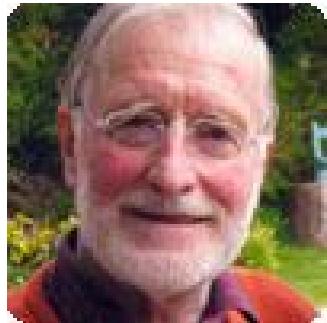


RT REV GEORGE EDWARD "DAVID" PYTCHES (K44-48)



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 1959. 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 while in a church in the UK heard an unmistakable call to return to Chile. So, with four small daughters, they took a ship back to the mission field. In 1970 he was made an Assistant Bishop and in 1972 he was made Bishop of the Anglican diocese of Chile, Bolivia, and Peru.

Under his leadership, evangelism and church planting continued. He had to go back to the New Testament to discover how the church grew without central funds, very few scriptures available, no prayer books, hymn books or church buildings! It was a challenging time with frequent earthquakes, (one registering 9.5 on the Richter Scale) and political tensions in Chile that ultimately led to the overthrow of the Allende government when it was acting unconstitutionally and the Military were obliged to intervene in 1973.

In 1977, concerned about the education of their 4 children, they returned to England and he became Vicar of St Andrew's Chorleywood. It was a church that had already come into renewal. David could not really see how to integrate the gifts of the Spirit into the life of the church until he met John Wimber, who came with a team from California in 1981. He showed us that our Western world view was too rationalistic. Some remarkable healings occurred over that weekend. A lady received sight in a blind eye, and the news soon spread. Not only did the local church grow considerably but church leaders began visiting St. Andrew's from all over the country. At first 'day conferences' were organised for them and by 1989 week long 'residential conferences' at the Bath and West Showground were organised for leaders and their people, which were called 'New Wine'.

These became very popular and eventually there were two separate week-long conferences with a total attendance of 20 - 22,000 people. Similar conferences were soon being organised across the world. A separate youth movement was started out of 'New Wine', called 'Soul Survivor' with four camping conferences and a total of 30,000 attendees - many young visitors becoming Christians, usually over a 1,000 converts each year.

The teaching on the Holy Spirit encouraged new initiatives resulting in many new churches across the UK - at least two with weekly congregations of over a 1,000. (Watford and Nottingham, which have also planted out new congregations into other towns and cities). At the beginning this drive for Church-planting was frowned upon by the Church of England establishment but latterly the official attitude has changed completely and Bishops are formally ordaining some of the new church leaders. The present Archbishop attended many of the 'New Wine' conferences as a local church leader and latterly he has returned to encourage his fellow leaders.

David retired in 1996, but continued teaching. He has both written many books on church leadership and the work of the Holy Spirit to encourage the new churches. They have four daughters and 12 grandchildren, and to date one great-grandchild.

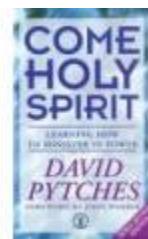
Since retiring from St Andrew's in 1996 he has continued his national and international ministry with *New Wine* and *Soul Survivor*, both of which he founded with his wife. He still travels widely to speak at churches and conferences around the world.

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.

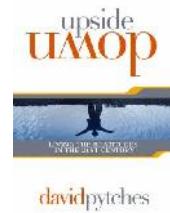
In 2006 he was one of the signatories to the "A Covenant for the Church of England", which sets out where orthodox Anglicans stand.

He is the author of many books, including his autobiography, *Living at the Edge*. Here are just a few :-

- Come Holy Spirit: Learning to Minister in Power (1985)
- Liturgy and Liberty (1989)
- Does God Speak Today? (1989)
- Some Said It Thundered: A Personal Encounter with the Kansas City Prophets (1990)
- What Is the New Age? (1990)
- Prophecy in the Local Church: A Practical Handbook and Historical Overview (1993)
- Going Empty Handed (1996)
- The Hot Line: How Can We Hear God Speak - Today? (1997)
- Leadership For New Life (1998)
- John Wimber: A Tribute by David Pytches (1998)
- Out of the Mouth of Babes (1999)
- Four Funerals and a Wedding (1999)
- Words of Knowledge (1999)
- Healing Ministry Training (1999)
- Healing Ministry and Pastoral Prayer Ministry: An Introduction for the Local Church (1999)
- Living at the Edge (2002)
- Burying the Bishop (2002)
- Family Matters (2002)
- Church Matters (2002)
- Can Anyone Be A Leader? (2004)



- Upside Down - Living The Beatitudes In The 21st Century (2007)
- What they say about Prayer (2010 – revised and reprinted in 2015)



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.