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*Peter Ciaccio preaching*

**Synod 2025** (23–27 August) was a short one – with a reconfigured format since sadly there were no ordinations – and obviously very intense. The **opening sermon** was a great one by 'our' **Peter Ciaccio** on Joseph, Jesus' father and Mary's husband. You will be able to read about it in the Summer issue, as you will about the representatives of the **Methodist Church** in **Great Britain**, **Rev. Jonathan Dean** and **Rev. James Hadley** from Milan Anglican Church, for the **Church of England**, **officially invited for the first time**.

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On **3 September** the **Waldensian Church Mission** organised a celebration of our 'first' 200 years **'From GILLY and BECKWITH to nowadays 1825–2025'** at the **Foresteria Valdese**, Torre Pellice, with speakers **Simone Maghenzani**, **Zizzi Platone** and **Erica Scroppo Newbury** and greetings from the president of Società di Studi valdesi **Gian Paolo Romagnani** and **Michel Charbonnier**, pastor of Torre Pellice. Over 65 people came – including **Moderator Trotta** – and not just because of the sumptuous tea we all were treated to.



*Above, speakers at the Foresteria Valdese; Below, some of the audience*



Later in the month we were delighted to be able to meet up with a joyful group of **Scottish students** of **Theology** led by 'our' **Rev. John Bremner** and again to share news and friendship over tea and cakes …



*The Scots*

Once again a very sad note: In October pastor **Giorgio Tourn** died in his village **Rorà**. He was 95 and his last book had just come out, ***La mia Emmaus*** – *My Emmaus* – a semi-autobiographical reflection on his many years of believing, preaching and writing. He was another of my mentors, met when I was 15 in **Agape** where we would alternate mountain climbing in Summer – or skiing in Winter – with serious lectures that today would be considered University level! When I grew up, he became a good friend and **he christened** our first child, our daughter **Viola**, in Torre Pellice where he was the minister. More about him too in the upcoming Summer issue.

**Meanwhile I wish everyone a joyful and peaceful Christmas!**

*Erica Scroppo Newbury*



*Richard Newbury with Giovanni Bernardini, now a minister in Riesi, carrying as usual our calendars (see back page)…*



*Bobbio Pellice*



*Angrogna-S. Lorenzo*

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