



Past, Present and Future

Dear readers,
As the picture above indicates, this NT newsletter presents events, issues and ideas from the past, present and future.

“The past is valued as a source of *learning, identity, and memory*. The present is the only time in which we can take action, make decisions, and experience life with explicit awareness. The future is valued for its potential, possibilities, and as the domain of goals and planning.” [AI]

Enjoy!

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Message from Pastor

William Haines

At the end of last year, Michael Breen, a British blessed member, gave a talk about the alleged sexual rituals of True Father or as is more often known *The Six Maries*. Stories about such activities have swirled around in the movement for decades. When I joined in 1975 they were called rumours, based on the fact that after the Korean War the many people who came to listen to lectures late into the evening were not able to go home because of the curfew. So, they had to stay overnight in the church centre and rumours emerged that the young men and women who were staying overnight were engaged in sexual activities. I remember hearing that one Christian professor wore half a dozen layers of clothing in case she had to escape before anything happened to her.

Then a book was published by Pak Chung-hwa called *The Six Maries* which alleged that True Father engaged in sexual rituals with women for providential reasons related to the change of blood lineage. This was based on the idea of

pikareum (blood purification) where a woman and her subsequent lineage would be purified if she had a sexual relationship with a messianic figure. This was practiced in some Korean Christian sects. Mr Pak himself wrote a later book denying that what he had written was true. Breen also interviewed Pak many times and it was clear that what he had originally written was based on supposition for which he had no evidence. It was also never something I thought was true and I have never taught this.

And yet what I find curious, as does Breen in his talk, is that “*Unification believers, steeped in their theology, believe this [that Father engaged in sexual rituals].*” He goes on to say “*I think the reason is – with all due respect to UC members – because of the complexity of the Divine Principle and Rev. Moon’s interminable and complicated speeches and way of talking. It has led them to see Cains and Abels, Jacobs, Adams, and Eves everywhere and made them suckers for biblical based*

theories. That is why many of the faithful – including his own children – accept Pak’s story.”

This was repeated in the book by Nan Sook, who was Hyojin’s first wife. And recently I was sent videos of speeches by Sean (Sanctuary) Moon in which he not only accepts that Father engaged in sexual rituals but that ideally he should have had sex with ALL the women in the world, as that was the only way for their womb and lineage to be purified and that we should all be proud of that and tell the world about it.

It was also taught at some lectures I attended some years ago at a European Assembly by a church theologian who again explained that these things happened and there was a providential reason for them to happen. And now there are allegations coming from the True Parents Theology lecturers that Father had a ‘tail’ because he had committed sexual sins such as getting married in 1944.

I think all these notions are false.

Firstly, they are factually false. In the 1980s, Breen interviewed all the early members, nearly all of whom are dead now, about these issues and couldn't find a single piece of evidence to verify them. As a journalist in Korea (for *The Washington Times* and *The Guardian*), he wasn't prepared to accept rumours but wanted to find primary sources – people who had participated in or observed such things. This was also the conclusion of the British religious scholar George Chryssides, who went to Korea to investigate these things and published them in his 1992 book *The Advent of Sun Myung Moon: The Origins, Beliefs and Practices of the Unification Church*.

So why is it that so many members believe such things? I think it is because of misunderstanding the Principle and the Bible stories connected to the lineage of Jesus. It is not unusual in our community for people to think that restoration is the same as repetition - that when something happens that has happened before it is restoration – the same act being committed with a 'pure motivation'. So that the relationships Father is supposed to have had with

other women were 'providential' and that one should not judge them from a 'humanistic' or secular point of view but see them from 'God's point of view'.

And yet restoration is not repetition. Restoration occurs when you find yourself in a similar position to Adam, Eve, the archangel, Cain or Abel, or one of your ancestors. And you face the temptation to make the same mistake that they did, which would continue the pattern of fallen history. But you choose not to do so and, instead of acting out of your fallen nature, you act according to your original nature and follow your conscience. And thus you break the cycle of abuse and pattern of fallen history.

And as Father said over and over again, we have to follow our conscience, as it is higher than a parent, a teacher, a king or even God. Shocking. But who established this idea of standing against God? It was Abraham - when he argued with God about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah because his conscience told him that it was wrong even if God wanted it "*Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?*" *Gen 18:25*. And in the

Principle, *If the function of the conscience were absent in fallen people, God's providence of restoration would be impossible EDP 36*

So, I think people who believe that True Father 'misused his sexual organ' and had sex with women to whom he was not married are seriously mistaken. There is no evidence for this, as attested by both a British scholar and a journalist, for whom their reputation for telling the truth is more precious than anything.

Secondly, I think that people who believe that True Father made a mistake or committed a sin by getting married to his first two wives are also mistaken. True Father always followed his conscience. Won Pil Kim and the other very early members testified that True Father had a Christian wedding to his first wife which was blessed by God and, as Father himself said, was God's will. Thirdly, I think that people who believe that True Father engaged in sexual rituals for providential reasons are mistaken because restoration is not repetition but is achieved by following one's conscience, which should be formed by the Word of God.

Breen's complete talk is on NT chat Jan 16th or email William

Understanding the Internet and Artificial Intelligence

A gentle guide for
everyday users

Gianni Raineri

Many readers will remember a time when communication was slower and more deliberate. Letters arrived by post, news came through newspapers or the evening television, and photographs were printed and placed into albums. Today, much of daily life happens through the internet, whether by sending email, watching videos on YouTube, or keeping in touch with friends and family on Facebook. To understand artificial intelligence, it helps first to understand how the internet itself has changed over time.



In its earliest form, the internet functioned like a large electronic noticeboard. People could read information, but interaction was limited. Over time, the internet became more social and participatory. Ordinary people could write posts, share photographs, comment on stories, and upload videos. This stage of the internet made communication easier and helped families, churches, and communities stay connected across long distances. Most readers today are familiar with this form of the internet, because it is the one used for email, social media, and video platforms.

Artificial intelligence developed within this modern interactive

internet. It refers to computer systems designed to perform tasks that normally require human

intelligence, such as recognising patterns, responding to questions, or organising information. Artificial intelligence does not think, believe, or understand, in the way people do. It works by analysing large amounts of data and calculating likely responses based on patterns it has seen before. In this sense, it is best understood as a tool rather than a mind.

For the faithful, this distinction is important. People are created with conscience, moral responsibility, and spiritual awareness. Artificial intelligence has none of these qualities. It cannot pray, love, repent, or exercise wisdom. It simply follows mathematical processes

designed by humans. When used carefully, it can assist with everyday tasks, communication, and learning. When trusted too deeply, it can give the false impression of authority or insight that it does not possess.

Understanding both the internet and artificial intelligence helps the

faithful approach technology without fear but also without blind trust. These tools can serve community and communication, but they must always remain servants rather than guides. Discernment remains essential, just as it always has been when engaging with

newspapers, television, or radio.

Further reading and references:

Wikipedia overview of the modern interactive internet:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_2.0

GCU article on faith and artificial intelligence: www.gcu.edu/blog/theology-ministry-ai-and-Christianity

A city in Portugal

Peter Schroder

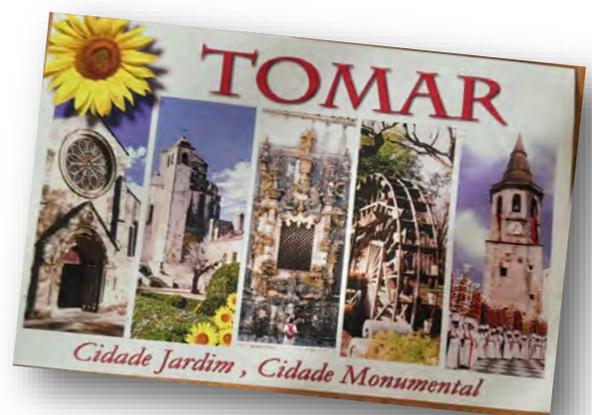
Tomar. It's a small city in Portugal, two hours north of Lisbon. The crusades made the town famous. It has a castle on the hill and, nowadays, many coffee shops. Why are we here? Why mention it?



A stroke of luck brought two groups of people together: two sisters (group 1) and a young family of five (group 2). At first, neither group realised that they lived so close together.

Just before Christmas, Benvinda and her sister Manuela (group 1) invited the family (group 2) for afternoon tea. Both sisters had moved back to their original homeland, Portugal, not so long ago; Benvinda from UK, Manuela from USA. Both moved in together and they own a flat. In Tomar. Benvinda says she is still asking herself why Tomar?

Well before the arrival of Benvinda, the young family lived in the same city for about two years, originally coming from Japan. But they had to move by the end of last year. Once they met, Benvinda and her sister were able to offer them some land belonging to their ancestors, close to the Spanish border, a beautiful spot. My son Michael and his family of five, group 2, are now living there. And both groups live happily connected ever after. It sounds like a fairy tale. But it isn't. That's the beauty of it.





7-day workshop, Livingstone House, January 2026

MunHee Lee

Since this was my first time organizing a seven-day workshop after coming to the UK, I began it with a great sense of nervousness. However, the workshop turned out to be truly remarkable. Through Dr. David Hanna's professional lectures on the Principle, I was able to build a much stronger foundation for understanding it. In addition, by participating in enjoyable activities such as sports activities, volunteer work, and Family Night, we were able to spend the week joyfully in a warm, family-like atmosphere.

The testimonies were also very impressive. Listening to the vivid testimonies of first- and second-generation members allowed us to glimpse the earnestness of their lives and understand how they came to decide to be part of this community. This became a meaningful opportunity, especially for newly attending guests. Above all, the members treated the guests with warmth and hospitality, which I believe brought them great joy and deep emotion.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude, not only to the lecturers who gave the talks, but also to everyone who worked hard behind the scenes, including the kitchen staff and activity staff.

Correction for NT News 25: In an article about Nasko and Noémi Todorov, page 12, a reference to a “best friend” who died was actually her sister-in-law. Apologies. P.S.

Interview with Bruno Klotz

Peter Schroder

We are standing here in front of the South Korean Embassy building. Bruno Klotz, our German national messiah to the UK, is demonstrating for the release of True Mother from detention in South Korea.

NTN*: Bruno, nice to meet you. Where are we exactly in London [here](#)?

Bruno: 5 minutes from Victoria Station.

NTN: Do you come here often?

Bruno: Twice a week. The plan is to come every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00pm to 1:40pm.

NTN: Why exactly at that time of the day?

Bruno: It's lunch time. The Korean Embassy staff go out and in for their lunch break.



Bruno with Kaoru Chen from South London, who came to support him, on Thursday 8th January 2026

NTN: Did you meet on such occasions some people from the embassy?

Bruno: Yes. Sometimes we had a chat with them. I greet them and they greet back, and we smile at each other.

NTN: A friendly relationship then?

Bruno: Yes.

NTN: Have you met the ambassador of the South Korean Embassy yet?

Bruno: I don't know. I might have met him, but I don't know who he is.

NTN: How would you describe the embassy: is it an old building or a very modern area here?

Bruno: The building is quite modern, and the area is a quite posh.

NTN: Do you speak Korean?

Bruno: A little bit.

Annyeonghasseyo (안녕하세요) - Hello.

NTN: Ah, fantastic. Excellent!

We just spoke about peace today, and you mentioned the word peace in Korean.

Bruno: Yes. Annyeong (안녕) and

Pyeonghwa (평화). There are two words for peace in the Korean language.

NTN: And, your personal slogan while demonstrating?

Bruno: "Release the Mother of Peace!"

NTN: Thank you, Bruno. Much success!

**NTN = North Thames Newsletter correspondent*

1275 Couples Blessing Anniversary, January 12th



*Chris & Chiyo, Robin & Agneta, Graham & Kimie,
with mango and melon bars*

An enjoyable celebration shared with local friends at a super little Korean restaurant in Harrow Weald*. When we told the young Korean waitress that we were all celebrating our 37th wedding anniversary, having been married at the same time in Korea, she was stunned. We had to explain a bit more after that!

C.L.B.

**Banju Restaurant - 07400996063 - recommended!*

A romantic afternoon. First, with Fish 'n' Chips at Chigwell, a place in the outer loop of the Central Line east, then, a leisurely coffee and cake. It was all good. We liked our company. It turned out to be a very memorable day. *P.S.*



Peter & Gillian

1275 Blessing

12/01/1989

A testimony

Peter Schroder

Around the 8th Jan 1989 we arrived in the McCol factory near Seoul. The brothers tried our luck resting and sleeping on stacks of large barley bags before we found our places on the floor of a very large hall.

Paul Werner was the coordinator at the time. He woke us up from our slumber in the morning of our blessing day. Many of us were already matched two years earlier in New York. But I was not yet. When Father started matching a few days before our blessing, I clearly remember Paul Werner standing a few metres away, behind True Father. At some point, Paul

made a gesture that we should smile more in front of True Father. I was heeding his advice. Soon, I stood in front of Father, four metres away. 'Finally, I made it. I am here. Father, you can match me with anybody you'd like,' I told him in the spirit, believing that Father can read my mind. He smiled back - so he must have read something - and he

immediately went into the crowd to look for my ideal partner. And there she was, the unbeknownst lady ... We bowed before True

Father and left the room ... She went back to New York; I went back to Berlin. Those, who think we are quite different are right, but

at the same time, you are also wrong; we are also similar. Is this true, Gillian?

Christmas Card

Françoise Murphy

In 1990, as we were approaching Christmas, True Father was looking for an artist to design his Christmas card. At that time, I was living with my family in New York city at 43rd Street and I was called to help True Father. It



encompassed in a Christmas wreath. I designed and painted the card and True Father liked it and proceeded with the printing. The card was sent to all True Father's contacts. Unfortunately, I lost True Father's original sketch, but I still

was a real privilege to be able to assist True Father in producing his card. I did

not need to think about a motif. True Father already knew what he wanted on the card. He even gave me a basic sketch to follow. He wanted two birds next to each other guarding a nest with an egg representing the world. He also wanted the picture to be

have the painting I did at that time and also some of the printed cards.

*May all the seasons of your life be filled
with Love, Peace and Hope*

REVEREND and MRS. SUN MYUNG MOON

Wording inside the card

original artwork by Francois Murphy
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Credit on the back

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February 22nd National Service location: London Academy of Excellence Tottenham

Upcoming Events

Event: National Service
Date: 22 Feb 2026
Location: London Academy of Excellence Tottenham

This special service will be the perfect way to start the new year together—with uplifting music, heartfelt worship, delicious food, a church bookshop, and a dedicated children's ministry program.

There's something for everyone!

Let's come together as one family to celebrate, connect, and be inspired.

How to get there ...



By public transport: Overground (Weaver Line) from Liverpool Street to White Hart Lane Station (Zone 3). Then a 5-10 min walk to Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. The entrance is through a ramp between the stadium and the event building (Lilywhite House - orange rectangle above stadium on the map).

By car: A huge car park for Sainsbury's is available on the ground floor of the event building. The entrance is from Northumberland Park (see the "P" sign on the map). The car park also provides good toilet facilities near the pedestrian exit towards the stadium. Parking fees may apply. Also check about ULEZ charges.

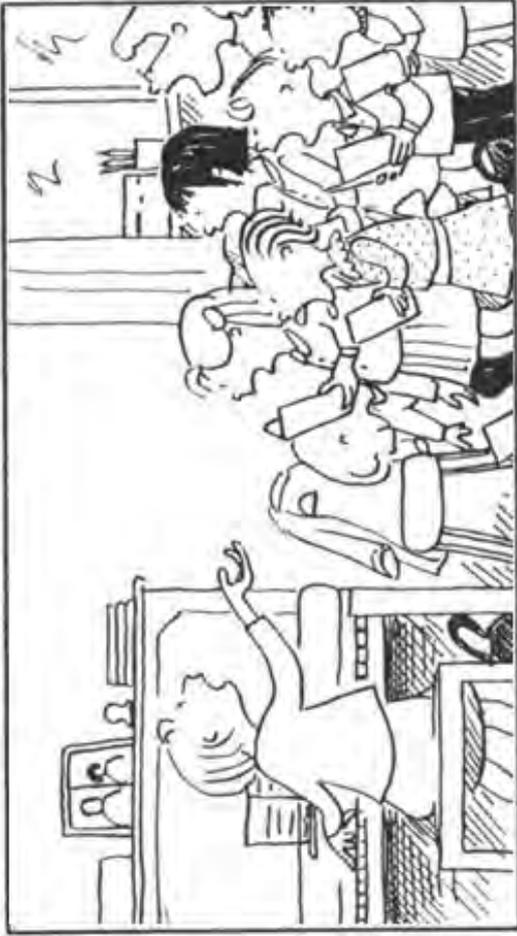
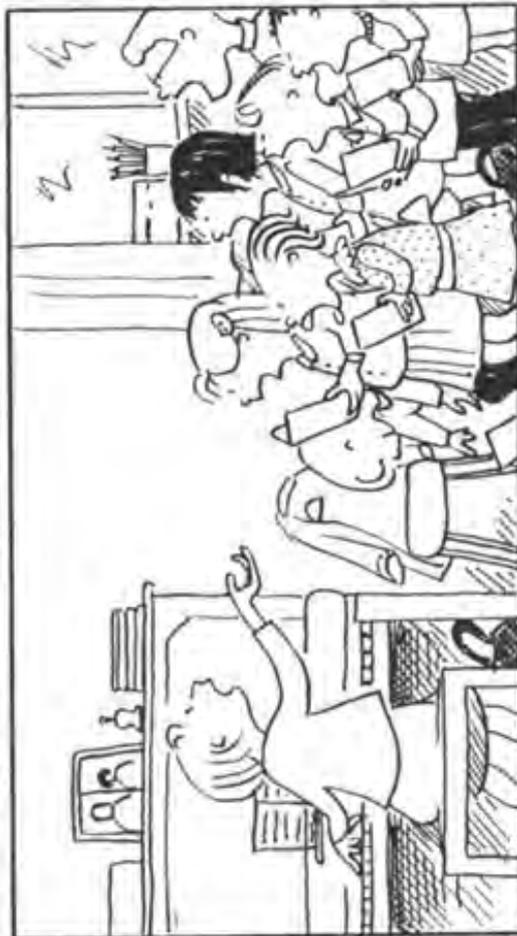


This report is based on a personal visit to the location. The streets have a lot of coffee shops and other shops - a perfect location!

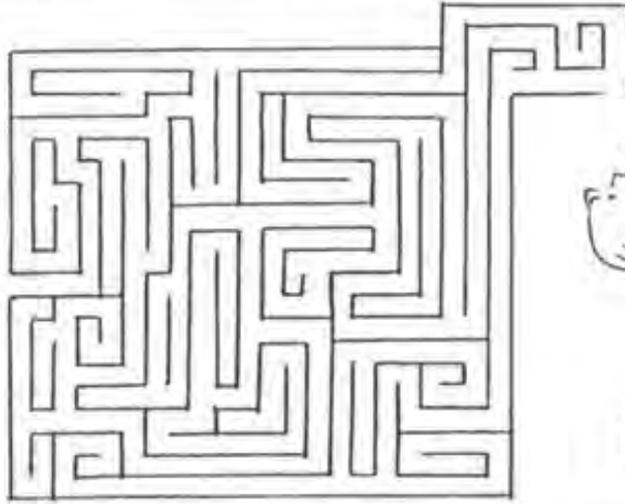
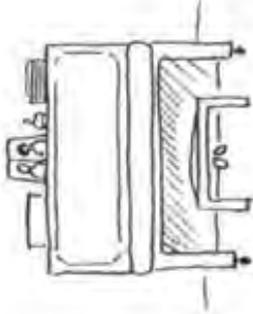
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FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of the Sunday School choir practicing



Help them find the piano

Reflections on the Christmas Carol Service December 21st 2025

Chris Le Bas

When I think back on the recent Christmas service at Hatch End, I think of an event that was a bridge linking our Unificationist ‘club’ with the wider world. I was so happy to see families I had not seen for some time, especially those representing three generations. The celebration of Christmas is something that is recognised by a huge proportion of the world and an even bigger proportion of British society so it is great for us also to participate. I realise it has long been in the background of my thinking and motivation that I am looking for

channels through which the world of True Parents might be received by my family (meaning my brothers, cousins and other relatives). I have sought (unsuccessfully) over many decades to find ways to open conversations and interest – the Little Angels’ visit, positive articles in the press, pictures of summer camp activities or good church publications – but there always seems to be a move to further separate ourselves from social norms: the use of Korean terms, shifting God’s Day away from new year’s day, saying *aju* instead of amen and now trying to defend a broken “true family”. FFWPU easily retreats into being an inward-looking social club, unable to relate with the outside world. I know

that UPF, WFWP and other associations are not like this, which is why they thrive, but the tension with the core church remains a difficulty.

Anyway, back to Christmas – it seems to be the one time we can speak with the same language as the wider society. It is a time when the strange theology behind the nativity story is exposed and discussions about virgin birth, angels and predestination occasionally appear in mainstream newspapers.

With all of this at the back of my mind, I took the opportunity to draw together a few young musicians to form our Christmas wind quintet to play some carols at the service and, beyond that, to play at some other





venues afterwards. Together with Reamonn on his trumpet, Angelica on flute and Victor on bassoon was Clara, a clarinettist associate of mine at the Harrow Symphony Orchestra, who also invited her mother (who was over from France). We enjoyed playing together and they were both deeply touched by the community and spirit of the service. Our further carol performances the next day, at a residential care home and a second care home for disabled adults (where our son Joshua stays sometimes), were a great opportunity to connect with the wider society in Pinner. It was quite a challenge to play at these places where there was only a small degree of

recognition and response from the residents. For instance, at Joshua's respite

centre one disabled resident, who regularly walks around in a rather zombie-like fashion, knocked over a music stand while we were playing and even grabbed the top of Victor's bassoon at one point in the middle of a carol. Victor managed it very well, retrieving his balance quickly and rejoining the music.

Finally, after William's Christmas message reminding us of the serious down-to-earth

purpose of Jesus' life in the midst of the political realities of his time, we had the

great performance of the mythical Santa Claus, giving delight to children and parents, which was ably taken up this year by Ajay Rai. To complete the image (with more of a Principle base) we should really have a Mrs Claus beside him (closer to the Russian tradition of Ded Moroz and Snegurochka – though in their story she is his grand-daughter) – another little bridge that could be built.



North Thames FFWPU Quarterly Report

October-December 2025

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	Quarter totals
Balance brought forward	£126,524.85	£126,350.41	£126,166.52	£126,524.85
<u>INCOME</u>				
Tithes & donations	£3,859.11	£3,408.78	£2,660.37	£9,928.26
Gift Aid refund				£0.00
Calendar sales			£304.77	£304.77
Savings account interest	£58.12	£62.03	£56.25	£176.40
Total income	£3,917.23	£3,470.81	£3,021.39	£10,409.43
<u>OUTGOINGS</u>				
Education project "Be the Change"	£400.00	see note	£400.00	£800.00
Grants for projects		£1,000.00		£1,000.00
HTG missionary team support	see note	£93.00	£140.45	£233.45
HARP project support (Yumi)	£50.00	£80.00		£130.00
T/F to HQ (NT Tithe)	£202.62	£279.06	£0.00	£481.68
Pastor's salary (Oct 2025)	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£4,500.00
Payroll costs T/F to HQ	£182.35	£182.35	£182.35	£547.05
Service Coordinators	£670.00	£50.00	£220.00	£940.00
Bookkeeping	£240.00	£240.00	£240.00	£720.00
Meeting costs	£641.21	£217.59	£143.89	£1,002.69
Hall hire (HAC and Romford)	£147.00		£147.00	£294.00
Travel reimbursements	£28.00		£15.00	£43.00
Admin costs	£30.49	£12.70	£10.45	£53.64
Calendar costs			£365.70	£365.70
Total Outgoings	£4,091.67	£3,654.70	£3,364.84	£11,111.21
Balance carried forward	£126,350.41	£126,166.52	£125,823.07	£125,823.07

Important note: There are some significant payments that were not completed, which means that the final balance should be £6000 lower than shown. At the start of 2025, we agreed to contribute £800 per month for the UPA missionary team's accommodation for their first year (until March 2026). This was done up to May, but we now owe £5600 to HQ for the last 7 months. Also, a payment of £400 to Patrick and Yebuny's work was missed in November. These payments will be completed this month.

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Announcements

A joint **Blessing event** is planned at LG with UPF on **April 18th**, with a preparatory seminar on **March 21st**. Please consider how you might bring an individual or couple (previously married or planning for marriage) to these events.

Upcoming North Thames worship services:

January	February	March	April
4 th HAC 10.15	1 st HAC 10.15	1 st HAC 10.15	5 th HAC 10.15
11 th LG cancelled	8 th LG 11.00	8 th LG 11.00	12 th LG 11.00
18 th HAC 10.15	15 th HAC 10.15	15 th HAC 10.15	19 th HAC 10.15
25 th LG 11.00	22 nd UK service	22 nd LG 11.00	26 th LG 11.00
& ELEA 11.00	For details see page 10 (no LG or ELEA service)	29 th ELEA 11.00	& ELEA 11.00

Further information, including bank details, is on our North Thames Community noticeboard at <https://sites.google.com/view/north-thames-holy-community>



BY YSP UK

FOR PARTICIPANTS

Programme length: 5 months
 Programme start: 02/02/26
 Programme end: TBA (late June)
 Age Range of participants: 30 and under

Faith in Action (FIA) is a community service initiative brought to you by YSP UK. It will connect young people (30 and under) with members of our local church communities RSC and NOTT through service allowing our participants to practice faith through action.

Young people will respond to the request put in by members of the community

We are now open to new participants and requests for support.

more information available on the google forms

FOR REQUESTS

We are taking requests but they will only be assigned by 02/02/26 and afterwards

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The next issue is due on
20 Feb 2026

Happy 80th Birthday, David!



The spirit of Christmas at
the ELEA service

Quote of the Day

***“Get the design in
your head before
you start [baking]”***

*Advice to competitors
Paul Hollywood
Judge on the panel of
The Great British
Bake-off
Series 9, Episode 1
(2018)*



Find your way in 2026!