



WILLESDEN WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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The Point Banquet

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DECEMBER 7th 2019
Honouring our Heritage

JANUARY 3rd 2020
WOW New Year Gala

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**Who's Who in the Willesden
Women's Discipleship Ministry**

Honouring our Heritage Event
We are asking seniors to bring in a picture of yourself when you first arrived in the UK, to Dawn Lewinson by Sunday 27 October. Pictures will be used for a display and returned to you. Thank you.

Personal testimonies

If you have any personal testimonies that will enrich and inspire our readers then please see Dawn Lewinson or email wdm@wntcg.org



DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Greetings everyone

It's a great time to be writing a newsletter, the sun is shining and it's a new start to the academic year for some and the end of an era for others.

For me, it's completing a full year in the role of WDM Director and what a whirlwind it has been! So I thought I would take this opportunity to reflect and be thankful.

In this issue you will see pictures from a number of the outstanding events that took place this year; a summary of our Ingathering donations; The Health Day; the WOW Royal Tea and New Year Gala. We also held our first Under the Hammer Auction.

However that's just a few of the wonderful activities that have happened. We revived our inspirational Business Forum and ran our first 'under the hammer' event hosted by the Choir In Praise team and appointed our new Millennial woman leader Syra German ably assisted by Lorna Jawaidd.

Our senior women, through the launch of the SOS (Sisters of Seniors) initiative by the Women of Wisdom team, are connecting on a regular basis with a younger sister within the church. The seniors enjoyed the



first of their Coffee mornings and had a full and meaningful discussion on friendship.

Marcia Jacks our "Woman in the Community" has been working with the North London Citizens and Councillor Robert Johnson to make our Mayor accountable on issues such as Crime and affordable housing. She has also written the article that highlights the work of Rev Patterson and her prison ministry in this newsletter.

Behind the scenes we have been supported by the Martha ministry lead by Lurline Watson, Ena Blair and her team to provide refreshments and meals at our events and running the tuckshop.

We have also enjoyed the ministry of the Kids for Christ and the Young Gifted and Blessed participants on our women's Sundays. In addition we are grateful for our ladies choir who also attend various events to minister in song on behalf of the Willesden WDM.

I cannot forget our Visiting team who call on and support our more vulnerable members and provide a much needed support to them along with the Agape ministry who make provisions available to those in need.

We had a very successful Ingathering this year raising over £15,000 – thank you to our new team leaders, Christine Daley, Rev Dorrette Patterson, Hermine Hall, Urline Goulbourne and Jenny Fagan. With all the new Ingathering team assistants, many in this role for the first time. What a wonderful work they took on and what a great achievement!

On behalf of the WDM leadership Fay Robinson our District Leader, Sharon Grant our Assistant Director and myself – A big thank you to all the ladies (and men) who have been a part of this ministry this year; those who have prayed and fasted, all the willing workers and volunteers in the department, the team leaders and my trusted officers Sharon Grant, Marva Benjamin-Cole, and Hazelann Hutchinson.

I salute you – God bless you for your dedication and service, may God continue to inspire you and refresh you for your work in His kingdom.

Best wishes Dawn

The Five W's of Life

Who you are is what makes you special. Do not change for anyone.

What lies ahead will always be a mystery. Do not be afraid to explore.

When life pushes you over, you push back harder.

Where there are choices to make, make the one you won't regret.

Why things happen will never be certain. Take it in your stride and move forward.

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WOW –Team Leader:

Lois Vassell

WOW what can I say? But to God be the glory. Our 4th Annual Royal Afternoon Tea was truly amazing this year. 150 women dressed up with their tiaras for this prestigious Royal event.



They were encouraged, inspired and motivated by the powerful words of Karen Allen.

The event also raised over £300 for the National women's SHAPE project. Save the date for next year 27th June 2020.





A Conversation with SIS DORRETTE PATTERSON, *affectionately known as Sis P* ABOUT HER PRISON MINISTRY

Interview by Marcia Jacks

When did you begin your Prison Ministry?

My ministry started on the 2nd April 1990, two weeks after my husband the late Rev Winston George Patterson had started his ministry at Holloway. Rev W G Patterson was introduced to Holloway following a video recording of a Crusade held at Willesden and somehow the video reached the prison and a prison officer Mrs G Lewin contacted him. We started with two inmates and this later grew to over one hundred inmates. Rev W G Patterson passed away 23rd September 1993.

What led you to this Ministry?

In 1980 the Lord gave me Isaiah 42 v6 -7 *"I the Lord have called thee in righteousness and will hold thine hand and will keep thee and give thee for a covenant of the people for a light of the Gentiles, to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house"*. He spoke to me and told me he was going to send me into the prison, and I said to the Lord *"I am ready"* and he sent me to Psalm 27 v 14 *"wait on the Lord, be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart, wait I say on the Lord"*.

After I got married I told the Lord *"I am ready"* and he sent me to Habakkuk 2v3 *"for the vision is*

yet for an appointed time but at the end it shall speak and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry". If I had started in 1980, I wouldn't be there now because I wasn't ready.

How many women do you estimate have come to Christ in your Prison Ministry?

I cannot put an exact number but over one hundred and the women were from different nationalities. We purchased and gifted bibles in different languages to give to the women whilst they were in prison. *Continued on page 4* These bibles they kept when released, because they were not

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CHOIRS IN PRAISE

Team Leader: Caseter Wilson

The Choirs In Praise fundraising concert was established to raise funds to support some of the travel expenses for our lovely Ladies Choir.



The Ladies choir plays an instrumental role in ministering the word through song. They travel throughout the year supporting Ladies Ministries at events across the southern region of the



UK, particularly at fundraising rallies.

Over the past five years, I am pleased to announce that the concerts have managed to raise funds to support the hiring of vans to transport the ladies to and from these events.

During 2019, Choirs In Praise hosted an event called "Under the Hammer". This was a new initiative in order to provide further funds to support the increase of invitations to minister in song at various places.

The event was a great success.

There were live links on Facebook and other social media platforms where purchases were made.

As a Choir we continually give all praise to the Most High for his strength and Loving Mercy towards us, as we continue to sing and support each other in song and in giving.



Do you want to get more involved in the Women's Ministries?

See the contact details on page 8 also visit www.wntcg.org/wdm



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KIDS 4 CHRIST – Team Leader: Roseann Dunkley



Kids For Christ (K4C) has been very active this year helping children in drama performances and in the art of singing, speaking, doing presentations, and Bible reading, poetry and serving on Father's Day.

Our motto is "We serve joyfully" and enjoy doing so. Our latest activity was centred around youth violence and biblical examples were used to solve our grievance without hurting each other.

K4C welcomes all 4–12 yr old boys and girls and appreciates ex-K4C who are now serving in the Kingdom. Joyfully serving.

allowed to take the prison bibles.

What are some highlights you remember most about your Ministry at Holloway?

Before Rev Patterson passed away, we were able to take a van load of women from Holloway Prison for the day to a Brighton convention. The women were not near the end of their sentence and this would not normally be allowed but God was on our side. We were also able to take approximately 12 of them to the Wood Green convention. We had a good relationship with the women and the prison. Holloway closed in 2016 and I had no bad mark against me.

After 3 years of ministry at the prison, I was given keys to access the Prison, this was a great privilege. The officers had a lot of respect for me and sometimes asked me to calm the women down. I was given training such as Restraining but never used it.

There was a time when we had to stop the service because there were so many ladies and the room became overcrowded, the Prison officers had to find another room for us. Some of the women would refuse to come to the service because I spoke passionately and they said I was firm, but when they heard the singing they would come.

My motto was *"if you are guilty say it and if you are innocent say it, be honest because if you are lying the prayer is not passing the ceiling". "If you do the crime you have to do the time".* I remember when one lady received a 7 year sentence, she was very upset because she said

we had prayed. But she didn't realise God was building her up spiritually.

The Governor, Mr Sullivan also got saved. I was able to give him a bible and a mug when he left.

What obstacles did you face?

There were times when they cancelled the sessions and didn't inform me, I would say ok and then attend on time the following Thursday and again be told again it was cancelled. I would repeat this, till one day one of the officers said *"you don't give up do you?"*

When Rev Patterson passed away a new reverend attended the meeting, stating that he was the new Pentecostal minister and would be taking over the following week. The women said *"who are you, we don't know you, we know Rev Patterson and Sis P? You can come but we don't know what you are going to take over".* Anyone who stood in the way like that, God removed and there were a few of them.

What changes happened over time?

I ministered at Holloway for 26 years from April 1990 to July 2016. The ministry started with Rev W G Patterson, myself, and Pastor Turner. After 13 years attending on Thursdays only, the women requested that we attend one Sunday each month.

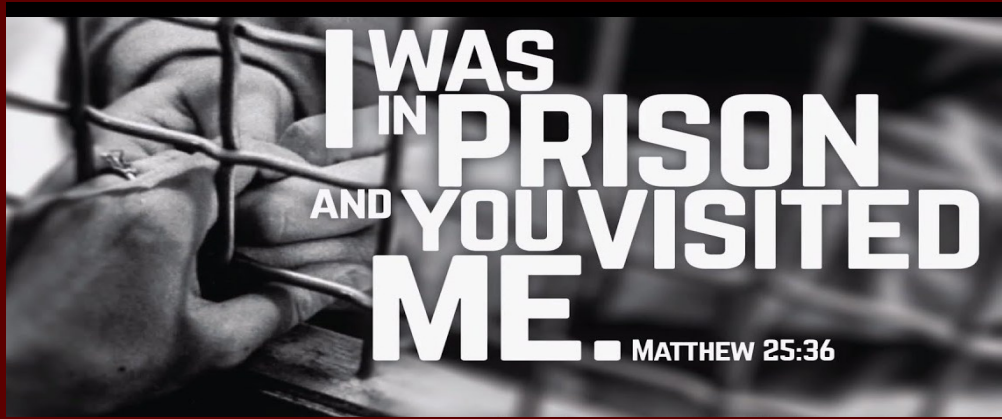
The Team for the Thursday Bible Study was myself, Sis Doreen Parris, Pastor Turner, (Sis Amy Young Sam & Sis Evalee Smith, from Pastor Mullens Church on Church Road.)



Ministry to both members and friends in the community.

Please don't forget to leave your non-perishable items in the Box in the Cloakroom, every 1st Sunday of the month.

You can help by: bringing a (non-perishable item) every first Sunday of the month referring people in need by speaking to Sis Felicia Alexis, one of the board members or calling the Admin office.



What is your ministry gift?

The Team for the Sunday Services was me, Sis Doreen Parris, Junior & Jenny Fagan, Merlene Stewart, Heather White, Angela Fong-Woo, Grace Ampasong, Pastor Turner, Bridget Mitchel, Sis Amy Youngsam, Sis Evalee Smith, (Pat Pyrce and Monica Anderson from Wood Green Church.) We also had visitor's from other churches such as Emmanuel Church, Walthamstow, Raymond Dyer and his group and many more.

The impact of your work and remembering testimonies

As I was praying to close the bible study session the Lord gave me – *don't change your plea, if you say you are guilty, don't change it. I said " the Lord loves you, don't change your plea".* One lady said, *"It's me Sister P, I was thinking of changing my plea".* When she went to court and the judge asked her plea, she pleaded guilty. Her sentence was reduced from 16 years to 5 years and the judge said had she not pleaded guilty, she would have received 16 years. This lady did not know the police had travelled to Jamaica and gathered background information on her and she had 7 children.

In 1993 I travelled to Belgium to see a young lady who had been in prison. She did not know my husband had passed away, and had written to him, inviting him to Belgium. I made preparations to go and took with me Pastor Turner, Sis Audrey Robb and Sis Carmen Benjamin, I funded this trip

personally trusting that God would provide.

When we arrived I broke the news of Reverend Patterson's death to her. We arrived on the Friday and held a prayer meeting that same evening at the family home.

They were not Christians but the lady who invited us was. Family members came from Germany, Sweden and Holland to see me. We prayed for her brother who had mental health issues and five family members gave their heart to the Lord that night.

On the Saturday we were taken to a church and after giving our

maintain well-being.

Topics this year started off with Health and Well being presented by Ms Jacque Ferguson (Health and Wellness Coach) who advised that there should be a balance in the maintenance of good health. She stated that this included focusing on both our spiritual and physical well-being.

This was followed by a presentation by Dr. St. John (GP) on Respiratory Diseases and Fibromyalgia (chronic pain) by Dr. Lawrence (GP).

There were a variety of Workshops which covered Mental Health, Stress Management, Diabetic Eye Screening, Hair Care by Trichologist, Exercise/Spin class, All Health Matters which covered aspects on hygiene.

There were tasters available from Nana's Juices & Kangen Water.

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HEALTH DAY – Team Leader: Joan Eastman



Our Health Day was covered by a variety of Health Care Professionals who gave advice on how best to take care of our health and





Young Gifted & Blessed. Meeting for girls aged 11-19 on Sunday 19 October and every third Sunday at 11.30am in TLC. For more info please contact Sisters Shereece Tomlin, Carol Richards or Phoebe Alexis.



testimony, I was introduced as the minister for the evening. This was a surprise as I had not been asked but we must always be prepared. The Lord gave me Psalm 23 and this was my first time preaching and with an interpreter.

The Sunday morning I was asked to preach at the house in front of a video link, again this was a new experience for me. I received a gift offering of \$1000 Belgian francs which I did not expect and so I used it to cover all our expenses, what a blessing!

I also travelled to Rochester Prison and 23 souls were saved at a Concert, we visited several prisons including ICE (for under 25s). There was a New Testament magazine, 'The Prison and the Officer', featuring Sis Lewin and Rev Winston Patterson. Reverend John Gray travelled the country with us to give talks on the prison ministry it was amazing. I attended a leaving function at Pentonville for a Chaplin, a young man who volunteers, said to me *"you are the reason I am doing this work, I remember when you came to Mile End and gave that talk"*.

What are you doing now?

I now minister at Pentonville men's prison because there are no women prison's in London now. The nearest is Peterborough or Downview. In February I had the privilege to minister at Downview, some of the women who'd transferred from Holloway asked the Chaplin if we could come.

I started at Pentonville on 24th July 2016. I first started attending on the 1st and 4th Sunday of the month. I also have a key and would visit the men 1-1 on the wings on Thursdays.

There are different groups coming in but they've all got to know me, it's like when you start a new job you have to start over. One Sunday there was a fight between gangs and the Chaplin asked me to pray but I first told them off because of the fighting. Then I prayed. Everybody was on their feet clapping and since then I don't think there has been much fighting. I told them if you do the crime you have to do the time and whilst you are waiting, God will strengthen you.

I give God thanks for the money received from the Women's Ministry. I have been able to travel abroad to minister and because I 've trained others to carry on the work, the prison ministry, the all-night prayer meeting and mental home ministry, continues whilst I'm away. Many people say to me – they have never met anyone like me, so I say **"there is only one Sis P so be yourself because I am true to myself"**.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

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Additionally, delegates took advantage of having free diabetic Blood monitoring (BM) and Blood Pressure (BP) checks.



Comments received from delegates who attended our Health Day

"It was excellent".

"The food was good"

"It's value for money".

"I really enjoyed it!"

"I had a free check and found that my blood sugar levels was very high and I didn't realise it. I was advised to book an appointment with my GP.

I am now receiving treatment from my GP".

HEALTH QUESTIONS

When was the last time you had your blood pressure checked?

Do you know your Blood Sugar level?



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Bible Quiz

Women of the Bible

Match the question with the answer on the right.

- ___ What relationship was Ruth to Naomi?
 ___ Who was Jacob's mother?
 ___ Who did Abram marry?
 ___ What was the name of Moses' sister?
 ___ Which woman was a seller of purple goods?
 ___ With whom did David commit adultery?
 ___ What was the name of Ahasuerus' new queen?
 ___ What was the name of Yeshua's (Jesus) mother?
 ___ What did Ruth do to Boaz while he was sleeping?
 ___ Which female judge described herself as 'a mother in Israel'?
 ___ Who did Yeshua appear to first after His resurrection?

1. Deborah
2. Mary
3. Miriam
4. Sarai
5. Daughter-in-law
6. Esther
7. Bathsheba
8. Rebekah
9. Lydia
10. Mary Magdalene
11. Uncovered his feet and lay down next to him

let's chat THOUGHTS? QUESTIONS?

wdm CONTACT

Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

If you would like to get more involved in the Women's Discipleship Ministries please contact

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BIBLE

EMERGENCY HOTLINES

- Stressed.....Matthew 11:25-30
 Worried.....Matthew 6:19-34
 Lonely.....Psalm 23
 Disappointed by people.....Psalm 27
 Bitter or critical.....1 Corinthians 13
 Sinned.....Psalm 51
 Discouraged.....Psalm 34
 Losing hope.....Psalm 139
 Sick.....Psalm 41
 Sad.....John 14
 In danger.....Psalm 91
 Scared.....Joshua 1:1-9
 Lacking faith.....Hebrews 11
 Negative.....Colossians 3:12-17
 Broke.....Psalm 37
 Betrayed.....Psalm 27
 Hurt.....John 15

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