

TRAVEL GUIDE FOR NEW MP

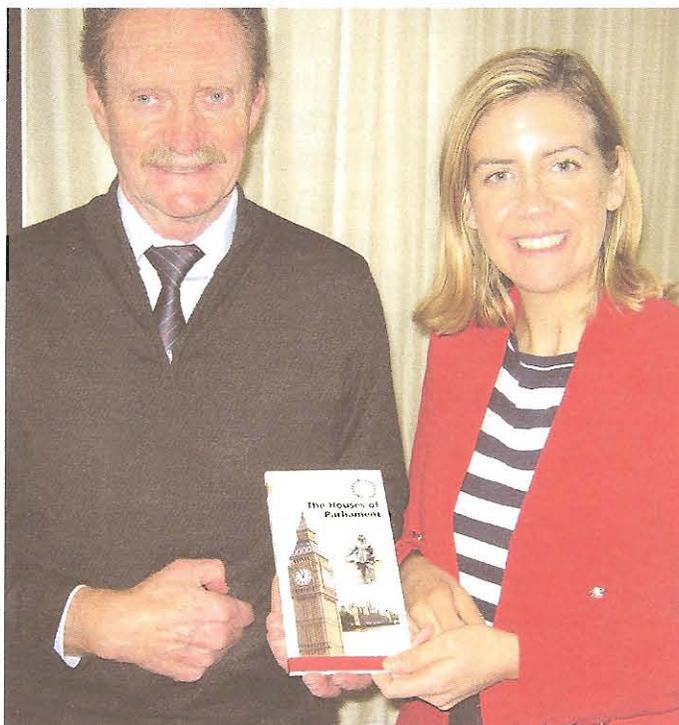
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A Member of Parliament elected for the first time in the 2015 General Election has been presented with a key Day One Travel Guide book.

Andrea Jenkyns MP (Conservative) astonished the country when she defeated Ed Balls the sitting MP for Morley, West Yorkshire. The town has traditionally always returned a Labour MP. Miss Jenkyns scraped victory on a wafer thin majority.

Members at Morley Community Church felt it would be wise to establish a positive relationship with the new MP at the beginning of her term of office. They invited her to their church harvest festival and used the opportunity to present her with an inscribed copy of the Day One Travel guide – Houses of Parliament – Cradle of Democracy.

In her speech of thanks to the church she admitted that she had been very surprised to be elected and was still getting used to being an MP. She confessed that as a newcomer to national politics she knew very little about the history and layout of the 'mother of parliaments'. She said she was grateful that she now had a book which would provide key background information about her workplace! She would also use it when showing constituents around the House.



Miss Jenkyns commended the church for its ongoing and imaginative work in the town as well as its projects and outreach into the community.

Church secretary Andy Dalton said that they hoped this initial contact would facilitate future occasions when they could have an exchange of views with the MP on issues of concern to Christians – especially legislation on the Lord's Day. He also commented that the Travel Guide was a novel gift for any MP or Lord as it skilfully wove together the history of British democracy, architectural heritage and the Christian faith. He said, "this book highlights the enormous influence the Christian faith has had on parliament and nation. It made an excellent gift for our MP."



Morley Community Church is a mission congregation of the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches and a key supporter of Day One in the West Yorkshire area. Each year the church distributes thousands of Day One Living Word Calendars and uses hundreds of 'Footsteps of the Past' books with local pupils in connection with their annual schools Bible exhibition. ●