

# WALDENSIAN MISSIONS AID SOCIETY, SCOTLAND

## -The Scottish Waldensian Society –

Founded in 1850- Supporting the Waldensian/Methodist Churches in Italy  
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The Society's website is at : - [www.scottishwaldensian.org.uk](http://www.scottishwaldensian.org.uk). It contains information on the society, with contact and donation facilities.

*In 2020, there had been no **Synod** of the Waldensian/Methodist Churches in Torre Pellice, and instead some cultural events took place in that period. Churches in Italy and Scotland had begun to operate in new ways, with Zoom services, and church services with limited numbers. However, happily, in 2021 the usual Synod did take place in August. On this occasion, one new Pastor, Gabriele Bertin, and one new Deacon, Monica Natali, were consecrated.*

*The important work of Mediterranean Hope, sponsored by the Reformed Churches in Italy, including the Waldensians/Methodists, continues, and we have a new link with this organisation. Fiona Kendall, a Scottish Lawyer, is now working with **Mediterranean Hope** in Rome, as a legal advisor and administrator. She was able to share information about her ongoing work, with the advising and re-settling of immigrants who had arrived in the South of Italy particularly in the island of Lampedusa, on a Zoom conference with supporters from the Mission Group of Liberton Kirk, on 23 September 2021*

*In 2022 Servizio Cristiano, in Riesi, Sicily, celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Centre, which is a place of outreach and training, was founded by Pastor Tullio Vinay. Pastor Vinay was the founder and moving force in the Agape centre, at Prali in the Waldensian Valleys, which was inaugurated after the Second World War as a place of reconciliation. Some years ago the present director of Servizio Cristiano, Gianluca Fiusco, was able to visit Scotland and speak to supporters of the Society about the valuable ongoing work in the community there. For further information, these websites may be consulted : [www.serviziocristiano.org](http://www.serviziocristiano.org) and [www.agapecentroecumenico.org](http://www.agapecentroecumenico.org) .*

The Society records its appreciation of the continuing support of all its members most warmly. Likewise, donations for the ongoing work will be most welcome, and Gift Aid Declarations can be provided to donors who pay U.K. tax. The Society is usually able to provide a Speaker or a video or CD, for presentations to any interested organisations, who may wish to know more of the work of the Waldensian and Methodist Church and Community in Italy. Requests for further information, including copies of the Waldensian Review, will be welcomed. Up to date information can be obtained from the Website of the Waldensian Church – [www.chiesavaldeese.org](http://www.chiesavaldeese.org) – in both English and Italian. In future I would be happy to send this Newsletter by email. Please advise of your email address for this purpose.

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