

PAUL BARFETT:

Worrying aspects of his 'ministry'

Earlier today I received an inquiry asking me if I had heard of a man called **PAUL BARFETT** who had been visiting Northern Ireland in recent days. The following is what I 'uncovered' – some of which I shared in 'skeletal form' with my inquirer but which I have now 'fleshed out' as follows for this post –

I hadn't heard of this man but you can see (if you use FACEBOOK) where he's been in Northern Ireland over the past week or so by going to his Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/paul.barfett.7146>

I noted in particular the '**Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast**' mentioned in the post of 29 November. '**Father**' **Paul Symonds** was a major player in setting up these political ecumenical breakfasts many years ago – The following is a portion from an article I wrote about 'Father' Symonds SJ that is located on http://www.takeheed.info/Assorted_Articles/Ecumenism/PaulSymondsJesuit.htm -

"In 1996, 'out of the blue' Margaret and I received an invitation from 'The Lord Chancellor and The Speaker of the House of Commons' to attend the '**National Prayer Breakfast**' to be held in the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster on Wednesday 27th November 1996. However, when I looked at the '**Sponsoring Group**' I noted the names of **David Alton MP and the Earl of Longford**. David Alton, a zealous Roman Catholic, was educated by Jesuits and has travelled worldwide promoting 'views Roman Catholic'. He has authored a number of books including one dealing with Roman Catholic 'pilgrimage' sites in England and Wales. Lord Longford converted to Roman Catholicism in 1940 and his wife similarly converted some 6 years later. Because of this Roman Catholic involvement I quickly realised this would be something I could not possibly attend and so I wrote a short note declining the invitation but in the note I did ask to be kept informed of any other similar events. In a response to my letter, Yvonne Brooks, on behalf of the National Prayer Breakfast wrote "**We do not have any other events in London since this is the National annual Breakfast. I understand that there are some smaller events held in different parts of the UK – Rev Paul Symonds would probably know about any held in Ireland**".

I also noted mention of Mr Barfett's talks on '**soaking prayer**' for 21/22 November – for information on the dangers of this practice go to <https://truetothisways.com/articles/slain-in-the-spirit-soaking-in-the-spirit/>

Mr Barfett also claims to have at one point died and to have gone to heaven, but then of course to have returned. He is just one of many deluded 'charismatics' to have made such unscriptural claims and I have written about similar claims as you can see by going to

- (1) http://www.takeheed.info/pdf/current-concerns-2013/mandate_2008_article.pdf and scrolling through to the section headed '**Colin Dye and Roberts Liardon**' – reading in particular on page 15 and then scrolling to the section headed '**Colin Dye and Ian McCormack**' beginning on page 24
- (2) <http://www.takeheed.info/news-from-the-front-march-2000/> and scrolling through to the section headed "**THE 'PILGRIM PATH' OF JESSE DUPLANTIS**"

In the light of the above I would certainly advise people to "**Take Heed**" where **Paul Barfett** is concerned.

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