

THE LONDON CHURCH STORY (FIRST 40 YEARS)

&

40TH ANNIVERSARYCONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Welcome!

Message from Charles & Pat Elikwu (Conference Directors)

Dear brothers, sisters, friends and family,

We are delighted to welcome you to the London Church 40th anniversary conference.

We thank God and are amazed at what He has done, starting with eight disciples 40 years ago.

We consider it a privilege to be able to come together and celebrate as we:



Charles & Pat Elikwui

- ★ REMEMBER all that God has done over the past 40 years
- ★ Pray for God to bring RENEWAL into our lives and church family
- ★ REDEDICATE ourselves to dream again about all God has in store for the future.

We want to welcome disciples and friends from our family of churches in the UK and Ireland, those who have been impacted worldwide, along with all who have gathered for our weekend of lessons, games, fellowship and fun.

We want to extend a special welcome to our visiting speakers Doug Arthur (Boston, USA), Mark Templer (Kathmandu, Nepal), John and Penny Hancell (Sydney, Australia) and Mohan and Helen Nanjundan (London, UK).

This weekend we look forward to celebrating God and the salvation of our souls. In addition we will enjoy fun and fellowship with disciples near and far whom God has impacted through the London church.

Our prayer is that we will all be spiritually nourished and inspired by our time together and will leave with a renewed heart and spirit for all that God will do over the next 40 years.

Love in Christ, Charles and Pat Elikwu

Welcome!

Message from the London Leadership Team

Dear brothers and sisters, friends and family,

Welcome to the 40th anniversary conference of the London Church entitled RENEWAL!

We are excited to have the opportunity to join together to celebrate all that God has done.

Psalm 145:3-7

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another, they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

In 1982, God used the faith of eight disciples and the prayers of many to start the church here in London. In those 40 years, through the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus, many lives have been changed and transformed, the message has been passed on from generation to generation and churches have been planted in many nations such as India, Nigeria, Scandinavia, Australia and Ghana, as well as in many cities in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

As we celebrate, let us REMEMBER and honour God for all he has done in the past and what he is doing in the present, let's RENEW our vision for the amazing things God can do through us now and in the future and let's REDEDICATE our lives to loving God with every part of our being, giving our best to take the gospel to all the cities in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

We are excited to have Douglas and Joyce Arthur, Mark Templer and John and Penny Hancell join us for this milestone celebration as our guest speakers. They, alongside several other 'sons and daughters' of the UK, will be delivering the classes during this conference.

Our prayers are that God will use this time to inspire us and call us higher, so that we will bear abundant good fruit in our lives and in the churches. To God be the glory. Join us in thanking God as we celebrate Him and each other!

The London Leadership Team

The London Story.

This is a brief history of the London church, now celebrating its 40th anniversary, and hopefully it will remind us all of the journey we have been on as a church during this period. It's been a rollercoaster of a ride; many highs, some lows, but one thing is certain - God has impacted all our lives. He has transformed people's lives not just in the UK but also overseas. Tens of thousands of people have come into contact with God's Word and His church, many making a decision to have a relationship with Him. It has not been an easy journey; God has allowed the church to go through different stages in its life over the past 40 years. He has used imperfect men and women to be his ambassadors and, as can be seen from examples in the Bible, some decision-making and direction has been less than perfect. Through the body of Christ, however, God has brought about many victories; baptisms, transformed lives, great marriages and many of our children becoming Christians. So here is *The London Story*. Let's reminisce, reflect and rededicate our lives to advancing God's Kingdom.

The London Story started in 1982. What a year to remember! Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister. It was the year of the Falklands War. The Queen celebrated her Pearl Jubilee, 30 years on the throne. She opened the new Barbican Centre. Prince William was born. The Eurovision Song Contest was held in Harrogate, Yorkshire (Germany won). Aston Villa beat Bayern Munich in the European Cup final, Liverpool won the football league and Tottenham Hotspur won the FA Cup. The award-winning film *Ghandi* was released in the UK. And on July 4th the London church had its inaugural service.

1982-1990.

17 people attended this first service at Wandsworth Methodist church. Ahead of this, the Boston Church of Christ had sent out its first ever international mission team, destination London. Planning had been in progress since 1980. There were nine brothers and sisters on the team led by Doug Arthur and James Lloyd. The other team members were Tanya Lloyd, Douglas Jacoby, Richard Biddulph, Kate Landis, Martha Coyne and Barbara Burke. Joyce Arthur was not at the first service because she was taking her nursing board exam in the US but arrived soon after.



Doug Arthur and Douglas Jacoby



Attendees at the first church service (Doug Arthur took the photo)

It was the start of an amazing journey of faith that has impacted many parts of the world in incredible ways through the numerous mission teams that have been sent out from London.

In London, the team faithfully prayed for 50 baptisms in the first year. God blessed the church with 52. The first person to be baptised was Anthony Biddulph (the brother of Richard) and the second person baptised was Mike Desouza, aged 16, who later became one of London's leading evangelists.



Mike Desouza

In the early days of the London church there was a focus on the students' ministry which saw many people baptised whom God would use to impact churches around the world for decades to come. We are blessed to have many serving today in various capacities globally; people such as Archie Kendall, John Louis, Tim Dannatt, Charles Elikwu and Mohan Nanjundan. Many amazing women became Christians, including Nadine Templer (née Descotes), Vicki Jacoby (née Gibbs) and Julie Desouza (née Inglis) amongst others. The first wedding within the London church was in the summer of 1985 between Douglas Jacoby and Vicki Gibbs, followed a week later by Malcolm Cox and Penny Hartley.

London saw rapid growth in the early years. There was a great sense of fun and adventure. A quote from those early days summarises the mood, 'We didn't know what we were doing but we prayed a lot!' And God produced amazing results. At the first anniversary one year later 176 people attended the service. By 1984 the church had grown to 90 disciples.





Church banquet 1986

Brothers' and sisters' flats were being formed all over London. Flats of six, seven or eight people living under the same roof were not uncommon, with disciples enjoying fellowship, prayer times and late nights studying the Bible with friends. One two-bedroom flat in Acton was reported to have had 17 brothers living in it!

There was a great community spirit. Brothers and sisters enjoyed an active social life including going out on dates, which laid the foundation for many marriages over the next decade or so.

During the early years the church was intensely focused on spreading the Gospel, following the example of the New Testament disciples in the book of Acts.

Acts 5 v 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

The disciples became bolder and reached out in radical ways, such as bussing and tubing (preaching on the buses and the tube). Many disciples enjoyed preaching and debating at Speakers' Corner, Hyde Park.



North zone leaders 1987

In 1984 three zones were formed, the North, South and West. (The East Zone started in 1987 with one Bible discussion). One third of the congregation were students at London universities and over forty nations were represented - the seeds of future mission teams



Kay, Siobhan and Geraldine

In 1985 the church had its first summer campaign entitled HOPE, Heaven's Opportunity Proclaimed Everywhere (not to be confused with HOPE worldwide). 200 disciples came over from America to London for the campaign and 80 local disciples took the month of July off work.

There were 24-hour prayer chains, door knocking and blitzing - boldly stopping people in the street to invite them to the services. Three young ladies, Siobhan Dannatt (née Byrne), Geraldine Kendall (née Smyth) and Kay Harney (née Morrissey) all became Christians because of one leaflet posted through the door of their flat

Douglas Jacoby was the first brother to be appointed an evangelist in London. 1985 also saw the first ever Women's Day entitled 'Rejoice in the Lord Always'.

In 1986 the church started meeting on Sundays at the New Gallery, 123 Regent Street and in zones for midweek services. Before the New Gallery, the Lambeth Methodist Mission, Conway Hall (Holborn) and St John the Divine (Kennington) were used for Sunday services, but the church had outgrown those venues.



New Gallery, Regent Street



Central zone retreat in Wales about 1989

By the end of 1986, the church had grown to 300 with the student ministry (which became the Central Zone) having almost 100 disciples. The HOPE campaign during the summer was a great success with many baptisms.

During the 80s the leaders were keen to develop a biblical teaching programme. We saw the start of ACT (Advanced Christian Training) in 1986 which covered topics such as Old and New Testament exegesis, church history, apologetics and world religions. Douglas Jacoby wrote *Shining Like Stars*, a handbook of Christian principles, one of the first books written within our fellowship of churches. *I Was Hungry*, a book about loving the poor, was written by Douglas Jacoby and Doug Arthur. Doug Arthur shared his convictions on the matter at the World Missions Seminar in Boston in 1986, considered by many to be the initiative for what has since come to be known as HOPE worldwide. Today HOPE worldwide serves over 1.5m people annually on every inhabited continent through numerous projects.

From the beginning, the Boston Church of Christ had a mission to send out teams around the world. With the London church having an international and diverse congregation, plans were made to send out mission teams throughout the Commonwealth as well as in the UK



Early leaders in the London church - Jacobys, Templers, Nanjundans, Arthurs and Louis

In January 1987 a team of 30, including John Hancell (who was baptised in London in 1984), was sent out to Sydney, which saw 100 people become disciples in the first year. This was followed closely, in January 1988, by Bangalore, India, and then Singapore and later that year, Stockholm, Sweden. In May 1989, Lagos, Nigeria was sent out. These churches have in turn planted many churches in their respective countries and regions.

For example, within a couple of years of being planted, Sydney sent out Melbourne (and Auckland, New Zealand in 1990); Bangalore sent out Chennai and New Delhi; Singapore sent out Jakarta. Bangalore and Singapore would go on to see fifth and sixth generation plantings.

In India, for example, from the original team of 14 disciples known as the 'Bangaloonies', led by Mark and Nadine Templer and Mohan Nanjundan, there are now 56 churches and over 6800 disciples with many mission plantings in the surrounding countries of South Asia.





In Nigeria, from a group of 24 disciples, led by Toks and Bola Sowoolu, there are now 19 churches and over 3000 disciples with mission plantings throughout West Africa.

What an impact God has had through the London church!

Funds were raised for the mission teams by holding different events. For example, to raise money for Africa the newly launched teen ministry, led by John and Rose Partington, set a new world record for shining over 11,000 shoes in 8 hours in Covent Garden! Several of London's evangelists raised money by parachuting or fasting. (In the early 1990s the church started having an annual Special Contribution collection to help spread the Gospel here in the UK and overseas, particularly South Asia).



But London didn't forget about the UK. In 1988, the first British church planting was sent to Birmingham, followed by Manchester a year later. In London, by the end of 1988, the church had grown to 800 members and 1,800 people attended an invitation service during the year.

The rapid growth of the church started to attract media interest, more so in the 90s.

What an exciting decade!

1990-2000.

The start of the next decade saw London send out a mission team to Dublin, Ireland and Edinburgh, Scotland. Many of the disciples who had become Christians in the Central Zone, the student ministry, went back to their home countries, particularly Asia and Africa, and were a great source of strength to

the churches there. With the high number of mission plantings sent out from the London church over the previous few years there was a need now to strengthen London itself and to raise up new leaders. It was a decade when many young people went into the ministry, often giving up lucrative careers.



Women leaders of the London Church 1990

The London church had several retreats during the 90s; a time for the UK churches to meet together for a few days on a university campus, hear great lessons and enjoy fellowship, fun and inter-regional and inter-church sports competitions. The summer of 1990 was 'Go for Gold!' in Liverpool, the first of eventually five conferences. The church enjoyed the experience of being together so much that we came back to Liverpool the following year! This conference was entitled 'The Battle is God's'. Other retreats at universities were Exeter (1994), Sheffield (1995) and Keele (2000).

In London there were a number of special invitation events throughout the decade. In 1990 we had a memorable Sunday service and day out at Chessington World of Adventures where we enjoyed all the fun of the rides. In 1992 the church celebrated its 10th anniversary at Alexandra Palace. Then in 1994 we had the excitement of having a service called 'Harvest for the World' at the Royal Albert Hall with 2500 people in attendance. It had been a dream to meet in such a wonderful and historic venue from the early days when James Lloyd had enquired about hiring it, though the church was still small. When he realised that the hall could seat over 5000 people he said, 'Remember the name, we will be back!'.



Women's Day at Alexandra Palace

In 1995 there was a Women's Day at Camden Town Hall with the excitement of James Thomas asking Amanda to be his wife on stage, with another one held the following year at Alexandra Palace.

In 1997, Wembley Conference Centre was the venue for the Women's Day with 2500 in attendance. Not to be outdone the men had a similar event at the same venue with inspiring testimonies and exhibition boxing.



City Ministry reunion

There was the continual focus on spreading the Word throughout the 90s. In 1991 a family group started in Camberley. This was the beginning of the Western Counties region which has now become the Thames Valley Churches of Christ, a large area encompassing Reading, Oxford,

Bournemouth and beyond. The year also saw the start of the City Ministry where many young professional disciples moved to the warehouse developments around Tower Bridge to form a community reaching out to people working in central London. Other family groups started around the UK such as in Belfast, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Leeds, Liverpool and Oxford during the decade. The London church sent out a mission team to Accra, Ghana and helped the Paris church to start a group in Amsterdam.

The start of the 90s saw the London church meet together on Sundays in the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square. It was an early start, 9.30am, but who can forget the quick breakfast in Burger King before the service, followed afterwards with a trip to the Swiss Centre in Leicester Square for lunch, fellowship and Bible studies?

There had been an ongoing discussion on how best to serve the poor and needy in London for some time and it was decided in 1993 that it was best to separate that work out into a new charity. And so HOPE worldwide UK was formed. There have been two main programmes. The first is 'Two-Step', a programme to provide people who are homeless with emergency shelter then long-term housing. In its first year of operation, 54 people were housed. Initially, 'Two Step' began as a voluntary Christian response to



Walter Evans and John Partington slept rough to experience life on the streets

the large numbers of people living on the streets at that time. The 'first step' was to give people the opportunity to come off the streets and stay for up to three nights at a time with 'stopover' hosts from the church. The 'second step' was to help them find accommodation.



Early HOPE offices

In recent years the focus has been on working in partnership with night shelters, day centres, councils and other charities which refer people to HOPE worldwide. Over 200 people are now helped annually.

The second programme is ODAAT (One Day At A Time), which helps people to break free from drug and alcohol addiction. It has capacity for 11 people at any one time and, over the years, many have successfully graduated from the scheme.

During the 90s the church continued to grow, and of course there was a range of commitment and enthusiasm. At the beginning of 1993 the church had the 'revival' which was an opportunity to meet with every disciple and call them back to their first love. It was a challenging time for everyone and a number left the church. There was more emphasis on goals and accountability, which kept everything going, but was also exhausting. The goal to reach people for Christ was commendable, but the focus on outward achievement rather than the heart meant that all was not well beneath the surface. And so, as the decade ended, the church had grown numerically but the focus was too much on our own efforts.

2000-2010.

This decade brought about a fundamental shift in the general direction of the church. There was a spiritual earthquake affecting many churches in our global fellowship, but in hindsight this has provided an opportunity for reflection. The late 1990s had seen an over-reliance on human effort and goal-setting directed by a small international leadership team (made up of World Sector Leaders) with little local church autonomy. There was too much emphasis on numbers, which led to legalism and a lack of being led by God's Spirit and power. The church had become man-centred rather than God-centred.

1 Corinthians 3 v 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

These issues were highlighted in early 2003 when Henry Kriete, an evangelist in the North Region of the London church, wrote an open letter to the staff of our global fellowship. It explored these shortcomings and allowed us to find a new pathway for repentance and rediscovery of our freedoms in Christ - for disciples to live by their own convictions and decisions.

As a consequence of the letter and the events preceding it, such as the lead evangelist of our global fellowship resigning in late 2002, the London church went through a restructuring. For the time being, London and other UK churches would not employ ministry staff. Instead, the regional churches would be overseen by volunteers from each congregation and they would be responsible for deciding their own budgets and prioritising needs in their local ministry, without external direction. This could include hiring ministry staff and the North West region was one of the first to do so, followed by the East region. In effect, each church became an autonomous branch of the ICC Missions charity.

It was a dark time for the London church as we all reflected on what God was teaching us and the way forward. For several years, while churches met on Sundays and midweek, discipling relationships were virtually non-existent. Many disciples decided to no longer attend. But out of the darkness came flickers of light. God was gracious. Slowly congregations rebuilt - previous staff members were rehired across London. The regional London churches began to pool contribution and resources together and by the early 2010s, the London church was fully re-united with a leadership team. Globally, following the Unity Proposal Group's recommendations in 2006, bonds were strengthened between some 500 churches which shared a common history and heritage so that we could continue our journey together in faithfulness to God.

Perhaps no more has this been seen recently in our global fellowship than in providing finance and resources to house over 750 disciples and their families from Ukraine across Europe. We are reminded that being together is better than being alone.

Romans 15 v 5-6 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.







Mother and Daughter Retreat 2007

Not everything stopped in the early 2000s. Our youth ministries were still active. The Father & Son Retreats (5-10-year-olds) were an annual event. Who can forget those days at Hill End, near Oxford!? The basic amenities, barren dormitories, the great food cooked by our volunteers. The children loved it but the dads needed a holiday when they returned home! And we sent our pre-teens and teens there as well. However, the Mother & Daughter Retreats started off at the more luxurious location of the Wycliffe Centre, High Wycombe.

These events helped our children build friendships and their relationship with God and, in the late 2000s and early 2010s, produced a rich harvest of baptisms

In 2010 the 2020 Vision was launched. This included the following aspirations:

- 1) To grow to over a thousand disciples.
- 2) To become a church with strong ministries in all life stages King dom Kids, pre-teens, teens, campus, singles and marrieds.
- 3) To become a church in which more and more family groups are involved in caring for the needy.
- 4) To establish an eldership.
- 5) To send out a mission team.

And so, as the decade ended, God had brought the church to a spiritually better place than at the start.

2010-2022.

The start of the decade saw the *2020 Vision* starting to be fulfilled. There were many new staff members hired to help the church mature and grow. It has been exciting to see young people in the church, including second-generation disciples, volunteer for the One Year Challenge, spending a year to serve in the ministry in an unpaid capacity. Many have gone on to be hired as interns in London and around the UK. The next generation is stepping up to continue the work that has been done over the past 40 years to build God's church in London and the UK.

But it's not just the youth who have been inspired to serve. The older disciples have also continued to serve God. For example, Roger and Jacqui Frimpong were hired in 2014 in the South region and have now moved to lead the Birmingham church, having previously served in the Leicester church. And as leaders from the early years, Mohan and Helen Nanjundan have recently retired from the full-time ministry but continue to serve in the West region.

The past 10 years have also seen some elders and deacons being appointed. And in 2020 a new UK church planting was sent out from London to Cardiff, Wales.



Volunteers at the Pre-teen Camp 2014



Mother and Daughter Retreat 2016

Ministries across the London church have grown and been strengthened during the decade. God has worked powerfully through our youth, as dozens of children have graduated from Kingdom Kids, through Pre-teens, to the Teen Ministry and into the waters of baptism. It has been so exciting seeing our children become disciples over the 2010-22 period and great dating relationships being formed leading to many marriages. To God be the glory.



Teen Camp leaders, 2018



Teen Camp 2019



Student retreat 2017

Other significant events have been organised on a churchwide basis. In 2013, the London church hosted the first women's event for many years, 'It's Your Life!' at Logan Hall, with guest speaker Carol McGuirk from the Paris church. The venue was filled to its capacity of 930. There have been events and retreats for Students, Young Professionals, Mature Singles, Marrieds and Kingdom Kids teachers.

We have had several churchwide conferences over the past ten years; 'The Lord is my Light' in 2013, 'His Kingdom' in 2014, 'Celebrate' in 2015 and 'Joyful in Hope' in 2019 (remember the hats!) with guest speakers from overseas as well as from the UK. All these brought great lessons, fun, fellowship and unity to the London regions and also to disciples from our other UK churches. And this weekend here we all are for the 40th anniversary conference — 'Renewal'! Our global fellowship has also been greatly strengthened through relationships across our churches. In 2012 there was a World Discipleship Summit in San Antonio, with over 17,000 disciples in attendance. And recently thousands of disciples gathered at the WDS in Orlando.

The church was emerging from the previous decade with the focus back on God; on loving God wholeheartedly and loving one's neighbour as oneself. One of the hopes of the *2020 Vision* was for disciples to have a heart to help the needy, both individually and with their family groups. Prompted by our annual HOPE day of service in the month of July, many disciples have become increasingly involved in helping the community; serving at food banks, care homes and soup kitchens are just some examples. We have supported numerous appeals by our overseas churches when a need has arisen. Sadly, we have seen many tragic circumstances around the world and the London church has supported disciples in countries such as Lebanon, India and, most recently, Ukraine.





In March 2020, the Covid pandemic saw the UK and other countries go into lockdown as cases rose dramatically. It has brought about a new era for the church - the arrival of online services through Zoom and YouTube. Meetings also took place on Google Meet or Microsoft Teams - terminology that most had not heard of before! Many of us 'oldies' managed to adapt to the new technology (or we asked our children for help!). By God's grace we have come through the pandemic and most aspects of church life continued, such as virtual Teen Camp and churchwide services. What a blessing it has been to remain connected to one another, and to now be able to meet together in person, with hybrid services able to connect those who need to isolate due to health concerns.

The Covid pandemic highlighted the significance of technology and the growing importance of social media. The London church appointed our first Digital Minister, Nathania Harrison. The London church website was relaunched, along with other aspects of social media outreach via platforms such as Instagram and Facebook. We have had quite a few guests visiting our churches due to the outreach from these social media outlets.

As time marches relentlessly on, some of our church family members have reached the goal ahead of us, and we remember and acknowledge their faithful example. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, in Chapter 3 v 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

We hope that you have enjoyed reading *The London Story* and are inspired by God's faithfulness and His patience with sinners. We can all learn from the past and take what's good forward into the future.

Psalm 127 v 1

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

We pray that over the next 40 years, deep faith and humble trust in God will give us a renewed determination to shine like stars in a dark world and win many others to Christ. At this 40th Anniversary Conference, let us renew our faith and rededicate our lives to Jesus.

Contributors; Richard and Sarah Budgett, Paul Slater and Rachel Middleton. The views presented above are our own recollections and are not meant to be exhaustive but rather a condensed history of the London church.

THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Sat 10th Sept - Friends House (Hybrid Service) & Regents Park

★ Morning Classes 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

★ Afternoon **Anniversary Games** 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

★ Evening **Anniversary Celebration Evening** 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sun 11th September - Friends House (Hybrid Service)

Thanksgiving and Rededication Service (adults and teens) 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Sunday School (children) 10:15 am - 2:00 pm

9:00 am - 1:00 pm - SATURDAY MORNING CLASSES

MINISTRY	AUDITORIUM	TIME	TITLES	SPEAKER
Marrieds & The Light Parents Auditorium (Ground Floor)		9:00 am -10:00 am	Renewal: Retired & Inspired	Mohan & Helen Nanjundan
		10:30 am -11:30 am	Renewal for a <u>Lasting Legacy</u>	John & Penny Hancell
		12:00 pm -1:00 pm	Renewal in <u>Compassion</u>	Mark Templer
Mature Singles	Waldo William (Ground floor)	9:00 am -10:00 am	Renewal in <u>Holiness</u>	Marlon Francis Jane Addo
3	(* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	10:30 am -11:30 am	Renewal in <u>Vision & Devotion</u>	Roger & Jacqui Frimpong
		12:00 pm -1:00 pm	Renewal in <u>Compassion</u>	Richard & Sarah Budgett
Yo-Pros	Sarah Fell	9:00 am -10:00 am	Renewal in Holiness	Robert Kanzira Linda Evwierhoma
	(1st Floor)	10:30 am -11:30 am	Renewal in <u>Vision & Devotion</u>	Daniel & Jess Marie
		12:00 pm -1:00 pm	Renewal in <u>Compassion</u>	John William Anita Kessie
Campus	Hilda Clark	9:00 am -10:00 am	Renewal in Holiness	Nick Ghalustians Rute De Almeida
& Teens	(First Floor)	10:30 am -11:30 am	Renewal in Vision & Devotion	Christian & Temi Xavier
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2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - SATURDAY ANNIVERSARY GAMES

EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Mini - Olympics	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Regents Park
Picnic in the Park	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Regents Park
Scavenger Hunt	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	British Museum & British Library
	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	University Area & Russell Square Gardens
	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Sightseeing - The City & West End

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - SATURDAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENING

AUDITORIUM	MINISTRY	TIME	TITLE	SPEAKER
The Light Auditorium	ALL	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	The Young Will See Visions and the Old Will Dream Dreams	DOUGLAS ARTHUR

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM - SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

AUDITORIUM	MINISTRY	TIME	TITLE	SPEAKER
Classrooms	Children	10:15 am - 2:00 pm	Sunday School (only for London 40th Anniversary registered children)	Class teachers
The Light Auditorium	ALL (adults and teens)	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Renewal: Remember and Rededicate	DOUGLAS ARTHUR



FRIENDS HOUSE FLOOR PLAN

SECOND FLOOR

- George Fox
- Margaret Fell
- Elizabeth Fry (1 and 2)
- William Penn (1 and 2)

FIRST FLOOR

- Marjorie Sykes
- Hilda Clark (1, 2 and 3)
- Abraham Darby
- Kathleen Lonsdale
- George Bradshaw
- Sarah Fell
- The Light (Upper Level)
- Courtyard Balconies

GROUND FLOOR

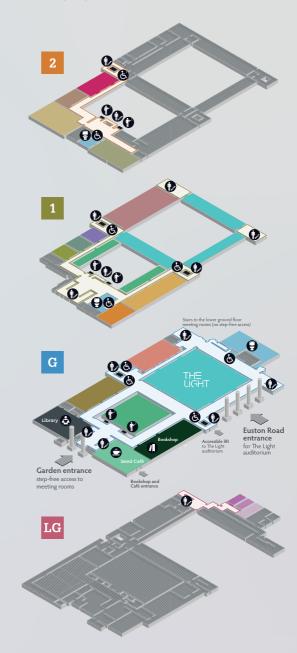
- Waldo Williams (1 and 2)
- Ada Salter (1, 2 and 3)
- The Light
- Courtyard
- Seed Café (in the Quaker Centre)
- Bookshop (in the Quaker Centre)

LOWER GROUND FLOOR

- Bayard Rustin
- Lucretia Mott
 - John Woolman

KEY

- Toilets
- Accessible Toilets
- Stairs
- Lifts
- Accessible Lift
- Café
- Bookshop
- Library



BRITISH MUSEUM TOURS - BRING A BIBLE!



While you are at the conference, why not go 'through the British Museum with the Bible'? There are so many exhibits there that help bring the scriptures to life, help our understanding and build our faith.

Self-guided Tour. See Egyptian mummies and statues of the Pharaohs from the time of the

Exodus, amazing reliefs and records that confirm the scriptures from the time of Hezekiah, huge silver drinking cups from Persia that Nehemiah could have used, a beautiful palace wall painting from the time of Queen Esther and much more!

Scan this QR code to download a self-guided tour sheet with photos and questions to help your understanding and build your faith.

Entrance is free – donations are encouraged.

Remember to walk calmly around the museum - parents, be careful to keep children with you at all times, so they don't get lost!



Guided Tours led by disciples will depart from the Museum North Entrance, Montague Place, WC1E 7JW at 1:40 pm, 2:00 pm and 2:20 pm (Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis – max. 15 per tour)

See the oldest complete New Testament in the world for free at the British Library!



While you are so close, why not see the oldest complete New Testament in the world (Codex Sinaiticus), and other historic copies of the Bible at the British Library, Euston Road, NW1 2DB. (Walk 10 mins down Euston Road towards Kings Cross and the Library is on your left).



ANNIVERSARY GAMES: MINI-OLYMPICS

Time: 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Date: Saturday 10th Sept 2022

AIM:

The aim of the Mini-Olympics is to build unity in the church, engage all ages and to have lots of fun! The prize will be the 40th Anniversary trophy and bragging rights!

RULES:

All games earn points for your team.

You need to make sure every team has participants in each event to ensure you have a chance of winning. Each team needs a captain to organise their team for each event and to get participants there on time. Please try to involve a good cross-section of people, with a minimum of three sisters representing your team for each sport.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Use the map in the brochure to find the location but do allow sufficient travelling time.

Bring a picnic and cheer on your team. Be prepared for London weather!

ANNIVERSARY GAMES: MINI-OLYMPICS

Time: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Date: Saturday 10th Sept 2022

There are two locations to meet up with each other within Regents Park (see Regents Park map).

YOUNG FAMILIES (with children under 10yrs): Location 1 (red no.1 on map) MARYLEBONE GREEN.

Children's playground for children under 10yrs. Toilets (only available to children with adult guardian).

A mobile café.

ALL OTHERS (those in the Mini-Olympics): **Location 2** (red no.2 on map) **CUMBERLAND GREEN.**

Toilets beside Expresso Bar.

At Location 2, the Mini-Olympics will be running for all who want to participate. There will be a series of round-robin style events and games.

Be ready for anything from the 3-legged race to volleyball and much more in-between!

These events will be in a knockout-style format. You must win to stay in!

The Mini-Olympics will culminate with a head-to-head between the surviving teams.



ANNIVERSARY GAMES: MINI-OLYMPICS

We will see one team crowned 40th Anniversary conference champions and the trophy will be awarded!!!!!

TEAMS:

- 1. OUTSIDE LONDONERS
- 2. NORTH REGION
- 3. WEST REGION
- 4. THREE HILLS REGION
- 5. SOUTH EAST REGION
- 6. SOUTHSIDE

1	2	3	4	5	6
North	South East	Southside	Three Hills	West	Outside Londoners
BLACK	GREY	LIGHT BLUE	PURPLE	MAROON	WHITE

SPORTS:

- 1. Ultimate Frisbee
- 2. Volleyball
- 3. Kick ball rounders
- 4. Wacky Races: wheelbarrow/3-legged/sack
- 5. Balloon Tag



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Thank You!

Firstly we want to thank God for granting us the opportunity to celebrate all that He has done these past 40 years.

Thank you to our guest speakers and all our brothers and sisters across the UK and beyond who have travelled to be with us this weekend.

We are especially thankful for everyone who has pulled together to make this weekend special. We are grateful to you all and may God reward all your efforts.







