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# Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church

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Many of our Church members do not have a divine revelation of the Church. Having a divine revelation makes a difference. We will not talk about leaving when someone upsets us. During a conversation with His disciples, Jesus said: "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (St. John 6:53-54)

"Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?" (St. John 6:60)

"From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." (St. John 6:66-69)

When we have a divine revelation of The Church of God, we cannot keep quiet. Jesus said in St. Luke 19:40: "... if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." If we hold our peace, the rocks and stones will cry out that Jesus died to purchase one Church for all.

Those who do not have this revelation may not like it when we preach about one Church for all, but we cannot keep quiet about it. Jeremiah said: "his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones." (Jeremiah 20:9)

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

(St. Matthew 16:13-18)

The majority of the Christian world today falsely teaches that all born again believers make up The Church of God, but that is not the case. They teach that the Church was established on the day of Pentecost, but again this is false: "And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:" (St. Mark 3:13-15)

There is a difference between The Church of God and the kingdom of God. The Church of God is a visible entity while the kingdom of God is invisible: "And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:" (St. Luke 17:20)

Concerning the Church, Isaiah wrote: "For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." (Isaiah 62:5)

We join the Church by a covenant administered by a minister, but God Himself joins us to the kingdom. There is no sin in the kingdom, but there is sin in the Church.

People can deceive the minister and sneak into the Church, but we cannot fool God and sneak into the kingdom. The Apostle Paul wrote about ungodly men creeping into the Church unawares.

You can be in The Church of God and not be in the kingdom of God and you can be in the kingdom of God and not be in The Church of God: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." (St. John 10:16)

Sometimes when we hear about the great inflow we get frustrated and try to hurry things along. However, all my actions will not cause God to move faster. Prophecy will be fulfilled but according to God's timetable. Our task is to do all that God has called us to do. Jesus' coming into the world was foretold as far back as Genesis 3:15. Many looked for and prophesied of His coming, but died, not having seen it in their lifetime: "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Galatians 4:4-5)

Jesus came to fulfil prophecy, but did not come as many expected. Many are still looking for His first coming. Likewise, the Church will fulfil all that was foretold about her. It was prophesied that she would go down into apostasy, but that she would arise again: "For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer." (Isaiah 54:7-8)

The Church went into apostasy with the signing of the Nicene Creed in AD 325. She was covered over for some 1578 years. During that time, God used many men to help to remove the covering like Martin Luther, John Knox and John Wesley but the time of the fulfilment of prophecy had not yet come. None of these men could have completed the uncovering because it was not the proper time for the prophecy to be fulfilled. David wanted to build the temple but that was ordained for his son Solomon to do.

Every year we celebrate the Arise Shine of the Church and recount the words of A.J. Tomlinson to the then members of the Holiness Church at Camp Creek, that since they took the whole Bible as the Word of God that made it the Church of God. I've often thought about this statement that anyone could make it. I am sure that there were other people who could have made the same claim, so there something beyond must be statement. When a man and woman stand before the minister and he says "I pronounce you husband and wife" there is something divine that happens beyond the words of the minister. It is God that does the joining.

No one else could have fulfilled that prophecy until the proper time had come. "And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD. And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God." (Jeremiah 30:21-22)

It was God who drew him and knew that this man's heart was engaged/connected to Him and so He was able to reveal the last days Church of God to him.

The Church is not the Church because we say it is, but because God made it so. She is the Church because she fulfils all the prophecy. Isaiah 49:19, Psalm 132:4-6 and Ezekiel 17:3-5 tells us that the Church would arise far away from where she went down into apostasy. Song of Solomon 2:10-13 tells us of the season and Scriptures such as Isaiah 60:8 (the same chapter as the Arise Shine) tells us about the coming of the aeroplane which took place in the same year and in the same state, North Carolina, USA.

When God has revealed this revelation to us, we have to tell everyone about it. This is like when we go to town and discover a good bargain, we come home and tell our friends and neighbours about it. When we have a divine revelation, we are blessed of God.

When God was dealing with Joseph through dreams, his brothers hated him. This was because he was favoured by his father, who made him a coat of many colours.

A portion of the song 'The Great Speckled Bird' reads:

'With all other churches against her,
They envy her glory and fame;
They hate her because she is chosen;
And has never denied His dear name.
Desiring to lower her standard,
They watch every move that she makes;
They love to find fault with her teaching,
But really they find no mistake.'

When Joseph revealed his dream of the sheaves, they hated him even more but he could not keep quiet. The dream was not a figment of his imagination; it was God's doing.

When he had another dream about the sun, moon and stars, even his father resented it, but in the fullness of time the dreams came to pass.

If God is in something, we cannot overthrow it and it will come to pass.

"There are threescore queens, and and virgins concubines, fourscore without number. My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her. Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" (Song of Solomon 6:8-10)

If you are here today without a divine revelation of The Church of God, the Spirit and the Bride say come.

When Jesus returns, He will not be coming like a bus, picking some up here, some up the hill and some down the road.

He will not be picking up some from the Methodist church then some from the Baptist church then some from the Catholic church, etc. He will be coming back for His Bride when all His children will have been gathered into the one Fold.

It is the will of God that all His sheep be in the one Fold, where they can be nourished and protected. Only The Church of God has the divine promise: "...and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." I will close by quoting from the song 'The Banner of Love':

'Come under the banner of love,
The standard of the great Church of God:
Lift up the great ensign today,
And wave to the glory of God.

The ensign the approval of God, Is waving a sign to the world; She's rose in her day, the set time, To favor the great Church of God.

Oh, come to the beautiful fold, The begotten whom Jesus has chose; The great speckled bird with her wings, Will spread when the glory bells ring.

He'll present her someday from this world, She'll be mounted with banners of love; The last farewell then will be heard, From the beautiful great Church of God.'

Message preached by National Overseer, Philip Bennett at the  $63^{\rm rd}$  National Convention  $\square$ 



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#### From the Overseer's Desk

We thank God for a good National Convention in July and for the Spirit of God being with us. It was amazing how all the messages were in agreement with one another as prophesied by Isaiah: "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion." (Isaiah 52:8)

Change is never easy to accept, but please pray for all the new appointees and encourage them in their new positions.

I was privileged to travel to the USA towards the end of July to attend International Youth Camp (IYC) and the General Assembly. God spoke expressly to His Church and confirmed His Word in many instances with messages in tongues and interpretations. As we embark on another year of service for the Lord, let us remember to:

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Sometimes, we allow ourselves to become discouraged by the apparent lack of success as did the early Disciples. They had gone fishing and despite all their efforts had caught nothing. They were standing idly by the empty boats and were reluctant to go out again when encouraged by Jesus to do so: "Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink." (St. Luke 5:4-7)

Let us continue to do what the Lord has commanded us to do in St. Matthew 28:19:

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost..." and leave the rest to God.

#### **Upcoming Event:**

National Ministers' Convention - Saturday 3rd November 2018



#### **ABM BOOST**

**Cynthia Opoku - National Assembly Band Movement Co-ordinator** 

The new general Assembly Band Movement theme for the assembly year 2018-2019 is:

#### 'Till we all come'

(Ephesians 4:13)



Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus.

The Lord has allowed us another Assembly year and the General theme for the Assembly Band Movement is 'TILL WE ALL COME' from Ephesians 4:13.

There are measures and standards of Christ that we all have to reach, to be in unity of the faith and more knowledgeable of Christ and His Word. This will enable us to become perfect, as we are all striving for perfection.

Before we attain this measure, we need to be admonished through the medium of preaching and teaching of God's Word. The Bible says in Romans 10:17:

"...faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

Let us all get together and do this by helping the feeble ones and encouraging the discouraged. Let us also pray for one another as the Word of God tells us.

May God give us the grace. Also:

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

(Hebrews 10:25)

Keep it up with the band meetings in Jesus' name, AMEN.



#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOST**

Jennifer Thompson - National Sunday School Co-ordinator

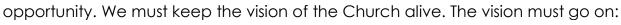
The continuing general Sunday School theme for the assembly year 2018-2019 is:

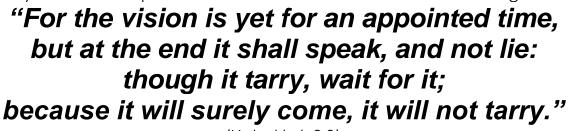
'Embrace the Vision'

Saints in Christ, greetings in the mighty name of Jesus.

For the third consecutive year, the General Sunday School theme remains the same - 'Embrace the Vision'. I believe the Holy Ghost is not finished with the theme.

Let us pray sincerely and ask God for the vision needed to see the doors of





(Habakkuk 2:3)

The vision may tarry, but through prayers it will come.

Respectfully submitted by Sister Jennifer Thompson.







#### **WMB BOOST**

#### Beverley Anderson - National Women's Missionary Band Co-ordinator

The new general Women's Missionary Band theme for the assembly year 2018-2019 is:

#### 'The Lifeboat'

(St. John 3:15)

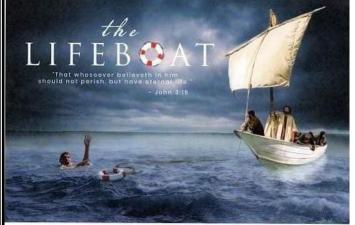
'The Lifeboat' is a fitting theme for the times we are in. Sister Griffin, our General Women's Missionary Band Co-ordinator states from St. John 3:15 that:

### 'whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal

life.'

Our work therefore is to make all know that they do not have to perish.

When I think of a lifeboat, the thought of saving lives comes to mind. Let us do all that we can to sound the alarm to those who are sinking in sin. Let us tell them that there is a Saviour who loves and care for them. Let them know that there is a lifeboat. They do not have to drown in sin. Let us call out to the lost and let them know that there is a way out, no matter how deep in sin they may be.



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The song 'The Life-Boat' declares:
'We're floating down the stream of time, we have not long to stay;
The stormy clouds of darkness, will turn to brightest day.
Then let us all take courage, for we're not left alone:
The lift-boat soon is coming to gather the Jewels home.'

Let us take courage and go out in the deep, no matter how dark it may seem. Let us with God's assistance help to rescue those sinking in sin.

The song says 'we're not left alone'. Christ is with us and we have nothing to fear as we go to the lost. Remember Christ said He will never leave or forsake us.

Let us strive to win the lost for that last gathering into the Lifeboat.

I pray that God will open up this theme to us, as we work another year in His field.

## **England's 64th National Convention**

## Theme: *"...upon this rock | will build my church..."*(St. Matthew 16:18)

On 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018, The Church of God in England gathered for National Convention at Long Lane in Halesowen. Bishop Philip Bennett, National Overseer welcomed brethren and visitors and officially opened the Convention.

On Friday evening, there were two inspirational messages. One was preached by Sister Cynthia Opoku and entitled **Theocracy**, **God's government for God's people'**. Sister Cynthia's message reminded us that God has ultimate rule and governance of Hs Church and not men.

Brother James Mwila closed the evening with the Evangelism programme. Hs message was, **'Do you know Jesus Christ, or do you know of Jesus Christ?'** Through this pertinent question, Brother James encouraged us to know God for ourselves and let Hm be our centre of rotation.

On Saturday, we looked forward to a day full of messages, boosts and Auxiliary reports. God spoke to us throughout the day. Brother Stuart Brown, National CPMA/BII Co-ordinator, exhorted us not to be covetous by having a strong desire for things that are not of God.

During the Assembly Band Movement programme, the National Co-ordinator – Sister Wilhelmina Brown reminded us of the early Church who had 'All Things Common' (Acts 4:31–37). Sister Brown also mentioned the consequences for those brethren who did not have 'all things common', namely Ananias and Sapphira. God dealt with them immediately and Hs House was purged. What a wonderful privilege it was to hear and see God move in the congregation. The Spirit of God manifested Hmself in a mighty way. When lunchtime, came several brethren felt the need to remain at the altar to worship. God's spiritual food filled us so that the urgency for physical food was not apparent at that time.

Pastor Beverley Anderson, National Women's Missionary Band Co-ordinator, encouraged us to hold on because the signs of the times are indicating that Jesus will make His appearance soon. Brother Rikki Prince delivered a powerful message that called for reflection and self-examination – *Where there is no vision, the people perish...'* (Proverbs 29: 18). He primarily focused on 'No Vision' and 'Perish'.

Brother Rikki said when we lose our physical vision, there are tell-tale signs such as haziness, blurred and double vision. James 1:8: 'A double minded man is unstable in all his ways'. Other symptoms include itchy (2 Timothy 4: 3-4) or burning eyes. Those suffering from these symptoms will also start to walk hesitantly, and then have a preference for alternative light.

Brother Rikki went on to state that when someone cannot see properly, they will squint or tilt their head, adjusting to see from the eye with good vision. This puts a strain on that good eye and eventually, it will suffer too. He related this to the Church membership or leadership. If one member is not functioning correctly the work will be hindered. Finding new light is also an issue. Brother Rikki asked 'What is the source of that new light?' He said the Holy Ghost should be our Light and Inspiration (St. John 16:13). We should not have our own private interpretation of the Scriptures (2 Peter 1:20). Brother Rikki went on to state that God is not the Author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33), and if our Pastors are not seeking the Lord for divine inspiration, the people will be scattered, (Jeremiah 10:21). We need shepherds that will feed the sheep so we are not lacking (Jeremiah 23:4).

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth" (2 Peter 1:12). In closing, he encouraged us to 'Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine...' (Romans 16:17).

There was a presentation called 'Signs of the times' by Brother Joshua and Sister Bria Anderson.

They highlighted current issues relating to extreme weather conditions, the escalation and exposure of the LGBT community, the genocide of Christians in Nigeria, knife crime resulting in the murders of many youth in the UK and the anti-Christ spirit causing religious groups like SPAC Nation to emerge, proclaiming Christianity.

The evening session continued with the healing message \*Wilt thou be made whole?\* (St. John 5:6), by Brother George Wilson. He said Jesus is still asking the question, but, are we ready to be made whole? Many were blessed as they walked through the healing line which was directed by Brother Justin Clarke.

The night concluded with the VLB programme, conducted by Sister Claudine Brown, National VLB Co-ordinator. The VLBs marched to the VLB fight song 'RAH RAH RAH. We had a wonderful praise and worship time as we sang battle songs 'I went to enemy's camp', 'Cast your burdens on Jesus' and 'Don't wait 'til you get to Heaven, praise now' unto the Lord. We were then blessed with the message 'The Bride's Outfit' by Sister Claudine. She declared the Bride is not the Bride purely because of her name because there are many church of God's of ... everywhere. She is the Bride because of her nature and this comes from taking the whole Bible rightly divided.

Also, there is only one Bride and her outfit has already been chosen for her, but she must make herself ready – (Revelation 19:7-8). In closing, Sister Claudine encouraged the congregation to have the nature of the Bride, to step into the dressing room and put on the fine white linen of the wedding robe.

The final day of the Convention began with the Sunday School and Children's Church Programme. Each local church marched together as we sang the 'Sunday School march forward' and 'I'm in the Lord's army'. The children then presented what they learnt during Convention. There were songs, poems, scripture readings and interpretations all around the theme, "...upon this rock! will build my church.", (St. Matthew 16:18).

Sister Jennifer Thompson encouraged us with the Scripture, Proverbs 22:28 'Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.' She mentioned sometimes we have something for a long time and because it is old we do not realise the value of it. The definition of a landmark was given. Deuteronomy 27:17: 'Oursed be he that removes his neighbour's landmark...'
This is a very serious matter. For anyone to remove God's markers that He has set in the Church is a form of theft.

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The Twenty-nine Prominent Teachings and Advice to Members are God's landmarks for the Church. If we deviate from or alter them in anyway because we think they are ancient, we have no right, as they belong to God.

God's landmarks have been removed from schools, homes and governments worldwide. This has caused chaos in the world, with no boundaries. Sister Jennifer said that we have freedom within the landmarks and there is no need to remove them

Bishop Bennett delivered his annual address and preached on the theme, "Upon this rock I will build my church..." (St. Matthew 16:18). Brother Bennett said that many of our members do not have a divine revelation of the Church – St. John 6:53–54,60. The Jews found it hard to accept Jesus's sayings and turned away because they did not have the vision. Jesus asked the remaining disciples "...."Will ye also go avey?" But Peter who had a divine revelation replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? ..." Brother Bennett went on to state when we have a divine revelation of the Church of God we cannot keep quiet about it. If we hold our peace the rocks and the stones will cry out. St. Matthew 16:13–18, some people had different opinions of who Jesus was but when we have a divine revelation we are blessed, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against us. The Church of God is different from the kingdom of God. The Church is visible whereas the Kingdom is invisible – St. Luke 17:20. God will join who He will to Hs kingdom Isaiah 62:5. There can be sin in the Church as the apostle Paul wrote of "ungody men that creep into the church unaweres", but it not possible to creep into the kingdom unaweres. Bishop Bennett said every member of The Church of God needs to be filled with the Holy Ghost so that we can have the spirit of discernment. The Church is the Church because she fulfills all the prophecies. In closing, Bishop Bennett declared 'all of God's sheep will be gathered into one Fold. If we have not got a divine revelation of the Church, then ask of God'

We thank God for Hs presence throughout our 64<sup>th</sup> National Convention and pray that He will continue to guide us through another year.

Sister Beverley Wilson - National Reporter

## **Changes at London Church**



On 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Bishop Philip Bennett accompanied by Sister Victoria Bennett and Sister Elouise Whitter visited London Church. This was for the installation of Brother George Wilson and the membership transfers of Pastor Angela Clarke, Brother Patrick Clarke, Brother Justin Clarke and Sister Rhiannon Harris to Druids Heath Church.

The transfer was to facilitate the appointment of Pastor Angela Clarke from London Church to Druids Heath Church. It was an emotional, yet divinely blessed service as we said goodbye to the Clarke family and Sister Rhiannon and welcomed Brother George Wilson as the newly appointed Pastor of London Church. We pray that God will continue to lead, direct and increase His Church as both Pastors embark upon their new roles.

After the service we enjoyed a farewell and God blessed meal at a local restaurant.

Sister Beverley Wilson Reporter London Church





## **District Meeting**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Pastor Beverley Anderson and The Church of God in Handsworth hosted the third District Meeting in England for 2018. The presence of the Lord could be felt from the outset. The Scriptures, 1 Peter 4:7 and 1 Peter 5:8 reminded us "...the end of all things is at hand..." and encouraged us to "Be sober, be vigilant..."

Pastor Anderson stated, 'if we feel like we are having an easy time where God is concerned, then something is wrong, because the enemy is furious and seeking whom he may devour.'

As we sang uplifting songs, 'Lord don't let me fail', 'I'm going on right on' and 'All the way my Saviour leads me,' we were reassured that God will guide us if we remain in His will.

Bishop Philip Bennett, our National Overseer admonished the brethren to have a made-up mind to serve the Lord so we can to make it to Heaven. Sister Wilhelmina Brown (Long Lane Church), raised the chorus 'Though the battle maybe hard' and thanked God as she has a testimony, no matter how hard it gets. Sister Beverley Wilson (London Church) gave thanks for the blessings she received whilst attending the General Assembly with her family.

The evening's messenger was Brother Joshua Anderson (Handsworth Church). The title was 'Encouragement for Evangelism' from St. Matthew 28:17-20 about Jesus' Great Commission to 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...' Brother Joshua asked the congregation: 'Is it counted as a fault for failing to spread the Word? Is it a sin?' In Ezekiel 3: 12-20, God gave a warning to His people of the sin of failing to warn the wicked of their evil doings. Brother Joshua said, 'God is the same. He has not changed so therefore the admonishment given to His people in the Old Testament is still valid today. Many souls are dying but the enemy will have it so that we are distracted by life, so we are not concerned about souls. All we have to do is go, 'whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear' Ezekiel 3:8-11. Fear can hinder us, but the Holy Ghost will take control of all situations. The verse in Ezekiel releases us of the pressure, not so we can be lazy, but so we know God is in control. St. Luke 12:4-12 tells us to fear only God, and the Holy Ghost will teach us. What a blessed assurance. The Bible tells us in Titus 3:9 to "...avoid foolish questions, and genealogies." We should not contend with those that argue and debate, just give them the Word and let God do the rest (St. Luke 14:26-28).

Brother Joshua declared we must be careful not to spread false gospel - telling people their lives will be easier with salvation. Job did no wrong, yet was tested for a season with trial after trial. In closing, Brother Joshua said: 'evangelising is based upon our personal relationship with God. When the love of Jesus is in us, we can only love and the burden for souls will be there. Souls are our goal.'

We had an encouraging, empowering and enlightening District Meeting with the brethren at Handsworth Church. I thank God for the fellowship that continued after the benediction - no one wanted to go home. Pastor Anderson had to usher the brethren out with a prayer request for Handsworth Church to have a building of their own.

Sister Beverley Wilson - National Reporter

## What's happening in London Church?

During the month of June, our church joined together to have our second Dorcas Club meeting. We made Sunday School sashes for National Convention. We enjoyed our time together sewing, fellowshipping and being spoilt with all the food Sister Rhiannon made for us. ©



In July, the Wilson family had the pleasure of hosting Sister Kelita Andino Rosales, daughter of Pastor Rosales of The Church of God, Madrid. Sister Kelita was on vacation from Honduras and stayed with them for the weekend. Sister Kelita had always wanted to visit London and see the main sights so we took her to the city. A few of the sites that we saw were: Buckingham palace, Trafalgar Square and the London Eye. Here are a few pictures of our trip to the city and our VLB service on Sunday.





Our Church also had our first VLB trip to Thorpe Park in Surrey. We all enjoyed our day going on the rides and fellowshipping together.



Sister Rebekah Wilson - Reporter London Church

# What's happening in Long Lane Church?

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 saw the Church at Long Lane hold their first Church sale. There was a sale of clothes, bags, shoes, books, as well as cakes and food. Fun was had all around, as well as an opportunity to meet the local community. In total over £250 was raised.

Also this quarter, we had two lovely Bible studies. The first was on King Solomon and delivered by Sister Claudine Brown. The second was on the character Abigail, and delivered by Sister Cynthia Opoku. During both sessions, we were able to delve deep into the characters. The Scripture text read for King Solomon was 1 Kings chapters 1 to 11. We looked at the life of King Solomon from beginning to end and saw how he started off great, but fell in the end.

The Scripture text read for Abigail was 1 Samuel 25 and also Proverbs 15:1-7. We not only looked at Abigail but also her first husband, Nabal. It was a wonderful account and very encouraging - showing how Abigail was full of wisdom.

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