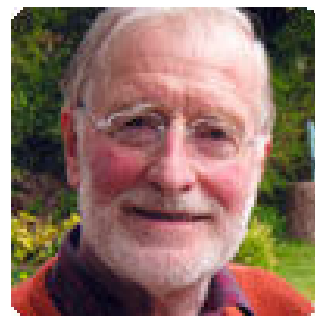


RT REV GEORGE EDWARD “DAVID” PYTCHEs (K44-48)

He was born on 9 January 1931 and after attending the College went to Bristol University and then Tyndale Theological College. He became a Deacon in 1955, a Priest in 1956.

He was Assistant Curate at St Ebbe's in Oxford from 1955 to 1958, followed by Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity in Wallington from 1958 to 1959.



He and his wife Mary became missionaries in Chile, South America in 1962. He said "Going with so many assumptions from my village church background, to pioneer church planting in another culture in an urban situation really changed all my thinking. I had to ask myself what were we trying to plant -- an Anglican church? What are the values of Anglicanism outside of an English culture? It was a very disturbing time. So many things I believed were fundamental to my faith were accessories -- sometimes luxuries."

He and Mary had been in the mission field for ten years when they returned to England, spiritually exhausted from their work. "By 1969, I was going through a crisis because I found that the Christ I was preaching as the answer for others, I wasn't allowing to be the answer for my own life. I had been so zealous I had forgotten about love and didn't know it."

They were ready to leave mission work, but heard an unmistakable call to return to Chile. So, with four small daughters, they took a ship back to the mission field. In 1972, he was made Bishop of the Anglican diocese of Chile, Bolivia, and Peru.

Under his leadership, evangelism and church planting continued, along with extensive training of church leaders. It was an exciting, but difficult time, owing to the tensions in Chile that ultimately led to the overthrow of the Allende government in 1973.

In 1976, he and Mary with their family returned to England and he became Vicar of St Andrew's Chorleywood. It was a church that had already come into renewal, but David could not really see how to integrate the gifts of the spirit into the life of the church. That was to remain a mystery until John Wimber came to the church for a weekend in 1981.

"He was very gentle, humble and had a good sense of humor," he recalls. "I soon found that he had some pretty challenging alternatives to our traditional way of thinking. He showed us that we were prisoners of our western world view, which was material and rationalistic, causing us automatically to discredit anything outside those limits."

This echoed his and Mary's experience in Chile; they realized that they had glossed over some of what they had read in the Bible. Under John Wimber's teaching that weekend, the Spirit of God came upon many of the young people. Some remarkable healings occurred over the next few months. A lady received sight in a blind eye, they came back a year later and the other eye was healed! "It wasn't just the healing, but the new sense of hope and purpose which people witnessed to. "For me, to know that someone was actually healed instantly in church at a Sunday morning service was a life-changing experience."

As the news of events at St. Andrew's spread, other church leaders in England visited to learn first-hand what had been happening. This evolved into a series of three-day conferences. Known as New Wine, they increased from 350 to over 6,500 participants between 1987 and 1992. Since then St. Andrew's, Chorleywood has become a national centre for training leaders and equipping the laity for all kinds of Christian ministry. It not only has a network across the country but also started week-long residential conferences under canvas in show-grounds which today gathers 36,000 campers annually in the UK, not to mention North America, South Africa, New Zealand, Sweden, Finland and Holland. They also started a youth conference to inspire young people, which gathers a similar number in a similar way each year.

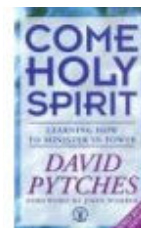
Since retiring from St Andrew's in 1996 he has continued his national and international ministry with *New Wine* and *Soul Survivor*, both of which he founded with his wife. He still travels widely to speak at churches and conferences around the world.

Along with Bishop FitzSimons Allison and four others, he participated in the controversial consecration in 2000, in Singapore, of two bishops opposed to the blessing of same-sex unions by the Episcopal Church USA.

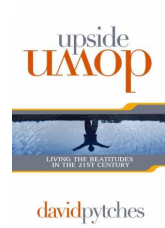
In 2006 he was one of the signatories to the "A Covenant for the Church of England", which sets out where orthodox Anglicans stand.

He is the author of many books, including his autobiography, *Living at the Edge*.

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His wife Mary is also an author in the field of Christian Counselling and has written 10 books, including *Yesterday's Child*, *A Child No More*, *Dying to Change*, *Who Am I*, and *Rising Above The Storms of Life*. She also conducts periodical full day "teach-ins" and weekend retreats.