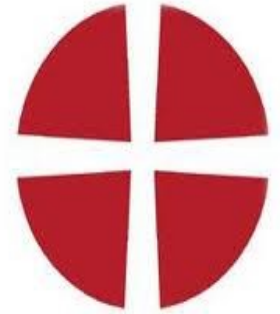




# GHANAIAN METHODIST FELLOWSHIP - UK CHAPLAINCY



Ye Nye Nyame Reye! Wo ke Nyonmo Mii Fee!

March 2016 Edition

**"In the future, when your children ask you, "what do these stones mean..." Josh 4:6-**

## Ghana celebrates 59 years of independence

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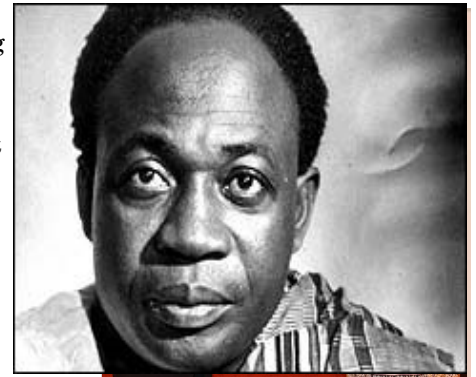
Ghanaians have celebrated the 59th year of ending the colonial rule.

Marking the celebration in the capital Accra, the president, John Dramani Mahama, said "It is our responsibility to safeguard our independence so that the nation we leave for our children to inherit is also free, peaceful and democratic.

We must invest ourselves not only in the achievements our nation has chalked, but also in the challenges because each of us is the face of Ghana.

Certainly there remains much more work to be done. Certainly we will

have our differing political views on the best way to do that work. But we must use those discussions to strengthen who we are as one nation, and to find solutions to the challenges that face us.



Dr Kwame Nkrumah

We cannot encourage conversations and activities that are meant to divide us, to weaken our morale, or limit our potential in this particular moment. To quote a popular expression: we cannot afford to "cut off our nose to spite our face."

On Sunday 13 March, many Ghanaians and members of the Christian Council UK and Ireland will gather at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster to mark the celebration in London. In attendance will be the High Commissioner to UK, Honourable Victor Emmanuel Smith and many embassy staff.

### Please pray for the following

- \* Those seeking work
- \* Sunday school teachers
- \* Bereaved families
- \* The sick
- \* Fellowship Leadership

## GMF on social media

We're on the social media. Organisations and local fellowships can forward information to the Publicity Committee to be shared on the social media.

Facebook: Search for GMF-UK

Twitter: @GMFUK

Website: [www.gmf-uk.org](http://www.gmf-uk.org)

[www.gmfuk.wordpress.com](http://www.gmfuk.wordpress.com)

YouTube: Search- GMF-UK Chaplaincy

## WF raise funds for a good cause

The Women's Fellowship of the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship– UK Chaplaincy has organised a dinner to raise funds for the Methodist Women's Vocational Institute-Kwadaso, in Kumasi. The feast was held at the Walworth Methodist Church, Camberwell on 30 January 2016

The dinner was mainly sponsored by one member of the women's fellowship, Mrs Hilda Amoo- Gottfried as part of her 70th birthday celebration. Explaining her reasons for the invitation, Hilda said, I have invited you to help raise money for the Methodist Women's Vocational Institute, and "to glorify God and thank Him for 70 years of life, nearly 42 of happy marriage and three wonderful sons".

The chaplain of the fellowship Rev William Davis explained the poor state of the toilet facilities of the institute and urged people presents to give generously towards the renovation of the toilet facilities.

The guests were served with variety sea foods and many traditional Ghanaian food.

The dinner was attended by many members of the women's fellowship, members of the Ghanaian Fellowship and family and friends of Mrs Hilda Amoo-Gottfried.

Over thousand pounds was raised on the day

The Methodist Women's Vocational Institute was established in 1946 through the collaborative effort of the Women's Fellowship of the Methodist Mission Society in Britain to train Ministers' spouses. Currently, the institutes runs secretarial courses and technical, vocational, and educational training.

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## Sustain the seed of evangelism– Stephanie Badu-Boateng

The Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship-UK Chaplaincy has been urged to keep the fire that set Ghana Methodism ablaze and sustain the seed of evangelism.

Stephanie Badu– Boateng, a local preacher on-note in the New River Circuit, told the congregation to rekindle the fire that once brought

some missionaries from Britain to come and set Ghana Methodism ablaze. Stephanie was speaking on the theme "Methodist as Christians: Helping faith grow", at the junior/youth anniversary service held on 14 February 2016 at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. Recalling her recent experience with other youth on mission trip to

Ghana, she was impressed by the zeal and faith shown by many children and youth in Ghana. She said such zeal and faith was as a result of the good seed sown by some people and called on the fellowship to help sustain the seed amongst the youth and increase the faith.

"We have to sustain the seeds and sow more to increase the crops".

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## Hardman's cycle challenge yields result

The attempt by Rev David Hardman of Walworth Methodist church to raise £8,000.00 to build a new manse in the Northern Ghana is beginning to see positive results.

Hardman's fund raising effort has so far raised over £4,000.00 pounds and construction work has begun on the new manse.

At Southwark & Deptford Circuit

Meeting on 18 February 2016, David told the meeting of his excitement of the progress of the project. He showed the meeting photos of the project so far. He thanked the many people who contributed towards the project and asked members of the meeting to continue to pray for smooth completion of the manse.

Eve deGraft who was with the

ministers when they visited Ghana in 2015 also expressed her excitement about the progress and thanked all those who contributed.

The fund raising started after Rev David Hardman and other ministers visited Ghana in 2015. When completed, Nalogni in the Northern Diocese of the Methodist Church Ghana will have 6 rooms brand new manse.

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## When the Easter came early for the GMF

Though the Easter celebration is few weeks away, some members of the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship –UK Chaplaincy have already marked the resurrection Sunday.

Like Jesus who took three of his disciples to the mountain to witness his transfiguration, some members of the fellowship have had the opportunity of celebrating Easter in advance.

The advance celebration took place on Sunday 28th February 2016 at St Mark's Methodist Church, Tottenham, at the invitation of the

British Broadcasting Corporation.

The BBC recorded the celebration for its programme -“How Africans Celebrate Easter” which will be aired on BBC2 in the coming weeks.

Members of the fellowship dressed in their typical Easter Sunday fashion and danced to the resurrection power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Speaking at the service, the chaplain of the fellowship, Rev William Davis, told the congregation not to worry about the “stone” in their

lives. He said its not the worry which will remove the stone but through prayer and trusting our Lord Jesus Christ. Like the ladies who worried so much about who will lift the stone placed at the tomb and later realized it had already been taken care of, we too would soon realize that our “stones” have been removed.

If you missed the preview, you can join us again on Sunday 27 March at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.

### Photos







THE GMF-UK CHAPLAINCY



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FUN GAMES



2016

GAMES INCLUDE

- Egg / Lemon & Spoon Race
- Sack Race
- Tug Of War (Peace)
- Oware & Draught
- Ludo /Snakes & Ladders
- Football
- Table Tennis
- 100 Meters Race
- And Many More

Venue: Broadwater Farms

Adams Road  
London N17 6HE

Date: 30/5/2016  
(Monday, Bank Holiday)  
Time: 10am - 6pm

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Come And Have Fun ! ! ! ! !

## MHA Receives Support

The Christ Little Band– an organisation within the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship –UK Chaplaincy has donated a cheque of £250.00 pounds to the Methodist Homes for the Aged (MHA).

The cheque was presented at the Founders Day Celebration of the Christ Little Band on 24 January 2016 at St Mark’s Methodist Church, Tottenham. The cheque was received by Mr Godfried Gyasi-Addo, a patron of Christ Little Band.

Stoke Mandeville Hospital also received a cheque of £250.00 pounds. This was in recognition of excellent treatment Mr Kojo Hagan– a patron of CLB and staunch member of the Ghanaian Fellowship had some years ago.

Christ Little Band was founded 130 years ago in Cape Coast, Ghana, to deepen Christian faith through Bible study, and to promote practical Christian values.

The founders day celebration was also used to launch the 10th anniversary celebration of Christ Little Band– GMF-UK branch.

The Christ Little Band has earned the nickname the “Leicester” of the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship in reference to the Leicester Football Club. The band is not very popular as compared to other GMF organisations yet it does great things. The band indeed put lots of smile on many peoples face just as the Leicester Football Club is doing in the current EPL season.

Though can’t boast of great numbers, the CLB has over the past

years contributed significantly to many organisations including Methodist Hospital in Wenchi and Methodist Clinic, Amakom, both in Ghana.

Having made some significant contributions to organisations in Ghana, the band is now turning its attention to the UK to help as much as it can.

Relying on its motto: “Together we stand, divided we fall”, the band is hoping to expand and set up branches across the Greater London and beyond.

Outgoing leader of the band- Opanyin Esther Opoku- Gyimah was honoured at the service.

Christ Little Band meet third Saturday of every month at St Mark’s Methodist Church, Tottenham.