

Gospel Arts Manna Newsletter



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Welcome to the second issue of the Gospel Arts Manna Newsletter.

The months seemed to fly by! It was a very busy period and yet there were some events and news headlines that I certainly, will not forget in a hurry.

One thing that did become very clear to me is that we need to find a lot more useful and fulfilling activities for our young people. If you know young people, talk to them about Gospel Arts Manna, this may just be what they need right now.

Let's all do our bit to help to reduce crime in the community, no matter how small, we can all do something.

Maybe we need to do more for children from an earlier age, Gospel Arts Manna is setting up art activities and games on the website for younger children everywhere. Whatever it is we can do to help, let's all try and do something.

I hope that this edition helps you feel like this is something you would like to be a part of.

Blessings.



The Gospel Arts Manna Team

Team Members:

- Maureen Robinson
- Susan Watt
- Caroline Kamara
- Petrona Celestine
- Kevin Philemon
- Vivienne Evers
- Clive de Silva
- Mark Grey

The team members behind this venture are as follows:

Chair - Mrs Maureen Robinson, Christian Aid Head of the black churches in the South West.

Director - Mrs Susan Watt, Secretary and Radio Production Trainer for five local Christian Radio Stations in the UK.

Treasurer - Mrs Caroline

Kamara, Pharmaceuticals Officer.

Secretary - Miss Petrona Celestine, new appointee.

Advisory Member - Mr. Kevin Philemon - Music Technology & Radio Production Tutor at CEED Media.

Advisory Member—Ms Vivienne Evers - Secretary & new children story

writer.

Choir Leader - Clive de Silva, pastor in the Acton and Stonebridge area.

Drama Leader - Mark Grey, Director of Carmel Greystone Theatre and Photography organisation.

GAM Secretary - Profile



Gospel Arts Manna has taken on a secretary! Petrona Celestine is from Grenada and is an accounts student in London.

Petrona loves the Lord and has loved singing with a passion since she first sang in public at the age of 10. Not only is she a talented gospel singer but Petrona also writes her own songs.

In the future she hopes to release a Gospel CD which she is praying will uplift the hearts of all who listen to it.

As secretary to GAM, Petrona will attend to workshop bookings, assist in publicity and attend to general secretarial duties. She will also be the key person to speak to regarding GAM membership. In sharing her

thoughts about the project Petrona said:

“I feel Gospel Arts Manna is a revolutionary programme so I would like all young people to become involved because they will be undertaking in something that will glorify the name of the Lord; and that is amazing!”

Community Gospel Choir



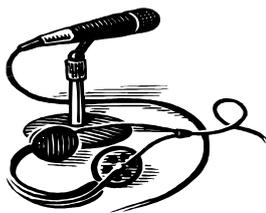
The Gospel Manna Community Choir had its first public performance on Sunday, 3 June 07 at the Stanborough Primary School Fete and didn't they sound great?! The moment of anxiety was heightened when they were informed just before the

performance that there was a change of plan and as the weather was so great, they were to perform outdoors! However, the vocal projection they were able to muster was only to be admired. The chair of Watford Borough Council, Tony Poole and his wife Sylvia ex-

pressed how much music meant to them personally and they were happy to oblige in a memorable photo shoot. See website for photo.

Since starting in March 07, the choir has now doubled its membership; praise the Lord!

Flame 87.7FM



Swindon's Community Radio with a Christian Flavour

Flame FM is Swindon's Churches Together community project which took place from 1 to 27 May 2007.

With a mix of Christian and secular music, topics and discussions, it really was the radio station for everyone.

The first broadcast was heard back in 2000 and generally every two years donations enable a new venture. Now in it's 4th term, Flame FM has broadened its horizons to web-streaming, meaning that you could pick up their programming directly from your home computer.

Sunday afternoon's 'What's Your Story' was presented by Susan Watt who interviewed up-and-coming gospel artists from the UK such as photographer and playwright Mark Grey, web designer and photographer, Stephen White and singer/song-writer Petrona Celestine.

Stephen White - Profile

Stephen is a multimedia consultant and an interactive producer. Since graduating from Westminster University in 1998 with a Master of Science Degree in Interactive Multimedia, he has worked in both the multimedia and new media industries.

He has produced many multimedia, websites and interactive applications for companies such as BSkyB,

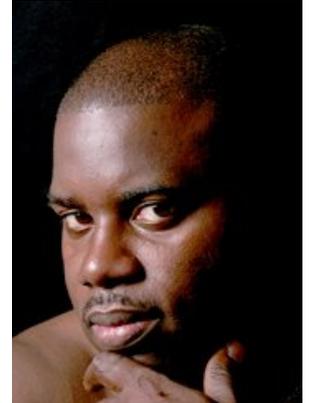
HSBC, Abbey etc and have worked with the BBC for 5 years.

Notably he has produced websites for many large organisations of which The Sun and Fiat Cars are a couple.

"I have been interested in art since I was a child particularly loving painting and drawing. Over the past few years I started us-

ing photography as an artistic expression. I view photography as an art form whereby I express my enjoyment of landscape and abstract art but my favourite subject is People."

If you would like to see samples of Stephen's work these can be found on his website at: www.amaica.co.uk



Community Gospel Drama

The Gospel Manna Community Drama Group has seen steady community interest since its inception back in March and had its first public performance on Sunday, 3 June at the Stanborough Primary School Fete. The drama group performed a

thought-provoking and moving piece narrated by Mark Grey. The drama group members did very well and received commendations from many who were in attendance which included the President of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Ad-

ventists.

The drama group has a demanding project now upon them as they work on a short film for the Black History Month in October.

For information on how to join contact us.



Gospel Arts Manna Office

Gospel Arts Manna has now moved office.

We give all the thanks to God and send up praise to His name for His constant guidance and mercies.

The new site has plenty of parking, and should you have to attend for a meeting, you will find the meeting rooms are suitable for

our needs. Our workshops and classes will continue to be held at the Stanborough Centre, on St Albans Road.

With immediate effect, Gospel Arts Manna's new address is: Unit 76, Wenta Business Centre, Colne Way, Watford, Herts. WD24 7ND. The telephone number for the time being remains the same as

before, which is 0777 555 9554.

The office is being used daily for production, meetings and in fact for the majority of activities undertaken by the organisation.

'For He is faithful and just to supply all our needs.'



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GAM Mission Statement

We, the founders, seek to be led primarily by the Holy Spirit and have found the following statement accurately describes our current mission for Gospel Arts Manna:

- To assist Christian Artists in carrying out 'The Great Commission'.
- To cultivate greater respect and appreciation for Christian Art.
- To assess possible training, skill and tools needed by members.
- To promote members' artistic goods & services subject to approval.
- To establish an effective database for Christian Artists.
- To support new artists in establishing their artistic ministry.
- To open doors for members who wish to minister abroad.
- To highlight the benefits of artistic spiritual food.
- To increase vocational activities.

What's On?



1. The following GAM Network Lunch will be held in Watford on Sunday, 26 August 07 at 2pm. All are welcome to come along and meet with the organisers, choir members, drama members, sign up for singing lessons, drama classes or simply just to meet the crew. See 'What's On at Gospel Arts Manna' on the website for full details.

2. Gospel Arts Manna will soon be expanding its involvement on the web to include children's artistic talents. Vivienne Evers will be heading up this feature with quizzes, pictures and competitions and of course you cannot

have competitions without exciting prizes!

3. New English Orchestra is commencing their two week Salzburg Tour from 27 July. This will include performances at the Dom and St Peter's Square.

4. Gospel Manna Community Choir will be taking part in the Aims 2 Cure MS, Charity Concert on the 29 September 07 at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in Bayswater, London.

5. Join our Community Gospel Choir on Tuesday evenings at 19:30 at the Stanborough Centre, 609 St Albans Road, Garston, Watford, Herts. WD25 9JL. Classes run fort-

nightly.

6. Join our Fortnightly Community Gospel Drama classes on Tuesday evenings at 19:30 at the Stanborough Centre, 609 St Albans Road, Garston, Watford, Herts. WD25 9JL.

7. The event of the year takes place when Gospel Arts Manna invites you to our Gospel Manna Fundraising Banquet to be held on Saturday, 23 February 2008. Dignitaries include a Record Producer, Publisher, the Grenada High Commissioner and Minister for Performing Arts. Watch this space for more details.