involved in *Open Church* which takes place on a Thursday morning at **Lytham St Annes'** Free Methodist Church. This is a great opportunity to chat and interact with different people. I speak at **Westhouse** Prayer Union on Monday 2 February, and on Thursday 5 take the *Youth Discussion Group* at **Over Kellet**.



James & Lynda Bovenizer
PRESTON

We have a full programme of RE lessons in six schools this term. Lynda has the weekly RE lesson with the reception and year one children at **Lea Endowed** CE School. We have meetings at **Preston, Blackpool, Wigan** and **Bolton**.



Mark & Sheena Nelson
SUNDERLAND

We knocked the doors of forty neighbours on our estate just before Christmas and gave them all a box of mince pies and a Christmas card with a Christian message on it. We didn't get any opportunities to witness directly through this but please pray that our neighbours may be more open to accept us and ask questions in the future.

This month Mark continues to preach in local churches including **Broadmead Way** Evangelical Church, **Longhorsley** Mission and **Darlington** Gospel Hall. The student outreach in **Gateshead** is going well.