

Sunday 21st March 2010- Last service held at New St Frankley by the Church of God - Northfield

Sister Angela Clarke Lead the morning's devotion by welcoming all present including visitors, two of whom were sisters from the local St. Christopher's church congregation.

This was to be the last Sunday service held at the local church building at New Street, Frankley after 13 years.

The scripture was read from Psalms: 111. Sister Angela spoke of how the Lord had lead us thus far and encouraged us to look to the future with the Lord still leading. She drew reference to the covenant God made with Israel and how He provided for them as they entered the land of promise. She went on to say that God likewise has made a covenant with us and has blessed us with a place of our own where He will continue to provide for us also.

We sang "*Surely Goodness & Mercy*" to close of the morning's devotion.

Pastor Bennett read a farewell card received from members of the Anglican congregation at St Christopher's church, and thanked them for coming to share in the service. We were then encouraged by the local Auxiliary Leaders.

Deacon C. Edmeade and Sister E. Whitter prayed for the speakers

- **Sister W.Brown (WMB)** sang "*All the Way my Savior Leads Me*" and encouraged us on Holy living from the scriptures. She read from Ephesians 4:29 – 32 and 1 Thessalonians chapter 4.
- **Bro Stuart Brown (CPMA)** spoke of the period spent at the current location as being a life changing time "from boyhood to manhood." He spoke of how God had kept us and would continue to keep us. He encouraged us to maintain the identity of the Church and read from 2 Peter 1:3 -11.

After the congregational song "*Send the Light*" Pastor Bennett spoke of us leaving for the new location and encouraged us not to just relax when we got there but to work and fulfill our purpose.

- **Sister J. Thompson (Sunday school)** sang "*The last Move*" after which she thanked God for His provision and blessings within the Sunday school department. She thanked God for our time in this area and for those who had received the word over the years and that she was looking forward to further blessings". Her scripture was taken from Psalms 27:4.

- **Sister C. Brown (VLB)** sang *“Take me back”* and spoke about the need to return to the love and excitement we first felt when we met God, as this would be needed to do the work ahead of us. She spoke of God’s working powerfully during our time in the area but that God was not limited to a building. She stated that we would be moving with the Holy Ghost to a place God has provided for us. Scriptures read were from Psalms 37: 4,5,23,24

- **Pastor Bennett** was our final speaker and spoke of all the places Northfield’s local congregation had moved to over the years and felt this could be the last move for the local church. He read an article entitled *“Opportunities”* and spoke of his hopes for the future and the need to recognize and thank God for His benefits towards us. He encouraged us to go forward into the work and to look forward with anticipation. He read a scripture from Isaiah 55: 8,9.

Our last song was *“Go Ye into All the world”* after which we closed with a congregational prayer.