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That they All May be One

Philip C. Bennett

Our Convention theme today is: *"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul."* (Acts 4:32) In other words, they were united.

Jesus, whilst He was here on earth prayed for the unity of all believers:

²⁰ "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; ²¹That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." (St. John 17:20-21)

The world is uniting together and the harlot church is coming together. Just this week we saw King Charles, the head of the Anglican church praying with the Pope, the head of the Roman Catholic church. This has not been done since before the reformation, over 500 years ago. But prophecy has to be fulfilled. In the end, there will only be two brides: the harlot church and The Church of God.

With all that is going on in the world, Jesus has and knows His true sheep: *¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. ¹⁶And 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 10:14,16)

Before Jesus ascended back to heaven, He told the then Church to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. Jesus did not just want the Church and its message to stay in Jerusalem. He wanted them to take the message everywhere, but they needed divine help: *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* (Acts 1:8)

For ten days after His ascension, the disciples gathered and prayed but we do not hear of anything happening.

Does that mean that these prayers were pointless and a waste of time? No! Every prayer was having an impact; a bit like the weakening of a very strong wall. For some time, we can strike the wall and not see anything happening visually, but the wall is weakening with every blow. Every prayer they prayed was breaking down the wall of partition and division among them: ¹ *"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."* (Acts 2:1-4)

The trepidation they had after the crucifixion of Christ was now a thing of the past. No longer would they be found hiding behind closed doors: ⁶ *"Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? ⁸And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? ⁹Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. ¹²And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?"*

¹³*Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine."* (Acts 2:6-13)

Peter now full of the Holy Ghost preached with boldness, declaring that this was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy: ³⁷ *"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? ³⁸Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ³⁹For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."* (Acts 2:37-39)

The Holy Ghost is still available today for all who will hunger and seek after Him in sincerity. If He was needed in the early Church, then He is still needed today: ⁴¹ *"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. ⁴²And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles."* (Acts 2:41-43)

The Holy Ghost is more than just speaking in an unknown tongue. He is a Teacher, a Guide, a Discerner, our power for service and so much more. We need to stop limiting the Holy Ghost. We need to see signs and wonders among us as the early Church saw.

I heard a testimony of an Italian lady who attended one of our services a few years ago. This lady could not speak or understand English and there was no interpreter, so she got nothing out of the service.

Then something remarkable happened. A member of the congregation (who did not speak Italian) started to speak Italian in the same dialect as this lady. In amazement, she started to shout “gloria, gloria” as she was able to hear the Word of God in her own language.

The early Church did not just talk about unity, they lived it and God blessed them: ⁴⁶“*And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, ⁴⁷Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*” (Acts 2:46-47)

Christ and the Church was everything to them. Today, some people want to compartmentalize their lives, and they will say “this area is my private life.” It is as if they want to wear different hats. When it comes to Christ and the Church, they have to check their diary to see where they can find time to fit them in. The early Church had such power with God because He was their All in all. They were totally sold out to God. The lives of the early Church members were like an open book. There was nothing to hide. We used to sing a song in the choir:

*“I’m sold out to the Lord.
I’m sold out to the Lord.
Nothing on earth really matters to me,
For I am sold out to the Lord.”*

Today, if we are going to be effective in God’s service, we too must be sold out to Him.

Brethren, let us have love one to another. Jesus said: ³⁴“*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ³⁵By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*” (St. John 13:34-35)

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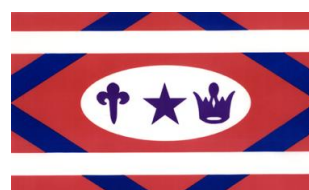
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From the Overseer's Desk

Our National Auxiliary Co-ordinators did a great job in outlining the themes of their departments for the year ahead during the National Ministers' Convention in October. The preaching of the Word was anointed, as God ministered to His people.

Let us continue to pray for these leaders as they seek the will and anointing of God for their departments; for without Him we can do nothing.

I pray that you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with your families, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The prophet Isaiah prophesied of His glorious coming hundreds of years before His incarnation, when he wrote: ⁶*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."* (Isaiah 9:6-7)

With the dawn of the New Year, I pray that God's richest blessings will be with you and your family as you continue to put your trust in Him:

⁵"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Upcoming Events:

National Family Camp	Monday 16 th to Thursday 19 th February 2026
National WMB Prayer & Fasting	Saturday 21 st March 2026
National Youth Convention	Saturday 4 th April 2026
Vacation Bible School	Thursday 28 th to Friday 29 th May 2026
National Ladies Retreat	Friday 19 th to Sunday 21 st June 2026



SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOST

Jennifer Thompson - National Sunday School Co-ordinator

The new general Sunday School theme for the assembly year 2025-2026 is:

'He Sent His Word'

(Psalm 107:20)

Greetings from the Sunday School department in the precious name of Jesus.

There are many accounts in the Bible where Jesus sent His Word and healed and delivered from destruction. Brother Justin Clarke said in one of his messages: *"God has created an opportunity for the unsaved to be saved"*. This is through believing in Jesus Christ and repentance. Frank M. Graham penned the lyrics to this hymn – **The Old Account was Settled:**

There was a time on earth, when in the book of heaven, an old account was standing, for sins yet unforgiven. My name was at the top and many things below, I went unto the Keeper and settled it long ago.

St. Matthew 8.1 -4: **'When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.**

²And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. ³And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.'

So when Jesus came down from the mountain, the multitudes followed Him because they wanted to hear more of His teachings. His teaching was different from the Scribes. Jesus taught with power and authority. The leper must have heard about Jesus' teachings and healing power.

A leper was a person afflicted with leprosy and considered unclean and contagious. This disease was incurable. Lepers were banished from society and lived in isolation.

The leper came to Jesus in humble submission, saying, **"...Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."** He did not demand that Jesus should cleanse him but knew that the Lord could make him whole. Jesus said: **"...I will; be thou clean..."** Whether written or spoken, the Word of God is so powerful that it can heal, deliver and restore lives. Praise the Lord! The leper was immediately cured of his leprosy. Whatever the situation, all we need to do is to ask Jesus because He is still the same today. God bless you all.



WMB BOOST

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

The new general Women's Missionary Band theme for the assembly year 2025-2026 is:
'212° Unleash the Power!'



Unleash - RELEASE, LET LOOSE. It is time to release and let loose our love and compassion to a dying world.

St. Mark 6:34: *"And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things."*

How many times have we seen this as we walk our streets - people as sheep without a shepherd? We feel helpless because it seems so great a work to combat. We ask - "where do I start?" Jesus was moved with compassion for the people.

The disciples said in St Mark 6:36-39: ***“Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat. 37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? 38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. 39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.”***

Jesus unleashed the compassion He felt for the lost in two ways: He **taught** and He **fed** the people. It was in simple ways and with the Spirit of God that He was able to teach and feed the people. What we do can also be simple and with the Spirit of God we too can do the same. Listen to what Jesus said to His disciples when they felt inadequate: ***“And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.”***

(St. Matthew 17:20)

Some of us sisters from the Women’s Missionary Band have started to unleash our compassion to those in our community. We do this through a community hub and are reaching out to the poor and vulnerable. We are trusting God that we will be able to touch these lives as Jesus taught in action whilst He was on earth.



Please pray and give to this outreach and let us see what God can do.

God bless.



THE CHURCH OF GOD (ENGLAND) 70TH NATIONAL CONVENTION 2025

**THEME: ‘...FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB IS COME,
AND HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY.’ (REVELATION 19:7)**

During the weekend of 4th to 6th July 2025, the members, family and friends of The Church of God gathered at Long Lane, Halesowen. This was for three days of worship, fellowship and business.

The Convention commenced with congregational singing and prayer, followed by a welcome from Bishop Philip Bennett, National Overseer.

The first message was delivered by Pastor George Wilson, who challenged the congregation with words of Zechariah 13:19, reminding all of God’s refining power.

The evening concluded with a thought-provoking Evangelism programme led by Brother Justin Clarke – National Co-ordinator, enquiring whether we are spiritual watchmen or a watching man.



The second day was packed with worshipful singing and encouraging messages.

Deacon Stuart Brown expressed the significance of using our time wisely in his sermon on the two malefactors in St. Luke 23:32-43, in his Church of Prophecy Marker Association programme. This was followed with special singing by Sister Bria Anderson and Sister Rebekah Wilson, who preached on perseverance and faith from 2 Timothy 4:7: ‘I

have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.’ The Women’s Missionary Band programme by Pastor Beverley Anderson closed the morning session. We were encouraged to be ready, for the Bridegroom is coming. We do not know when His return will be.



The afternoon programme continued with prayer and appreciation for our National Overseer in the Assembly Band Movement programme by Sister Claudine Brown, followed by special singing by Sister Keshia Toolsee. Brother Joshua Anderson preached a powerful message on God’s glorious Church, and Pastor Angela Clarke delivered a message from St. Luke 13:12, focusing on Christ’s power to restore and heal.

The evening concluded with the Victory Leaders Band programme by Brother James Mwila, who rallied the youth as they marched to

‘Come Under the Banner of Love.’

The final day celebrated the significance of Sunday School led by Sister Jennifer Thompson, which included a play by the Children’s Church.

The highlight of the day was the Annual Address by Bishop Philip Bennett, who encouraged the members to continue in faithfulness for Christ and His Church.

**Sister Beverley Wilson
National Reporter**



National Ministers' Convention

The Church of God (England)

Saturday 25th October 2025

Our National Ministers' Convention for the Assembly year 2025-26 was held at The Church of God, Long Lane, Halesowen, B62 9LL. The Convention theme, '**And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul**' (Acts 4:32) allowed us to recall the fellowship and indwelling of the Holy Ghost, prompting the Church to advance in power, love and unity. Here are some quotations from the day:

General ABM theme: Shoulder to Shoulder – Striving Together (Philippians 1:27)

'The advice to members tells us to show love and fellowship to everyone without partiality. Don't wait for others to greet you, but you greet them... How can we be shoulder to shoulder if we are picking shoulders, if we want to stay at home? ...God will have a perfect Church and perfect individuals; all who are not falling in line with his unity will be discarded like Ananias and Sapphira'.

Sister Claudine Brown, National ABM Co-ordinator.

General Sunday School theme: He Sent His Word (Psalm 107:20)

'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me. This saying is not true. Words are powerful, so much more are the words of God...Jesus healed by His word. His words compelled multitudes to follow Him. Whether spoken or written, the Word of God is powerful.'

Sister Jennifer Thompson, National Sunday School and Children's Church Co-ordinator.

National Address – 'That they all may be one'

'The world needs to see the unity (in the Church) so that they can believe in Jesus. The disciples came together and were praying for ten days. Each prayer was breaking down walls, making an impact, breaking down the 'who I am'. Prayer removed all obstacles and it didn't take long for the Spirit to fall.'

Bishop Philip Bennett, National Overseer.

General CPMA theme: The Spirit and the Bride say, Come (Revelation 22:17)/

General BTI theme: Launch out into the Deep (St. Luke 5:4)

'It is not our hobbies and interests that will unite us perfectly. It's not a particular dress code that will unite us perfectly. It's not a certain personality that will unite us perfectly. However, if we all seek the Holy Ghost, in spirit and in truth, and if He is operating in us, we will be perfectly united.'

Deacon Stuart Brown, National CPMA & BTI Co-ordinator.

General WMB theme: 212^o Unleash the Power!

'We must unleash the power... we are called to witness, teach and preach wherever we go, and with the power of Jesus Christ...we cannot worry about results. What we must worry about is not going.'

Pastor Beverley Anderson, National WMB Co-ordinator.

General Evangelism theme: Evangelism Fire

'Peter, standing with the eleven, immediately started to preach a Holy Ghost-anointed message, with the evangelism fire. The Church was united...God wants us to be standing united with a common purpose. The gates of hell will never prevail against that.'

Brother Justin Clarke, National Evangelism Co-ordinator.

Message: And all that believed were together, and had all things common; – (Acts 2:44)

'As time has gone on, the world has become more and more divisive. Time should not have the same effect on the Church. We should not change with the world; as the world becomes more divided, we should be going in the opposite direction. We should be more unified. Our homes should be more open, our wallets freer. If we feel that division exists within the Church, let us know that it is an issue of the flesh. It is not because of the Body of Christ. Differences, tensions, and conflicts can arise within the Church but in God's timely manner, His Holy Spirit will dismantle them...God's way is the only way.'

Brother Joshua Anderson.

The Holy Ghost moved in a mighty way during the Convention. God reassured His people that He would and will have a united Church if we are of one heart and one soul, under our Saviour's leading.

To hear the full messages, visit [YouTube@thechurchofgoduk997](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCthechurchofgoduk997)

Sister Beverley Wilson
National Reporter

What's happening at Druids Heath Church?



Greetings to our *Chronicle* readers in the wonderful name of Jesus. God's presence has been with us in our local services. The Lord helped Brother Justin Clarke to moderate his first Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' Feet service this quarter. Scriptures: St. John 3:16, St. Luke 22:19-20, St. John 13:3-10, St. John 15:12-13, 1 Corinthians 15:26-29. The Lord was with us and blessed our service.

Our wonderful Pastor Angela Clarke and Deacon Patrick Clarke celebrated 35 years of marriage on 10th November 2025.

May God continue to bless their ministries and keep them.



We are enjoying Women's Missionary Band services and are promoting the new General WMB theme for this Assembly year of 212^o Unleash the Power!



Pray for us at Druids Heath, that God would move in our community and bless our outreach.

**Sister Elaine Smart – Reporter
Druids Heath Church**

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