

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP



with great confidence, knowing that with me all the way. whatever, we face in 2021 God is with LIS

The words spoken by our Lord Jesus to his disciples, "Lo am with you always, even to the end of age" remains true and relevant for the people of God

today. (Matthew 28:20 NKJV)

#### **Footprints by Mary Stevenson, well illustrates this:**

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was traveling along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashes scene from his life for each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life, there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him, and he questioned the Lord about it.

As we start this new year, we do so "Lord you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk

But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints, I don't understand why, when I needed you most you would leave me.

The Lord replied, "my precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering when you only see one set of footprints. It was then that I carried you".

As we face this new year, I encourage everyone to let us heed the words of the Psalmist David. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help".

The Apostle Paul puts it this way:

"We are hard press on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair.

"Persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed". (2 Corinthians 4:9 NKJV)

Happy new year to all our readers.

**Bishop Dr. Donald Bolt** 







#### Happy New Year to you all!

It is a privilege to greet you in this new year. Just weeks ago we as a national Church **Exit**ed 2020, **Engage**d in an awesome time of Worship and celebration reflecting on what the Lord had taken us through, and **Emerge**d in 2021, together in our first ever National Crossover Service.

The service was a real blessing to people in our Churches across the UK and indeed to people beyond NTCG. We give thanks for the impact and the praise reports we have received which reached as far afield as the USA, Barbados, Jamaica and beyond. Most importantly the people of the Lord were together in spite of the current physical distance we are having to keep. We thank the Lord again for young Tristan Holmes-Ankle from the Brixton Church who heard and communicated the Lord's heart and asked for our help to make it happen. Thanks also go to all participants and the planning team which included Carolyn Henry, Corlyn King, Dwayne Neveu and Naomi Sterling in addition to Tristan and the NCAM leadership team.

If you missed it, or want to experience this momentous service again, you can head over to the NTCG Online YouTube Channel or go direct by clicking the link and worship with NTCG National Worship Collective, Salient Sound, Karar Regiment, Bishop E George Beason 'the Flame', Volney Morgan and New Ye and an inspirational word from our guest speaker, Bishop Jonathon Zeigler.



Also featured in that service was another song of praise delivered excellently by a collection of anointed women from our Church across the UK. This was recorded remotely in multi-screen format to ensure the inclusion of some familiar and unfamiliar faces as part of our commitment to invest in the musicianship of our women. The video is due

for separate release on the 17th January 2021 on the NTCG Online YouTube Channel.

Please take the time to subscribe to the channel and you will get notifications when new material is uploaded.



On the subject of new music our very own national youth team Salient Sound have recorded and released a new single called 'Stand'. It is available to buy on Apple Music, Spotify and Amazon and there is more information in the Youth and Discipleship Update in this newsletter. I urge you to purchase your copy, stream and play it as much as possible. I am doing so. It is a very timely and well written and produced song created from the heart of God and through the hearts of our people. Help to get the Lord's message out to the world.

The National Creative Arts Team continue to work to build the foundations of a cohesive National Department that will support the local Church. Further meetings with District and Local Pastors and Creative Arts Leaders will be taking place over the coming weeks. We ask that you pray for us and support us in putting the pillars in place that will serve for the future development of our people to excel in ministry and the communication of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTRE



LTC conveys best wishes for 2021 and celebrates the opportunity to keep in touch with our growing number of readers of this publication.

We are delighted to announce that our Educational Institution will be using our newly acquired and developing Learning Management System - **LTC Moodle** to conduct

our examinations for more than thirty students online in February.

You may gain access as a guest for a brief preview of the platform. Guest Login

Our enrolled students have access from anywhere globally via their login. <u>myLTC</u>

This platform has enabled LTC to avert the potential disappointment of exam candidates due to the closure of education establishments following the National restrictions during the Corona Virus' increasing spread.

Our Courses continue to be delivered by a range of study options, including; DVD, Distance Learning and online for personal enrichment and as part of the Ministerial Credentialing Process. Feel free to peruse our 2020/2021 LTC Prospectus to choose a course.

You may choose courses via the Eventbrite platform - follow this link, <u>LTC Courses - Book here</u> or complete an enrolment form via our webpages. <u>LTC Online</u> Enrolment



#### **The Oliver Lyseight Annual Lecture 2021**

All readers are encouraged to book, share links and attend this annual event, which will be presented online, giving ubiquitous access from around the world, during the second Saturday of Education Month (13th February). Hurry and reserve your place using the Eventbrite link, Oliver Lyseight Tickets

We are grateful to the Facilitators and the opportunities for collaboration with Academic partners and continual support from LTC's Board members as we aim to deliver courses using and developing online infrastructure. Our department is well serviced by the Education Administrator, Education Coordinator and an expanding team of volunteers. We appreciate students' continual support from Pastors, LTC Partners, who continue to make invaluable contributions to our provision.

#### **Rev Delroy Henry**

**National Director of Education** 

#### LORNA VASSELL

My name is Lorna Vassell, I attend Willesden NTCG where Bishop Brian Robinson and Rev Audrey Robb are Pastors. The call to ministry was initially conferred upon me by Bishop Wayne Brown, some years prior.

Whilst the decision to accept the Lord's call was solemnly and prayerfully considered, creating the balance surrounding my multifaceted life proved to be a further quest. To be frank the practical elements of doing ministry, superseded the theoretical requirements of the course and subsequently, I took some time out from study to serve my Mother's exigencies.

I am a daughter, a "Pastor's Kid" and one of nine siblings. I am blessed to be called Mum, Wife, Nana, etc coupled with

simultaneously serving in various ministries at Local, District and National levels. Worship is my heartbeat Psalm 37:4 beckons the believer to delight oneself in the Lord and I thoroughly enjoy what my hands findeth to do, however I also appreciate the call over my life and have made the decision to resume my studies. I am so glad I did and feel at peace.

LTC culture provides an approachable, supportive environment, which embodies fusion and discussions of taught modules, where experiences and insights are lovingly shared.



# EDUCATION BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: BISHOP ALBERT WATSON

Bishop Albert Watson, District Bishop and Senior Pastor at NTCG Bilston, holds the portfolio for monitoring and evaluation of course outcomes and serves as the course coordinator and co-facilitator for the Ordained Bishop — 'Leading with Integrity' programme.



He co-founded a number of church based educational projects including the Horseley Heath Education Project and Kingshurst Development Trust, in collaboration with Further Education Colleges and Local Authority Stakeholders.

Bishop Watson's goal is to support the LTC in its endeavour to promote excellence in Christian education training and life-long learning for all.

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### Salient Sound, NTCG's National Youth Worship Team release debut single 'Stand'

Salient Sound have released their highly anticipated debut single 'Stand'; a gospel anthem to encourage and inspire listeners with a message of hope.

The song is available to purchase and stream on all online platforms including; Apple iTunes, Amazon Music, Spotify and Tidal.

'Stand', written by Jermaine 'JC' Henry and Lydia Sterling, members of Salient Sound, the New Testament Church of God's (NTCG) National Youth Worship Team, is written in response to a challenging 2020 and now fairs even more relevant, as we begin a turbulent start to 2021. This is a song for the season.

'Inspired', 'uplifted', 'peace', 'timely', 'the UK British sound' are just some of the words that have been used by listeners to describe this amazing body of work produced by Iziah Yarde.



Like many, Salient Sound felt they needed to say something that spoke to the injustice, adversity and suffering happening across the globe. 'Without you we're broken, Oh Jesus we need You', is the melodic prayer that rings throughout the song, making a petition for those in need. 'Stand' also features a poignant prayer by Bishop Dr. Eric A Brown, Senior Pastor and District Overseer of NTCG Brixton.

Contributors include: Lead vocals; Jermaine 'JC' Henry and Lydia Sterling, Producer/Keyboards; Iziah "Izzy" Yarde, Drums; Daniel Powell, Bass; Levi Yarde, Guitar; Mathias Lunde, Hammond Organ; David Davis, Strings; Enoch John, Recording Engineers; Iziah "Izzy" Yarde/Femi Bello, Mix Engineer; Femi Bello, Mastering Engineer; Kearon "Da BoSS" Stephen.

Salient Sound, under the leadership of Johnathan Mongi and Jermaine 'JC' Henry, are releasing this debut single, following their successful EP release in

2019. The EP features original songs, such as 'Great' and 'Incredible'. Like 'Stand', these songs consistently express the foundation of the team's belief and faith.

Lurine Cato MBE said: "I have been waiting for this true SOUND of British Gospel Music; every chord, melody, vocal, word and arrangement, just speaks of God's heart towards the nation"

Marcel Simpson, NTCG National Youth and Discipleship Director said: "In a time when the different platforms people have trusted and built their lives on is crumbling, 'Stand' offers hope of a life that will not only survive, but thrive on a foundation of faith"

Click below to download the song:

**DOWNLOAD** 



### 13th February 2021 at 13:30 -15:00



# The Oliver Lyseight Annual Lecture Series 2018 - 2022

The VOICE Of WOMEN in Christian worship and Leadership

The 2021 lecture will be delivered by Dr Carol Tomlin. She is an award-winning academic with a long and distinguished career both nationally and internationally. She has trained teachers/educational leaders, managed a range of programmes, and taught English, Communication and Education Studies in universities in the UK and USA. She is currently a visiting fellow at the University of Leeds and the senior leader of Restoration of Fellowship Ministries. As an ordained minister, she has several years of pastoral ministry as the senior leader of Restoration of Fellowship Ministries, worked as a health care chaplain, and is registered with the UK Board of Healthcare Chaplains. She is the author of several publications including her most recent book, *Preach It: Understanding African Caribbean Preaching*, which had been selected by the Society for Pentecostal Studies as a finalist for the 2020 Pneuma Book of the Year. In addition, she has co-authored other academic books with Dr Paul Mocombe, such as *The Oppositional Culture Theory* and *Race and Class Distinctions within Black Communities*. As a gifted orator, Dr Tomlin regularly presents at conferences where she is often invited as the keynote speaker.



**Rev Dr Carol Tomlin** 



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### **Muntz Street Open-Air Carol Service Broadcast On Pakistan TV**



The current Coronavirus Pandemic has presented significant challenges to the wider Body of Christ as to how we 'do church'. Many of the things that we have traditionally done and maybe taken for granted have had to be changed in the 'New Normal'. One of those things that has had to change has been corporate singing when the church meets. This became particularly challenging with the celebration of and engagement with Christmas.

One of the highlights of The Season for Muntz Street has been our annual Candlelit Carol Service, which has historically been well supported by the Community and the Church alike. Limited numbers due to social distancing and no congregational singing threatened to see this year's event cancelled. How can you have a Carol Service if you can't sing?

Then came a 'light bulb' moment 'We have our own car park so why don't we have the service there?'

The result was with the help of a local Gospel DJ- DJ

Zorro- we were able to set up a Marquee and a sound system! The good news of Christmas was heard in songs and readings across the night sky of Small Heath, Birmingham. But it didn't stop there it was heard as



far as Pakistan! One of the highlights of the evening was when one of our ministers Rev Ajmal Chaughtai and his family sang in Urdu and shared a reading. This was particularly poignant as the community in Small Heath is predominantly Muslim and were able to hear the Gospel in their own tongue! This was further emphasised when 2 Pakistani National television companies arrived to film the Carol Service and it was featured on the National news when it was broadcast in Pakistan. You can watch the new feature at the below link.



The local Mosque generously offered and allowed us the use of their parking facilities on the night, a huge step in Community Cohesion. This is the culmination of several years of engagement with the local community through the work of Rev Chaughtai and other members of NTCG Muntz Street.

Please continue to pray for NTCG Muntz Street as we engage with the Great Commission – 'Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.' Mark 16:15

#### **Bishop John Jackson**

Senior Pastor, Muntz Street









# IN THE SPOTLIGHT





### **Michelle Parkinson**



# How long have you worked for NTCG?

I have been a part of the team at the National Office since 2016.

### What does your role entail?

I am a part of the Business Administration Team, overseeing the operations of the national church, particularly from a corporate and strategic perspective and the development of business administration. I also support the National Director of Women's Discipleship Ministries in the implementation of her vision and objectives and the planning, organising and the delivery of national events.

# What is your favourite part of working at the National Office?

My parents have been a part of the National leadership from in the 1970s. My sister has also made her contribution in the administration work at the National Office and I am proud that in 2021, I

am also still making a contribution on behalf of the Parkinson family to the life and the development of this organisation from a National perspective.

### What one thing are you proud of in your life?

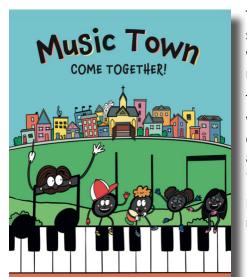
After working in the Civil Service for over 20 years, I was grateful for the opportunity to take some time out for myself, undertake further studies and have my comfort zone stretched by volunteering with the British Red Cross. This was an opportunity to use my skills in a productive way, whilst settling into a new environment. I enjoy meeting people and helping those in need of assistance. Through this volunteering experience I was able to gain a greater understanding of how certain health policies can influence the lives of people and the impact of social isolation.

# What do you like doing when you're not working?

I enjoy going to the theatre, socialising with friends, travelling, and most importantly sitting on the beach, taking in some sun, whilst sipping a long cool drink.

### **MUSIC TOWN**

By John Fisher BEM



John Fisher B.E.M.

The first story in the series from new author John Fisher BEM. The title of this story is "Come Together". Introducing a musical town filled with happy and vibrant musical characters who all have a mind of their own. They are funny, mischievous, creative, bringing something special to each story.

These stories are designed for parents who want to help their young children's reading development. Created for children aged 3 - 6 years, also sharing a great song found on Youtube under "Musictown4kids".

Music Town is the perfect opportunity to combine reading and singing. **AVAILABLE NOW!** 







### THE ORIGINAL FOUR



The singing group **The Original Four** have fulfilled a long held ambition to produce a compilation of some of their songs with the recent release of their first CD called **House of Gold** - named after the first song they sang together.

There are many who will remember the Original Four from the 1960s when, especially in London and the South East of England, the group were often asked to sing at events in churches across the region and beyond. The group was formed way back in 1967 when they were teenagers.

The Original Four is made up of two sets of sisters – Paula Matthews (now Campbell) Joy Matthews (now Brathwaite) Shirley Fraser (now Francis) and Joy Fraser. The two families grew up around each other and they have known each other from a very early age – their mothers even attended the same NTCG church in Jamaica.

The group were the first New Testament Church of God gospel a cappella group in London and the South of England and possibly in the whole of the New Testament Church of God in the UK at that time. Producing this CD is their way of saying thanks to God for all He is and has been to them by using the medium of singing to share

the good news of Jesus with others.

Their prayer is that the songs on this CD will not only be enjoyed but will bring hope and encouragement to people. "If something on this CD causes even one person to surrender to Christ as Lord and Saviour of his or her life then we will have done what we set out to do".

It is also a fitting tribute to their dearly beloved Joy Brathwaite, one of the members of the group, who sadly passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in the early part of 2020.

The group plan to donate some of the proceeds from the CD to various charitable causes.

Please visit their website for details of how to purchase a CD as well as view the promotional video.



In addition, they have a YouTube channel where again you can view the promotional video.







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