



# ONE MISSION ONE VISION

*"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the LORD has helped us.'" 1 SAMUEL 7: 12*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP



To all our readers, welcome to the this issue of the **One Mission One Vision** newsletter. This was a newsletter established to maintain communication links with Pastors and churches. Now that we are out of lockdown, it has been such a useful communication tool that we will continue to produce it.

Unfortunately we have to say goodbye to Katie who has

been the editor and producer of the newletter since its inception and we appreciate her efforts in producing it. She will be leaving us on Friday 30th July and will be greatly missed.

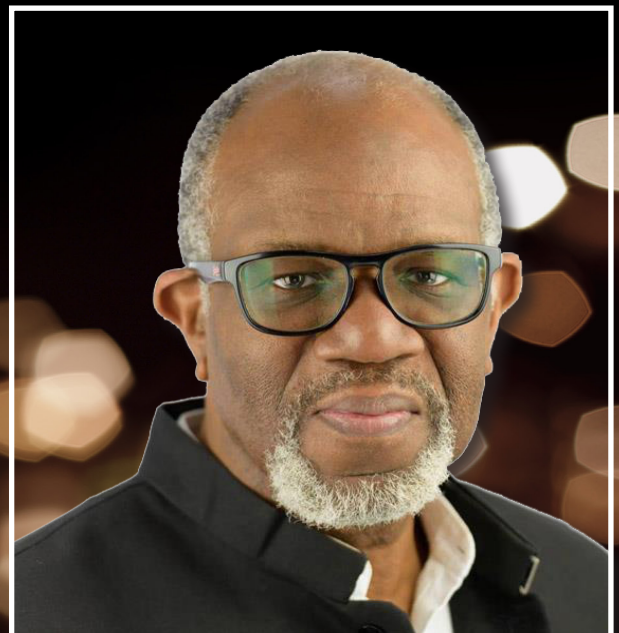
In this issue of the newsletter you will find a reflection of our first ever Virtual National Convention, our usual contribution from the LTC and Pastor Thomas, an update from the Women's Discipleship Ministry and much more.

**Bishop Dr. Donald Bolt**

## REV DR JOEL EDWARDS CBE 1951 - 2021

Rev Dr Joel Edwards exemplified the life of a true believer, a mature disciple, a focussed pilgrim a highly respected minister and a leader with integrity. Joel has given much to the New Testament Church of God over the years, for which we are most grateful. We have benefitted from his wisdom, passion and commitment to best practice in Christian leadership.

***Rest in eternal peace our brother***





# VIRTUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION 2021

## "FEARLESS LIVING"

The 23rd to 25th July saw the New Testament Church of God's FIRST virtual convention! In these difficult times, we are all having to adapt to new ways of worship and we were so honoured & grateful to be able to bring this convention to you online.

Dr Donald Bolt, Administrative Bishop, would like to extend his thanks and appreciation to everyone that was involved in putting this wonderful event together.

All sessions are still available to watch on the NTCG Online YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/ntcgonline](http://www.youtube.com/ntcgonline)

We would also very much appreciate it if you could complete our online feedback form which can be found on the following link:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NTCGConvention](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NTCGConvention)

NTCG VIRTUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION 2021

23-25 JULY

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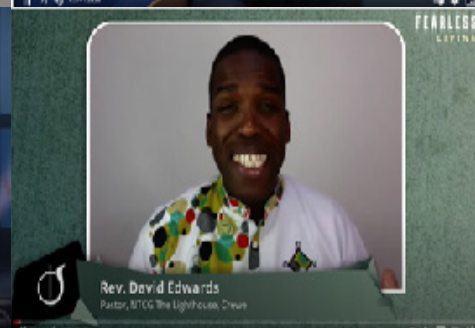
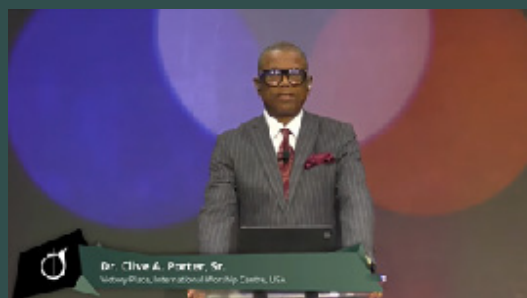
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CHILDREN 4PM

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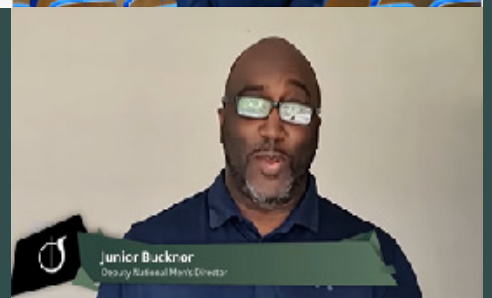


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NCCM National Secretary



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# VIRTUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION 2021



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# LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTRE



We invite you to scrutinise then choose from our range of courses that will challenge and equip you with valuable insight into Christian discipleship and ministry practice in your community, church, society, and world.

The courses, seminars, lectures, and conferences at the Leadership Training Centre (LTC) are designed to support the formation and development of Christian leaders in their various practice of ministry. The [Certificate in Ministerial Studies \(CIMS\)](#), Volunteer Chaplaincy Ministries, Pastoring Singles courses are open to, Pastors, members, church leaders and emerging leaders from all Christian denominations. CIMS courses provide learning opportunities for effective Christian service within and beyond the local church.

Valuable interaction happens when teaching and learning occur face-to-face, which has been missing since March 2020 due to the pandemic. This unprecedented challenge presented LTC with the opportunity to evaluate and respond to a global interruption critically. Subsequently, our [staff](#) and students have successfully adapted to the use of LTC'S Learning Management System ([LTC Moodle](#)) and selected virtual learning platforms to engage with our course materials.

Facilitators reported that the move online led to; increased motivation for blended learning, creativity, more extensive use of available study options, including DVD study, increased peer preparation for exams and peer study groups, particularly among new students. Social media platforms have also become an increasingly valuable source of resources for continuing our training and online support. We continue to work in partnership with a selected number of theological

institutions and organisations such as [The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education](#) and the Pentecostal Theological Seminary (PTS).



Partnership with PTS enables us to facilitate a [Certificate Programme for Church Leaders](#) and a [UK MDiv](#) cohort, which should appeal to those who wish to advance their theological studies, particularly in our Pentecostal tradition. Strategic networking allows NTCG to expand and develop our working relationships with other denominations and partners to the mutual benefit of our institutions. Additionally, this collaborative approach supports the theological journey of students who wish to pursue post-graduate accredited education ([inc. Bachelors, Masters and Doctrinal Studies.](#))

Our academic standard continues to improve each year, and the curriculum is designed to ensure that students are both engaged and able to minister effectively in an ever-changing world. As well as having strong core courses of Biblical, Pastoral and doctrinal teaching, we recognise the need and importance of delivering other essential practices, with a comprehensive programme that prepares emerging leaders to minister effectively to a changing demographic face to face and virtually. Among a range of initiatives and projects to be developed is our Heritage centre, which houses the Roswith Gerloff collection, a significant resource for reference and inspiration on Black Pentecostalism in England.

With increased marketing and expansion of these lifelong learning opportunities, there will be more comprehensive engagement as we seek to give access, raise the standard of Christian leadership in the local, national and global context.

**Rev Delroy Henry**  
National Director of Education

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## LET'S TALK ABOUT PREACHING

with Rev Samuel Thomas

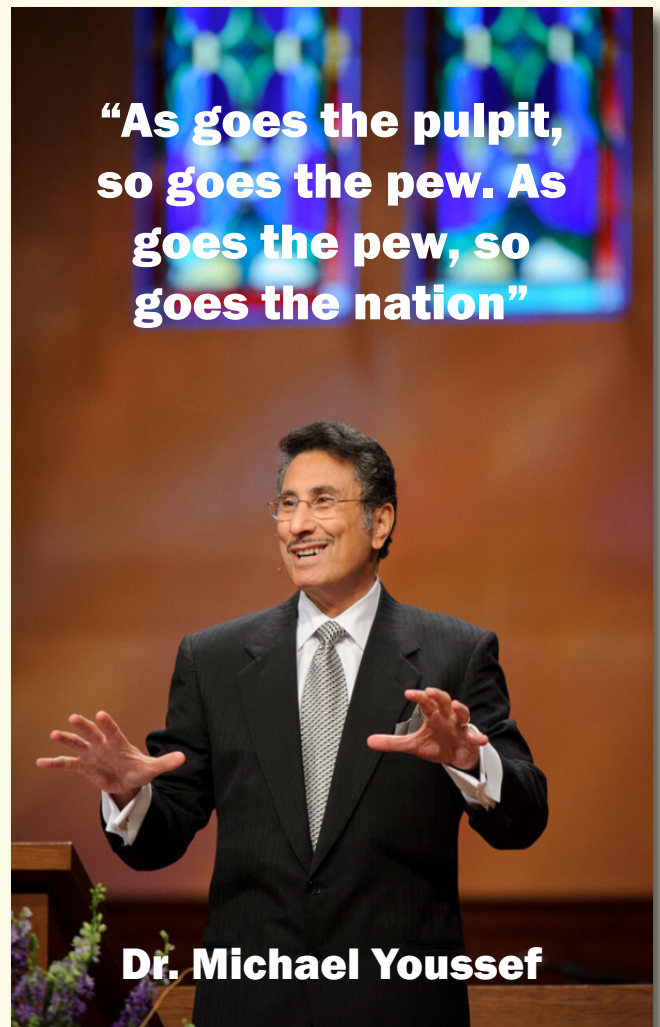
### Article: A Mission-Shaped Pulpit

The term 'Mission-Shaped Pulpit' is used here to describe sermons that have the purpose of leading congregants towards knowing the many life experiences, challenges, and successes within the local, national and global communities where churches are located and minister/serve.

The 'Mission-Shaped Pulpit' understands that 'mission that is holistic combines the preaching of the gospel and social justice' (Sider, 1993:76).

The 'Mission-Shaped Pulpit' is essential to bringing 'hope' to communities. This is achieved through members of the congregation being inspired/encouraged by sermons that inform them of the multiplicity of life experiences and challenges that members of the general public are facing. This could then see congregants joining community projects, working with charity groups, or attending public events, writing letters to their MP, or offering another form of support to causes that are close to their hearts.

The 'Mission-Shaped Pulpit' is not a political pulpit; rather, it is simply bringing to the attention of the church/congregation 'social and spiritual' matters through and within the context of a sermon. The sermon should seek to speak to these needs, giving a biblical mandate to the congregation for its mission to the community.



**Dr. Michael Youssef**

*Revd Samuel A Thomas FRSA (Pastor NTCG Sydenham Branch. Librarian for Trialogue Preaching Library). Please send questions or feedback to this article and for the Trialogue library to: sydenham\_ntcog@hotmail.com. Thank you.*



# Celebrate our Heritage, Embracing our Future

The Heritage Centre presents the story of the New Testament Church of God in England and Wales with reference to our global history. We collect, preserve, catalogue, research and make accessible material produced by, for and about our church mission and ministry in the UK for our corporate learning, enhancement and celebration. We are committed to making these resources accessible to our leaders and members and wider community in the interest of inter-generational learning and the benefits of learning from history to create a better future. To find out more about the Heritage Centre, please visit <https://ntcg.org.uk/history>

We are currently developing a number of initiatives including the following three:

1. In celebration of the ministry of women in the NTCG, England and Wales:

## NTCG Women's Stories of Faith and Hope

### Celebrating NTCG Women

Over the years, hundreds of NTCG women have been engaged in various initiatives to fulfil their sense of purpose and, at times unwittingly, advance the mission and ministry of the Church in its local, regional and national contexts.

Most of these women's credentials would not have been formally recognised. Their service would have resulted from their commitment, relentless perseverance and diligence to equate their life and testimony to their Christian faith.

The life and testimonies of these unobtrusive women bear witness to the aims and goals of the WDM vision and mission.



### Testament to Faith and Hope Against the Odds

Their amazing stories present testaments of faith and hope against the odds: reasons for celebration and legacies on which to build our private and public witness.

The stories are accessible from the repository at the NTCG Heritage Centre and the Roswith Gerloff Collection. They are also available online at [www.ntcg.org.uk/wdm/](http://www.ntcg.org.uk/wdm/)

These additional resources are made available to aid discussion, research, interpretation and signpost Christian mission and ministry for a better future.

We also offer a series of training and development events to help realise our ambition to develop women of excellence for Christ.

this purpose. We welcome further stories about the contribution of women to the growth and development of the church as a congregation and its mission in the local communities. We would also appreciate further financial contribution to implement phase two of this project.

We will keep you updated and inform you of the launch when we hope you will choose to come and visit the Centre."

To find out more about this project, please visit [https://ntcg.org.uk/wdm/about/heritage\\_panel\\_project/](https://ntcg.org.uk/wdm/about/heritage_panel_project/) For further information contact her via email: [joycelyne.bolt@ntcg.org.uk](mailto:joycelyne.bolt@ntcg.org.uk) or Rev Phyllis Thompson the email address below.

2. We are currently looking for two additional volunteers to join our Heritage Centre Reference Group:

- an 18-35yr old who has an interest/qualifications in theology/Church history/archives;
- someone with experience and expertise in fundraising;

If you or someone you know would be interested to hear more about the remits of these two positions, please contact me via email below.

3. In addition to our regular activities, We plan to catalogue three of our collections as from September (The Rose and Oliver Lyseight Collection, The Roswith Gerloff collection and our collection of MAs and PhDs on aspects of the Black Majority Churches). We are desperately in need of help from volunteers with expertise in cataloguing archive collections. If you are interested to assist us, please let me know asap.

To find out more about more about our Heritage Ministries, please visit <https://ntcg.org.uk/history/> or contact me via email: [phyllis.thompson@ntcg.org.uk](mailto:phyllis.thompson@ntcg.org.uk)

The National WDM Director of the Women's Discipleship Ministry: Sis Joycelyne Bolt says, "I am delighted to inform readers that we are making good progress with our Heritage project. We have almost completed phase one which includes three panels in the Heritage Centre showcasing the significant contribution of the Women's Discipleship Ministries to the New Testament Church of God and their communities here in England and Wales.

Thank you for resources you have sent to us to date from your local church and your financial donation for



# Congratulations

## Rev Samuel & Sis Daphne Morgan



## On your Diamond Wedding Anniversary ~ 26th May 2021~

Rev & Sister Morgan celebrated 60 years of marriage with family, friends & the community in May 2021 at NTCG-FT Walsall

## Poignant ceremony and flag raised by mayor to celebrate Windrush Day in Northampton



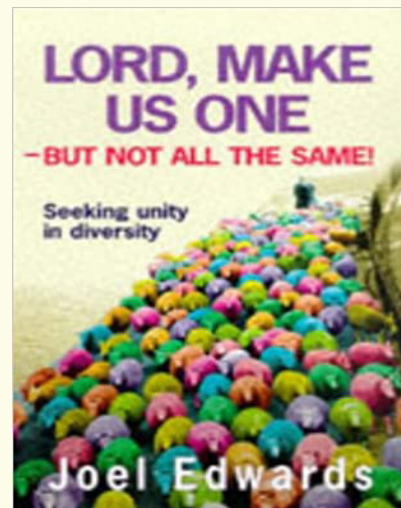
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to read the full article

# Tribute to Rev Dr Joel Edwards: The Author

In June 2020, the second series of the annual Lyseight Lectures “Challenges of Black Pentecostal Leadership in the 21st Century”<sup>1</sup> was published, drawing together the work of five established and emerging Christian writers. Rev Dr Joel Edwards and I were among the co-authors. I did not know Rev Dr Edwards personally, however, I realise that we both knew Willesden New Testament Church of God as our spiritual home.

Rev Dr Edwards was no stranger to being an author as he had written a number of books, particularly over the past two decades. Reading one of his earlier books, “Lord Make Us One – But Not All The Same! Seeking



Unity in Diversity,”<sup>2</sup> published in 1999, remains a ‘must read’ in my opinion. It addresses our current dilemma and speaks prophetically to every Christian in Britain and further afield. I found the contents extremely informative in my final year as a Doctor of Ministry student. The book is

intimate through his story telling style, but also historical in its record of many significant events, birth and demise of organisations, relationship building across the different religious and political ideologies and communities. He provided many profound insights as he journeyed through his vocational pathway as a servant leader serving others in his efforts to serve God. As he articulated his own culture in the wider context of other cultures on both his personal and Christian perspectives he challenges the reader to reflect on their own theological, hermeneutical, and biblical perspectives.

Following the news of his death, I re-read the book. In the first chapter you join Edwards as he arrived at Heathrow airport, as an eight-year-old, to be united with his mother during the Windrush migration era. During the next few chapters Joel’s worldview illustrate his experiences from a child to a young man, navigating

family life, school, church life, theological college, entering employment, becoming a pastor, then the UK Director of the Evangelical Alliance. The fifth chapter “Tribes and Tradition”<sup>3</sup> and the remaining chapters provide an insight into the complexity of ecumenism, but also the immense vital part Edwards played in emerging into a ‘bridge builder’ across so many denominations both in the United Kingdom and abroad. The book is a testament to the complex society in which we operated and lived at the turn of the century, and appears to be just as relevant today. The intrusion of the COVID pandemic and the murder of George Floyd has presented the world with another layer of dilemma which cannot be ignored. As society through communities transition out of the COVID pandemic lifestyle into an unknown future, issues such as justice, the concept of ‘no man is an island’ and the importance of culture as discussed by Edwards is topical. There may be no simple answers or solutions, but it is impossible not to appreciate the vast contribution that Rev Dr Edwards made to the work of Pentecostalism, evangelism, and religious diversity through the vast number of relationships, connections and ‘bridge-building.’

His written work demonstrated that Rev Dr Edwards was a ‘thinker,’ a man ahead of his time and an exemplary role model for Christians far and wide. He is seen as an incredible icon of our church community because he is described as a giant with a big personality, a wonderful human being who has gone home ahead of us to be with the Lord. I highly recommend this book to anyone who would like to gain an insight into the life of Rev Dr Joel Edwards as one of our twenty first century pioneers in God’s kingdom.

**Dr Charlotte V V Johnson**  
**NTCG Willesden**

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<sup>1</sup>Phyllis Thompson., Keith Warrington., Douglas Nelson., Steven Land., Joel Edwards., Charlotte V V Johnson. Challenges of Pentecostal Theology in the 21st Century. (London, England: SPCK, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> Joel Edwards., Lord, Make Us One – But Not All The Same! Seeking Unity in Diversity. (Hodder & Stoughton, London: 1999)

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., 57.



# LIVING IN FULLNESS IN A DISRUPTED WORLD

Life is for living, and living to its full. Many people around the world are unaware of this fact and waste their time and energy and end up leaving this world without fulfilling their purposes. The environment in which man is born into since the Fall of man (Genesis Chapter 3) has curtailed the fruitfulness and living the life in its fullness. Sin is a killer. But the good news is that a person can live his/her life in its fullness with hope and a future when he/she comes in contact with the Author and Giver of life.

Let us learn a few principles from the first letter of the Apostle Peter to the early persecuted Christians and see how he has challenged and driven them to live a life in its fullness.

**1. Living with Hope** (1 Peter 1:3). The fullness of human life is lived out both here on earth and in eternity with God, the Author of life. Christians are birthed by the Holy Spirit for a living hope that takes us beyond the grave. The believers of the first century had faced severe persecution that may have questioned their hope and future. Therefore, Peter assures them of the living hope they are born into, that will lead them strong in all troubles.

**2. Living in Holiness** (1 Peter 1:15-17). The quality of the Christian's life is measured up against the holiness standard of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. "Be ye holy, for I am holy" says the Lord. Living in sin and living with any other philosophy is not living in the fullness as directed by our Creator? A person is really content when he/she has fallen in line with the path of perfection, the standard of holiness we see in Christ.

**3. Living as Building blocks** (1 Peter 2:4-5). Living stones. Peter here addresses the believers as living stones being built as a spiritual house to offer spiritual sacrifices. A building (house, temple) is in need of stones that are suitable to complete and use for the intended purpose. Christ is the Cornerstone and all followers of Him are joined together and inherit the life in them. Instead of a stumbling block a Christian is called to live as a building block fulfilling his/her assignment in the Kingdom.

**4. Living with Honour** (1 Peter 2:11-12). The life finds its climax of experience and privilege when the person lives with dignity and honour. A Christian believer is called out from the polluted world to live out a life of holy character with honour. Our behaviour and reactions bring honour or dishonour.

**5. Living in Humility** (1 Peter 2:18-25). Peter wrote in his letter to the early Christian about submission in various places. Committing to the Lordship of Jesus Christ does not mean that we rebel and oppose every other authority. Our humility is a sign of maturity and understanding and the ability to live in harmony and peace with fellow human beings.

**6. Living Harmoniously** (1 Peter 3:1-7). Disharmony destroys families, institutions and nations. A husband and wife should submit to each other in the fear and love of Christ as they live together in harmony. In a disrupted world with differences and variations of cultures, customs, languages and many others, the child of God is called to live a life of integration in the life and love of Jesus Christ. In other words, we have to learn to live with the differences.

**7. Living to Serve** (1 Peter 4:10,11). Believers are blessed with spiritual gifts and talents. The purpose of these manifold gifts are to serve others with each of them. A life of sacrificial and sincere service is a fulfilled life. The Lord wants us to use our God-given enablement to minister and bless others who are in need. If we fail to use and exercise our gifts we are accountable to God and there is a danger of losing the gift.

**8. Living through Suffering** (1 Peter 4:12-16). Christian life is marked with the slogan of "taking up of our cross and following" Him. Christ our Master lived and showed us how to live through suffering and die with suffering for a better resurrection and the full life later in eternity. When we suffer as Christians for the name of Jesus Christ and for the cause of the Gospel, the reward is great in heaven. Our suffering for Christ is an offering for Him.

Hope, holiness, honour, humility, harmony, service, sacrifice and suffering are qualities found in a life in its fullness. May we follow the instructions and take the challenge to live such a life in a world of discord and disruption.

God bless you all.

**Pastor Joe Kurian**  
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# The Back To Eden Community Allotment Project Celebrates Windrush Day



Longstanding and documented underlining health inequalities amongst the African Caribbean community were exacerbated during the pandemic, making them more susceptible to the devastating effects of Covid-19. A new project set up to help address these issues is the Back to Eden Community Allotment Project which is based at the Heath Town Allotments, situated on the New Park Village estate in Wolverhampton.

The project initiated by Churches 4 Positive Change celebrated Windrush Day with its sponsors, volunteers, plus children and staff from Trinity CE Primary Academy. Allotment activities will focus on using horticulture and gardening activities, encouraging all age participation to grow fruit and vegetable crops, adopting healthier lifestyles, improving physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, whilst providing community social interaction for seniors and others to share Windrush stories in a relaxed natural environment.

The two allotment plots acquired by the Back to Eden Community Allotment Project had not been used for

years and were well overgrown and used for fly tipping. The plots have now been made good and safe and the project is appealing for further volunteers and support. To get involved email: [wcpchange@gmail.com](mailto:wcpchange@gmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/C4PCWolverhampton](https://facebook.com/C4PCWolverhampton).

The member organisations of Churches 4 Positive Change are currently New Testament Church of God x 4, Church of God of Prophecy x 2, Seventh Day Adventist x 2, Zion City Tabernacle, Mount Shiloh Apostolic, Christian Life City and African Caribbean Community Initiative.

Back To Eden Community Allotment is supported by Get Active Black Country, Windrush Day Grant, Awards For All, Bristol Street Motors, Carvers Building Supplies, Kingsway Project and Wolverhampton Homes.





# THE ENGINE ROOM

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## NOW ON zoom

THE ENGINE ROOM is a national prayer strategy designed to underpin the mission and ministry of the New Testament Church of God at national, district and local levels. During these sessions, prayers are offered for a wide range of needs as well as thanksgiving for all God has done and will continue to do in the lives of his people.

Dr. Donald Bolt - Administrative Bishop

### IN THE ENGINE ROOM WE STAND IN THE GAP AND MAKE INTERCESSIONS FOR:



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