

Cambridge Ward 2016

The Europe Area Plan for this year, as last year, was:

1. Bring a Friend
2. Become Spiritually and Temporally Self- Reliant
3. Find an Ancestor

A – Friends

Children of record baptisms:

Four of our 8 year olds were baptised this year with friends and family in attendance to witness this big step in their lives:

- Lily Fuller
- Isaac Ives
- Joshua Pierce
- Kevin Marchant

In addition, there were 7 convert baptisms:

- Fatima Kibboua
- Harry Shailes
- Andy Gao
- Alex Towey
- Kelvin and Jazmin Ribeiro
- Lucy Wedderburn

Serving full-time missions:

- John Ablett – serving in Canada
- Sister and Elder Curley – serving at the National Archives, Kew

As usual, in a ward as transient as Cambridge, we had lots of members moving in and out:

Those leaving us were:

- Dixon, Mike, Kendra, Kendall, Eleanorah and Paul who returned to America
- Enuenwosu, Christopher Ebinum who returned to Nigeria
- Rathnakumara, Himal who returned to America
- Pitcher, Tyler, Sunee, Braxton, Brollin and Bannic who returned to America
- Ablett, Hannah who went to university in London

- Blades, Patricia Anne who moved to Nottingham
- Rei, Paco and Idoia who returned to Spain
- Dearden, Sam who returned to America after a period of study at Cambridge University
- Ary, Madeleine who returned to America after a period of study at Cambridge University
- Erickson, Jared and Adrienne who returned to America
- Flake, Lincoln, Siobhan, Preston, Ethan, Lincoln and Eileen who returned to America
- Abbs, Graham and Tiffany moved to America
- Tilbrook, Gail Mandy moved to Scotland
- Gardiner, Michael who returned to America after a period working at Cambridge
- Ngwenya, Nothando who returned to South Africa
- Parkes, Michael, Libby, Najrae, Dante and Shanelle who moved to Peterborough
- Shah, Aishah who went to university to Lancaster
- Sister and Elder Parks, military relations missionaries

We are grateful for all the service they did whilst they were with us.

Those moving in to the ward, and whom we will learn to know and love were:

- Rokoua, Semi
- Bail, Amber Elizabeth
- Wu, Jane
- Scott, R. Bailey
- Cardoza, Danny
- Côte-Real, Ricardo Nuno Martins
- Blank, Ryan
- Ryan, Leslie
- Aarenstrup, Flemming, Natalia and Alex
- Clark, Jake, Lacie, Bree, Tyson and Wesley
- Woolstenhulme, Clark, Guinevere, Ben, Cassius, Minerva and Micaijah
- Ribeiro, Francisco
- Ballard, Brad, Melissa and Jordyn
- Guy, Ieuan, Rachel, Isaac with their daughter Olivia joining them soon after
- Shultz, Greg, Eva, Isaac, Kaleb, Sophia and Liam
- Ogadengbe, David and his mother Elizabeth
- Sister and Elder Marchant, military relations missionaries
- Sister and Elder Johnson who returned from their mission as President and Matron of the London Temple

We were greatly blessed by having some superb ward activities to enjoy.

The first of these was a visit by the BYU Ballroom Dance Company who delighted us with some fantastic dance routines. It was held at Comberton Village College and many members of the stake, as well as ward members and friends attended.

A summer social, which included barbeque, games, piñata and even a little sunshine!

The highlight of the year had to be the Music Evening in December with a catered 3 course dinner followed by many performances by musically talented members that the ward is lucky enough to have.

The Church had an exciting initiative during the Christmas period: 'Light the World'. This encouraged members throughout the world to perform simple acts of service to emulate the many ways Jesus cared for others during His earthly ministry. In addition, a calendar of the first 25 days in December encouraged various Christ like acts of service on each day. For example, day 5 featured the message, "Jesus fed the hungry and so can you," and provided simple suggestions for service like: donate to a food bank, or invite a neighbour over for dinner.

B. Becoming spiritual and temporal self-reliant

Just as life brings glad moments, it also brings sad ones too.

"Mourn with those that mourn; yea, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort":

We lost:

- George Davidson
- Audrey Collyer
- Barry Palmer
- Sheila Newman

Some other members lost relatives:

- Jules Malfroy, Rebecca Malfroy's husband
- Derek Lavender, Muriel Lavender's husband
- Gerry Seager, Vivian Cook's father

We celebrated the weddings of:

- Ruth Reed and Hunter Black
- Jade Clarke and Joseph Beardsmore

Along with previous members of the ward who came back to be married in the building:

- Tirion Guy and Ruben Martins (from Huntingdon ward)
- Rebecca Emerson and Maison Wilsher (from Bury St Edmunds Ward)
- Carys Robertson and Jason Cooper (from Huntingdon ward)

There were 4 baby blessings:

- Eliza, daughter of Jade and Joseph Beardsmore
- Layla, daughter of Leah del Rosario and David Hall
- Olivia, daughter of Ieuan and Rachel Guy
- Ataiah, daughter of Sherice and Adrian Adams

Ward members moved on with their progression in the church:

- A. Patriarchal blessing:
 - Wedderburn, Lucy Helen
 - Towey, Alexander Christopher
 - Schill, Noah Ryan
 - Perry, Xue Guo
 - Aquino, Arianne Caliao
- B. And temple ordinances:
 - Haidee Clarke was endowed
 - Gloria Schumperli was endowed and sealed to her parents
- C. Priesthood ordinations:
 - David Ogedgenbe, Melchizedek priesthood ordained as Elder
 - Harry Shailes, Aaronic priesthood ordained as Priest
 - Andy Gao, Aaronic priesthood ordained as Priest
 - Alex Towey, Aaronic priesthood ordained as Priest

New callings included:

- Dan Lucas, Elders Quorum President
- David Hewson, High Priest Group Leader
- Danny Cardoza, Ward Mission Leader
- Neil Toronto, Young Men President
- Kim West, Relief Society President

The YSA programme continues to be healthy and the following activities have been run this year:

- Temple trips
- Student summer program
- Institute
- Service activities

The YSA have been greatly blessed by the missionary service of Elder and Sister Jackman who have been serving in the ward this year. They will be greatly missed when they return home in January 2017.

Homeless project: 'I was a Stranger' initiative assisted refugees in our local communities by taking meals to those in need.

Members who had serious health issues this year and their lives were preserved:

- Clinton Wedderburn
- Leslie Ryan

The ward increased emphasis on the role of music by:

- A thriving choir: with the help of all the music personnel, members of the ward choir, led by the ward music chairman, Carolee Fairbanks.
- Sang in stake conference for first time in many years. We provided transport to the October stake conference

Teaching in the Saviour's way and introduction of the teacher council meetings added to the ward members' experience.

C. Ancestors

Thanks to the ward temple and family history personnel who work so hard in their calling and help bring to pass this important work.

Both Relief Society and the Youth had trips to the temple to do ordinance work and bring their members to a better understanding of the temple.