



Cardiff Prayer House

“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” (Lk 12: 32)

Jesus, our good shepherd, and we are His flock; He promises that His flock will inherit the kingdom of God. At times, we are anxious; like these little flock, we are insignificant. The Lord Jesus in Luke 12 cites several examples of fear: fear of death (vs.4), fear of persecution for the sake of the gospel (vs.11) and anxiety of life (vs.26).

Cardiff prayer house is one of the most recently established prayer houses in the UK so our congregation is small and as a little flock, we have not escaped similar fears as well as tribulations among some of our members. However, we can take courage in what Moses says in Deuteronomy 7:7, “The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all people”. We are like the Israelites, chosen even though few in number; God loves us regardless.

God’s grace is indeed amazing. His miraculous hands have saved three of our little lambs from the valley of the shadow of death. Within the last four years, we have witnessed and experienced firsthand how our Lord Jesus works miracles beyond our understanding.

Baby Yu Bo was only eighteen days old when he became very ill, was rushed to the hospital and diagnosed with transposition of the great arteries—his aorta and pulmonary artery were in the opposite position and the altered anatomical position of these blood vessels caused the venous rather than the oxygenated blood to be pumped around his body. This was not picked up before his birth. Many such babies would have died at birth but because baby Yu Bo’s heart was born with two holes which allowed some oxygenated blood to filter through, Yu Bo had more time and survival chance. He underwent several heart operations and is now an active child. His father, a truth seeker at the time, was baptised not long after witnessing this miraculous work of our Lord Jesus.

Bro Jing Lung was two and half years old (previously fit and well), had a sudden major bleeding into his brain. This onset of bleeding led to weakness to the left side of his face and paralysis of the left side of his body. He could not walk. He underwent operation to remove the blood clots from his brain and required intensive treatment and long period of medication. By God’s grace, he made a full recovery but the doctors were still unable to confirm the exact cause leading to the sudden illness. God works miracles that no man can comprehend.

Whilst Bro Jing Lung was hospitalised and just before he went in for his operation, his mother who was newly baptized, went into extreme premature labour at twenty five weeks and gave birth to a baby girl, Sis Naomi. A high proportion of such babies will not survive and out of those who survive, there is a high risk of complications such as eye disease, cerebral palsy, respiratory and developmental problems. Sis Naomi was nursed in the special care baby unit until full term. Thanks to our Lord Jesus, she has not only survived but is doing extremely well with no signs of any complication. It was a huge miracle! It would be a big trial for any family but having two rare events at the same time was indeed unthinkable. We thank God for sustaining the faith of this family and the faith of the entire Cardiff prayer house. We are also indebted to our brethren throughout the UK for your constant intercession for us.

Preaching in a new pioneering area has never been easy. We have found ourselves insufficient on many occasions. We do not have the sophisticated support network of other big organizations. At one stage, we found that we



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had nowhere suitable to hold services. With limited finance and resources, we had to move from place to place. Still, God would always provide a suitable venue for us in due course.

God unceasingly stretches out a holding hand with guidance and miracles to convince truth seekers that we are preaching the truth of salvation. We have learned how to equip ourselves with the truth and to recognize the importance of preaching and to be prepared in season and out of season. However, at times, we experience fear just like Paul did. ‘Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent” (Acts 18:9) and again, “Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you” (Acts 27:24). So Paul was encouraged and urged his companions to do the same: “Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me” (Acts 27:25).

Taking care of our brethren’s spiritual, emotional and physical needs is not always easy. It requires significant investment in effort, love and prayers. We sometimes find ourselves too weak to show love to our brethren who are in need. However, God teaches us how to keep the new commandment to love one another (Jn 13:34) by binding us together with His love in perfect unity (Col 3:14).

After all these years, we can see that behind every trial and tribulation, there is the good will of God. It is beneficial for us to experience these difficulties in our lives and in the divine work in Wales. Through these, we learn to rely on God and give praises more to Him than to boast of what we have achieved for Him in Cardiff. God does not want us to boast in abundance (like what happened to King Hezekiah in 2Kings 20:12-18). We have nothing to boast about. We need to learn from Paul’s humility who writes in Galatians 6:14, “But God forbids that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world”.

All these experiences have proven to us one thing, that it is our Father’s good pleasure to give us the kingdom. This is the promise we are holding onto.

Over the past few years, we could see clearly how God plans to establish His kingdom in Wales. He wants to establish His kingdom in the heart of his flock. All we need is an offer of love and faith and God will do His part in establishing His kingdom. For we know that we are his flock and He is

our good shepherd. This is the basis of our faith that stops us from being fearful. Just like in the Lord’s Prayer, “let your kingdom come, let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”. So, the little flock should not be afraid for it is our Father’s good pleasure to give us the kingdom. We are here to hold the authority given in the kingdom of God to preach to more people. We pray that more will come and join the fold.

Finally, our Lord Jesus has taught us how to inherit the kingdom of heaven.

1. Mathew 5:3. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” The kingdom of God belongs to those who feel inadequate i.e. who are humble in spirit. We do not want to fall into the danger of being puffed up with what we have achieved for the Lord. We should instead think that we can always do better and achieve more for Him.

2. Mathew 5:10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” The development of a church would also require the sacrifices from its members. We will encounter difficulties. Since God is willing to grant us His kingdom, he is also willing to help us to overcome all these difficulties (cf. Deut 7:22).

3. The flock listens to the shepherd’s voice. Members in Cardiff have experienced the needs for expanding the kingdom and building the temple of God. “Even those from afar shall come and build the temple of the Lord.

Then you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. And this shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.” (Zech 6:15)

May the little flock of the Lord hold fast to this promise of God and enjoy the benefits of being in His kingdom for the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Our Father is willing to give us His kingdom, are we willing to inherit and expand His kingdom?

Amen

As the Cardiff prayer house is still raising fund to cover the renovation costs and to repay the loan of £100,000 from the other UK churches, you are welcome to make offerings.

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May the Lord remember your love.

UK Church News

Elgin

October

130 members gathered on the 5th to witness the holy matrimony of our Bro Terence Shek and Sis Joan Tham (Malaysia), and to share in their joy. May the Lord bless this new couple.

Bro Daniel Chu (USA) arrived again on the 12th to continue his seminar on family, duties and education. From the 17th, Pr Steven Shek was in Elgin, accompanied by his wife, their two daughters and niece Sis Mo Zhen Li. Pr Steven busied himself during this visit, apart from conducting many services, he also spoke at two evangelical meetings, a teachers’ refresher course, and various youth fellowships. The focus of his visit was on the basic doctrines.

Within this month, we received various visitors including Bro Lawrence Chan and family (London), his brother in law Bro Michael Ko (Taiwan), Mr Qi Jia Lee whose parents are believers from Malaysia and Bro En Tu Su and wife (Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia). We also had theological student Daniel Liew reporting and staying on for his practical training and lessons.

November

From the 4th to the 7th, Elgin church hosted a UK General Assembly (UKGA) preachers’ refresher seminar with the help of Pr Min Yang Chao (International Assembly, IA). After the seminar, Pr Fook Fah Chong and trainee preacher Raymond Leacock stayed on for a fortnight with Pr Fook Fah Chong supporting various fellowship groups in Elgin, Inverness and Aberdeen; and Raymond working simultaneously in Aberdeen, pastoring and visiting.

We had our annual general meeting (AGM) on the 16th, chaired by Dn Silas Chan. After a prayer, the three office holders Bro Stephen Shek (Religious Affairs Officer), Dns Lydia Chan (General Affairs Officer) and Bro Denny Chan (Financial Affairs Officer) presented their respective reports. Thank God for His care and preservation that the church had a peaceful year.

On the 20th, Sis Ji Ling Shek (formerly Leicester) relocated to Elgin with her work. May the Lord bless and guide her future.

December

From the 13th, more than twenty brothers and sisters started to arrive back from London, Newcastle etc. to see in the New Year!

1st January

The start of the New Year! Brothers and sisters joyously gathered for the thanksgiving service. It was a day of hymnal praises and testimonies, laughter and joy, thank God.

Edinburgh

Hallelujah! Thank God for guiding Edinburgh church in the past few months. Jointly with Gifford Park, we were blessed to have held various seminars, led by Bro Daniel Chu on 7th-8th and 11th-13th October, with target audience the middle age and the youths.

During the month of November, we were visited by Pr Min Yang Chao IA who led the following sessions: Service Leader and Church Board Seminar (10th-12th) jointly with Gifford Park, Marriage Counselling Team Fellowship (16th-17th), and a Special Service (18th-19th) jointly with Gifford Park.

We held our AGM on 7th December and reflected upon the work of the past year. With sadness of heart, we also held the memorial service for Bro Wing Cheung Shek on 15th December who passed away in the morning of 6th December aged 62. May the Lord continue granting peace and comfort to the members of the family.

On 1st January 2015, we started the year with a thanksgiving service, praising God with our voices and hearts for His blessings and guidance throughout the past year. With renewed determination, we ask the Lord to lead us into a new year filled with hope and opportunity to spread His gospel afar.

Gifford Park

Gifford Park held a hymnal evangelical service “The Truth Shall Set You Free” on 23rd November. Praises be to the Lord that we were joined by truth seeking family and friends.

On 27th and 28th December the Gifford Park youths had a two day winter youth fellowship themed “I belong to Jesus”. Through lessons from Pr Fook Fah Chong and Bro Daniel Liew we learnt the intimate relationship between God and us and what we ought to do to keep this relationship.

On New Year’s Day we held a thanksgiving service. Through singing of hymns we gave thanks and praises to the Lord who is constantly guiding and keeping us.

We welcome Bro Biung who will be studying in Edinburgh. Besides, we also welcome Bro Eddie Ho and family who have moved back to Gifford Park church. May the Lord guide you on your journey here! We have also bidden farewell to Bro Matthew Su who has returned to Taiwan after completing his studies at St Andrew’s.



New Year thanksgiving service

Newcastle

In October, Newcastle held a number of events that were hosted by overseas and UK workers. Bro Daniel Chu held a parents and children's fellowship on 18th October, followed by counseling seminars on 19th-20th October; Pr Ming Yang Chao pastored the members in Newcastle between 23rd-30th October, taught practical lessons during a youth divine workers' seminar with Pr Steven Shek and the YCC coordinators from 24th-26th October, and led a combined Newcastle and Sunderland church ministers and church board members' seminar on 27th October; and Pr Michael Chan had a national meeting on 26th October with the RE in charges of the UK churches.

An RE teachers' fellowship was held on 2nd November to discuss local matters.

The EPG (Evangelism Planning Group) coordinated a "Gospel Wake Up" on 23rd November where they shared the gospel with fifteen truth-seeking friends, and four different singing groups presented hymns to inspire and encourage the listeners.

Pr Joseph Shek's "farewell" service was held on 30th November to mark his last pastoral visit to Newcastle before his retirement as a UKGA full time preacher.

Newcastle's AGM was held on 25th December. The congregation listened to the various annual department reports and to the church board's resolutions from the questions and suggestions that were submitted for the session.

The YCC organised a combined Newcastle and Sunderland winter youth fellowship in Newcastle from 28th-29th December. The theme was "Let's Wholly Follow the Lord", based on a passage from the book of Joshua, and it was attended by over forty youths. It was followed by the annual joint choir exchange with Sunderland members on 29th December.

Thank God, we entered the year 2015 with a New Year thanksgiving service on 1st January.

An RE teachers and parents' discussion was held on 11th January where both the RE teachers and the RE children's parents discussed and exhorted one another in teaching the youths and children.

The church visitation team visited the Manchester brethren on 19th January.

Sisters' Fellowship held its activity day on 26th January. It was a day filled with much exhortation and musical praise; everyone was greatly edified and it was concluded with a hearty lunch.

During this quarter, Newcastle held memorial services for Bro TK Cheung on 4th November and Bro MH Ho on 12th January respectively. May God comfort the bereaved families.

We warmly welcome four infant additions to Newcastle: Cerys Tang, daughter of Bro Lawrence and Sis Emily Tang; Annie Wang, daughter of Bro Tony Wang and Sis Rose Dandan Wang; Harvey Chan, son of Bro William and Wincy Chan; and Zara Liu, daughter of Bro James and Angela Liu.

Sunderland

In October, we welcomed Bro Daniel Chu back for a second time. He led a seminar on the 21st and 22nd, which was attended by between forty nine to fifty two members during the daytime sessions, and thirty to thirty four youths and young parents in the evenings. He used anecdotes to inspire and encourage us that, through prayer, we can understand and deal with the changes we go through, both mentally and emotionally, at each stage of our lives.

On 16th November, we held a praise worship event: "Peace like a River". Various hymns were presented by Harmony Choir, Unity Choir and RE Choir, alongside a message from Pr Johnny Liu, which proved to be a blessing for visitors and members alike. Thank God, we received ten visitors. Please pray for the future evangelistic work in Sunderland—may God open wide the gate of salvation.

From 24th–26th November, the church in Sunderland hosted the UKGA Board Meeting and Church Delegates' Conference. A special thanksgiving service was also held to commemorate the works of two long-serving and faithful servants—Pr Joseph Shek and Bro James Lin (UKGA Secretary)—on their retirement.

On 25th December, we held our AGM. Members heard the annual reports from the religious affairs, general affairs and financial affairs officers, and suggestions from the members were also discussed. Thank God for truly taking care of the church in Sunderland, helping us grow in every way.

The year kicked off with a New Year thanksgiving service, held on 4th January, in which the whole church came together with joy to praise and give thanks to God. With words of encouragement from Dn David Ho, we were all able to remember God's grace with which we have been blessed over the past year.

Finally, in January, Pr Johnny was the resident pastor in Sunderland. Alongside the Sisters' Fellowship and the Visitation Group, he visited the local members. He also continued to strengthen the members in their servitude and walk of faith by leading Timothy Youth Fellowship, One Family Fellowship and Interpretation Fellowship.



The 2nd meeting of the church delegates conference at Sunderland church

Leicester

October was a busy month for Leicester. From 3rd to 5th October, Bro Daniel Chu visited Leicester and Birmingham to lead a seminar for the Religious Education teachers and parents. A couple of the sessions focused on the teenage years and the handling of "difficult behaviour". On 10th-11th October, we had the rare company of Pr Steven Shek who came to lead fellowships for the youths as part of his Youth Coordination Centre remit. The following week, Leicester played host for the UKGA Board meeting and Truth Study Committee for the first time. From 19th-21st October, we also held our spiritual convocation which, this year, was based on the theme, "New Life, New Beginning". It was led by Pr Ming Yang Chao from Taiwan, and local preachers, Johnny Liu and Michael Chan. The message of the two evangelical services was how people can gain new life through salvation in Christ.

During the winter months, a lady visiting from Dallas, USA, came into church one day and continued thereafter to attend services and to have Bible studies with us. After she returned to the US at the end of November, she started attending services in Dallas and received the Holy Spirit. Praise God for His wonderful guidance.

From 28th December to 2nd January, we had the pleasure of hosting the combined UK and Africa RE Teachers' Seminar. The lecturers were Sis Patricia Chen from the USA, Pr TK Chin, Pr Fook Fah Chong and Sis Josephine Liu from Newcastle. Despite the

Religious Education of UK General Assembly *Pr Steven Shek*

Thanks be to God, the RE UKGA is dedicated to bringing progress for betterment of the RE students throughout UK. Regional seminars and national meetings will be held at least twice a year and quarterly respectively via the internet to maximize manpower, whilst saving time and money.

There are plans for overseas workers to come and assist in training. These workers are generously released by other GAs to benefit our UK RE teachers. We should match such sacrifice by planning around these future weekdays or weekend events.

A UK worker will also be assigned to pool the resources of neighbouring churches to train the RE teachers in the places of worship around the UK. May God continue to bless these churches (which will have the extra responsibility) with love, wisdom and strength, and to remember the labour they put into this important piece of work.

May the RE in charges actively collect and conscientiously implement best practices to inspire our teachers to learn and grow together, and to make us more effective in delivering our lessons and to care for the students: the future pillars of the church.

modest turnout, the participants found the lessons, which focused on the doctrines, hymnal leading, and RE teaching principles and methods, very practical and useful, with applications for both the UK and Africa.

Cambridge Prayer House

Thank the Lord, this quarter, Sis Florence Pang and Sis Frances Wei have returned from their two month absence; Bro Benjamin Choo and his family have started to attend Cambridge prayer house (CPH) having moved from Cardiff to Essex and semi-permanent youths have been attending more regularly.

The youths have held two successful youth meetings where all the youths helped to create the 2015 youth events program which includes fellowships, prayers, practical evangelism sessions and training sessions in various aspects of the holy work with visiting preachers and local members.

After much prayer and discussion, in our AGM, we thank God that CPH members have voted unanimously to look for a church building. In preparation, we will also have a year theme, monthly dedicated prayer sessions before the Sabbath service and a revival of the family service in members’ houses every two months. Please continue to pray for the holy work in the Cambridge area.

May all glory be to God.

London

We thank God that London church has had a smooth and eventful past few months.

In October, Bro Daniel Chu continued with his seminar on counselling. His sessions edified not only the London members but also members of other localities through live streaming, teaching us in greater detail the types of situations faced by today’s youths. In the same month, three babies were born to new parents Sis Marilyn and Bro Lik San Chan, Sis Angela and Bro Jonathan Tsang, and Sis Mei Qing and Bro Bing Bing Zheng. We also held the autumn spiritual convocation with the theme “The Greatest Love of All” and concluded with two young souls Sis Naomi Chan and Sis Kathryn Chan joining the big family through their baptism.

In November, Bro Daniel Chu returned to deliver the second portion of his seminar on counselling, with a focus on self-evaluation. The second week of the month was the annual Evergreen Fellowship, which was a good reminder for the members to honour and learn from the elders, with a theme based on Leviticus 19:32. Our AGM was also held to bring forward the proposal for the refurbishment of the first floor as well as for the maintenance of the church building in the future.

Youth Coordination Centre Pr Steven Shek

The International Assembly (IA) has organised an international youth fellowship to take place in June 2015 in Malaysia; it will include learning evangelism led by medical teams into rural areas, as well as a seminar led by workers from Taiwan. It is wonderful to see a number of youths from UK willing to join in this divine event. The European Ministry Committee has also planned for a continental youth fellowship in Hamburg, Germany, in July 2015; already there has been some UK interest.

Locally, our YCC committee will be implementing fellowships regionally to cater for those who may find it hard to join a national one. Your local YCC will inform you as to when and where the regional fellowship will be happening. Next year, there will be a national youth fellowship.

Throughout these few years, the YCC will be assisting RE UKGA to bring appropriate manpower together to help set up various resources to help the teachers’ work and the students’ spiritual growth.

The YCC and other youths will also have a blessed opportunity to receive further training to help in their work for the church in 2015 by IA workers. Let us promote and grasp hold of this rare opportunity. Details will be announced via YCC.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless the RE and YCC of UK. Amen.

Nearing the end of 2014, the end of year China brethren special services (25th-27th December) was held and London church saw many members from around the UK attend and partake of spiritual food together. After the New Year, the 12th Western Hemisphere African Voluntary Missionary Workers’ Training Seminar was held for a week in London church and we thank God this preceded smoothly.

Portsmouth

October

Proper Mandarin lessons started this month. There are currently two classes: advanced and elementary.

On Sabbath 11th Portsmouth church hosted a gospel tea. We distributed over 1300 leaflets door to door and on the streets, starting weeks before the event.

From 25th -28th Bro Daniel Chu conducted an RE seminar.

November

The AGM was held on the 9th. The congregation passed the proposal to extend the church building.

January 2015

On Sunday the 4th, a New Year thanksgiving service was held when every church board member gave a short speech of encouragement. A fellowship gathering was enjoyed by all in the afternoon.

On the 25th, we organised another gospel tea. For this event we urged our members to invite friends and relatives to attend. Over tea, we shared biblical teachings and especially the basic doctrines with our individual visitors. We also invited them to join us for the prayer and service which followed.

Forthcoming Events (March-July 2015)

UK:

Mar 2: UKGA Board meeting | Elgin | UKGA Board members

Mar 3: Truth Study Committee Meeting | Elgin | TSC members

Mar 16: National Married Couples Fellowship | Edinburgh | Pr. FF Chong

Apr 12-14: Spiritual & Evangelical Convocation | Portsmouth | Pr. M Chan & Dn. L Chan

Apr 25-26: Spiritual & Evangelical Convocation | London | Pr. FF Chong/ Pr. M Chan

May 18-19: National Sister Fellowship | Sunderland | Pr. Johnny Liu/IA

Jun 1-2: UKGA Board meeting | Gifford Park | UKGA Board members

Jun 1-30: RE Teachers Training | Northern, Middle, Southern | Daniel Chu

June 8: National Evergreen Fellowship | Newcastle | Pr. Johnny Liu

June 21-23: Spiritual & Evangelical Convocation | Gifford Park | Pr. S Shek /Pr. Ming Yang Chao

June 21-24: Literary Ministry Seminar | Leicester | UKGA - DLM

June 28-July 1: Spiritual & Evangelical Convocation | Elgin | Pr. S Shek/ Pr. Ming Yang Chao

July 6-8: Spiritual & Evangelical Convocation | Sunderland | Pr. Johnny Liu / Pr. Ming Yang Chao

July 11-12: Spiritual & Evangelical Convocation | Cambridge | Pr. TK Chin/Pr.M Chan

July 18: Evangelical Service | Cardiff | Pr. TK Chin

July 17-19: Spiritual & Evangelical Convocation | Forest Hill | Pr. M Chan & Kenneth Zhou

July 19-21: Spiritual & Evangelical Convocation | Newcastle | Pr. FF Chong/ Pr. Johnny Liu /Pr. Ming Yang Chao

July 26-31: National Student Spiritual Convocation | Portsmouth/Sunderland | UKGA / RE Dept.

Europe:

Mar 6-8: Spiritual Convocation | Salzburg | Pr. S Shek

Mar 28-29: Special Service | Vienna | Pr. H S Ko/UK Preacher

May 1-3: Spiritual Convocation | Russia | Pr. FF Chong

May 22-25: Spiritual Convocation | Hamburg | Pr. TK Chin/Pr. H S Ko