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# Faith & Light



## Provisional coordinator for UK North

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Dear friends around our Province,

A Holy and Peace filled Christmas to you and your families.

It gives me great pleasure to tell you the Young People's community Liverpool has now been recognised as a Faith and Light Community.

After much preparation from the Nomination team we held our Provincial Assembly in Harrogate. We were very blessed to have our Vice-International coordinator Darius with us who animated the discernment for the Provincial coordinator. I know from the evaluation that you all found Darius's presence and input most beneficial and extremely important.

In Faith and Light we experience many first times and this weekend was no exception with new discerning process and a new Provincial set up. I felt very blessed to be called to be your Provincial Coordinator for the next four years and I look forward to the many journeys we will make together.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to your new Provincial team with all their many unique gifts, we are richly blessed:

### **Vice-International coordinator Darius Chmieliauskas**



### **Provincial coordinator-Ann Emmott**



I have been involved in Faith and Light 30 years. I met Tony my husband in Faith and Light. We have three children Zoe 25 yrs Rebecca 18 yrs and Luke 13 yrs. We are a very ecumenical family; Tony is Catholic and I am a Salvationist. I have been involved in F & L on many different levels and I have gained a clearer understanding of the International family. My heart will always remain in the community which is our rock.

### **Provincial Treasurer**



Jane Ayre who many of you know already, not only as Treasurer but a presence at many celebrations. She is married to Strew with two grown up daughters and she has a beautiful little granddaughter named Ivy. Jane was introduced to Faith and Light about 4 years ago. Jane lives in Newark.

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## Provincial Chaplains:



Monsignor Donal Lucey - Parish Priest at St Roberts Harrogate.

Donal has been in Faith and Light from 1971. Donal has completed a Masters degree in "pastoral work with learning disabilities" with Boston University, USA. Faith and Light has always played a big part in Donal's ministry. He has worked towards developing ecumenism for many years and has comprehensive understanding of our International family. Donal has helped initiate many communities in the

West/North Yorks area as a community Chaplain.



Rev. Marian Crawford, Methodist minister. Marion is married to Hugh and they have three daughters, Ellen, Hannah, and Clare. Helen and Hannah are at university, whilst Clare, who has Down's syndrome, is at College. Faith and Light is a very big part of Marian's life and ministry where she demonstrates a great infinity with other parents in Faith and Light. Marian has been involved in faith and light for the last 9 years being chaplain to two West Bridgford communities which she formed. Marian

is also involved with L'Arche at zone level and local level.

## Vice-Provincial coordinator Tony Wilkinson for the Midlands/S.Yorks region



Tony is married to Sharon with two boys, Matthew and Liam.

Tony has been involved with Faith and Light since 1980. He has undertaken various roles including community leader, trustee, regional coordinator and vice national coordinator. He has experienced virtually all aspects of Faith and Light from local community events, to hosting and organising many celebrations. To quote Tony, *"Most important of all are all the many people I have met through F & L and their continuing friendships. It is the people, as always, who make the difference in*

*Faith and Light"*.

## Vice-Provincial coordinator Jane Hawryliw for Scotland



Jane is married to Andre, they have two grown up sons, Simon and Nicholas.

Jane is to retire from her position as a senior specialist biomedical scientist in March.

Jane first became aware of Faith and Light through Father Jock Dalrymple and has been involved in Faith and Light for the last 11 years. Her first involvement was with the Perth/Kinross community; when the numbers grew a new community was started in Glenrothes which Jane helped develop and is part of. Jane has joined many

celebrations at a community, national and zone level.

To quote Jane *"I hope our community in Glenrothes will continue to flourish and strive to be a shining beacon for Faith and Light in our part of the world. I am filled with hope that our joining together as UK North will bring us all great joys in the future."*

## Vice-Provincial coordinator Mary Brooke for the West & North Yorkshire



Mary is a Catholic married to an Anglican clergyman they have one grown up daughter. Understandably Mary has an interest in ecumenical issues.

Mary works with young adults with learning difficulties/disabilities in Arts and Media at a F.E. college in Leeds.

Mary has been in Faith and Light since 1982 making a stronger commitment from the Lourdes pilgrimage in 1991. To quote Mary *"Exactly why F & L is wonderful is a mystery, but it is to do with so many different kinds of people accepting, giving and receiving from each other."*

Mary has been involved in many celebrations on community, national and zone level. And up to last year was on the retreat team.

### **Vice-Provincial coordinator Anne Wormleighton for the North West**



Anne is married to Michael and they have three grown up children. Anne is retired from full work as a Religious Knowledge teacher at a Catholic secondary school. She is a parishioner in St Joseph's parish Ansdell. Anne was introduced to Faith and Light by Father Aidan Turner and Jane Robinson when they formed a Faith and Light community in Ansdell. Anne has been involved for 10 years and the leader of the community for the last six years where she has participated in many celebrations at community, regional, national and zone level.

### **Past event**

The day in York for our service and carolling was wonderful. A special thank you to Jane Ayre for organising the arrangements with the university and excellent meal.

Thank you to Loughborough community for the thought provoking message of the vision of Faith and Light and the true message of Christmas.

The collectors, musicians and the work done behind the scenes thank you. We collected the grand total of £320.84 for solidarity.

### **Forthcoming events:**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January Lourdes Project team meeting

### **Feast of light**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 12.00 pm** North West region at **L'Arche Liverpool**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 3.00 pm** West & North Yorks region at **Seacroft**

**Scotland** to be confirmed

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 3.00 pm** Midlands/South Yorks region at **West Bridgford**

**South Yorks** to be confirmed

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 10.30-4.00pm** Provincial Council **Harrogate**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April** Young people's day at West Bridgford more details to follow

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** Retreat given by Jean Vanier at **Trosly**

Bookings to be received by **31<sup>st</sup> January** to Ann Emmott

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May** Trustees of England and Wales meeting at **Harrogate**

### **2011 UK NORTH Pilgrimage to Lourdes 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

I share a greeting with you someone once sent me

"May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope:

The Spirit of Christmas which is peace

The heart of Christmas which is love"

*Ada V. Hendricks*

Thank you for all you all give to Faith and Light.

Happy Christmas

Nollaig chridheil huibh (Scottish Gaelic)

With love Ann x

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