

THE WALDENSIAN REVIEW

From the Editor

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Thank you for your continuing interest and support! Keep on remembering us with generosity! Especially since 2025 will mark the 200th Anniversary of the Waldensian Church Mission.

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Synod 2024 (25–30 August) was exceptionally important and full of events because of the celebration of **850 years of the Waldensian Movement** that are carrying on until the end of the year all over Italy and abroad. On Saturday 24th there was the 'Examination of Faith' for the two ordinands, **Maliq Meda** and **Kassim Conteh** (pictured greeting well-wishers from a window of Casa valdese). In the afternoon

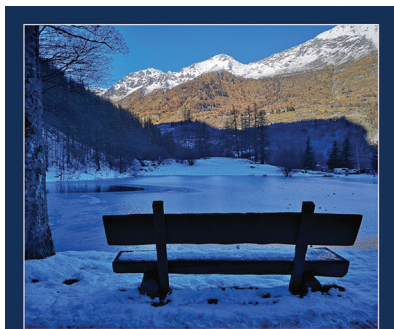


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WALDENSIAN CALENDARS 2025



LE VALLI VALDESI

2025

Calendario delle Valli valdesi con foto di Vanessa Cucco e Marco Scorzi



Winter and summer in the Valleys.

Beautiful colour photos; Bible verses also in English. Since 2025 is the 50th Anniversary of the **INTEGRATION** of the **METHODIST** and **WALDENSIAN** churches, the reverse pages tell the story of **METHODISM** in Italy.

Postage is up again; we kept the price of the calendar the same as last year, but remember that the little profit goes to the WCM! Please order online at

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the annual Conference *Giornata Miegge* titled '**Looking forward to the Past**' focused on the Anniversary and the audience was pleased to welcome back, among other contributors, Professor Rev. **Euan Cameron**. He concentrated on the transition of the Waldensians from clandestine movement to 'proper' Church when they joined the Reformation. More in the Summer magazine.

On Sunday 25th Kassim and Maliq were ordained during the opening service led by **Sophie Langeneck**, minister in Milan, very recently ordained and even younger than them! A strong message about the future of the Church: women (there are many



now!) and ministers born outside Italy and perfectly integrated. Sophie preached on 'Jesus a King without a crown' (Luke 19, 37-40).

There was also a special **stamp postmark** to celebrate the landmark and plenty of items and gadgets were on sale. The remarkable seller always on duty by the stall in front of Casa valdese was **Jean-Daniel Jourdan** helped by

WALDENSIAN AWAYDAY

SATURDAY 18 January 2025 10.30 a.m. to 1 pm
at Downing Place URC, Cambridge CB2 3EL

200th ANNIVERSARY of the Waldensian Church Mission
(set up by Canon Gilly)

Rev. Professor **Euan Cameron**, arriving from the US, will tell us why
and how.

50th ANNIVERSARY of Waldensian–Methodist Integration in Italy

Rev. **Peter Ciaccio**, minister of a Waldensian Church and of a
Methodist Church in Trieste, will commemorate with us.

Calendars, books, chocolates on sale!

COME and SUPPORT US!!!

And have a (FREE!) *bowl of soup* with us afterwards!

his sister **Geneviève** and friend **Frida Brunetti**.

The representative of the Waldensian Church Mission this year was Professor **Eugenio Biagini**, who has contributed to the third volume of the new History of the Waldenses and was warmly welcomed.



(Left) Nicky Raddon, Tim and Angela Macquiban with Kassim

On a very sad note I add that among several good friends that passed away this year, in mid-August the great **Paolo Ricca** died aged 88, leaving us sorrowful but grateful for all he has done and taught us. Above all, grateful to the Lord who gifted us this exceptional brother. All over Italy and also abroad from every Church and institutions, dozens of obituaries and commemorations poured and are still pouring in. On top of having been my Catechism teacher when an ordinand in Turin and becoming a great friend when I grew up, he was my godbrother and I always felt part of all the loving and blessed Ricca family.

Life goes on, though, and I am delighted to tell everyone that Rev. **Claudia Lupi Ricco** daughter's **Micol** is now studying Theology at Cambridge, staying at Westminster College!!!

Hoping to see *as many of you as possible at Downing Place, Cambridge in January, I wish everyone a joyful and peaceful Christmas!*

Erica Scropo Newbury, Editor

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