

Hello,

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. The wild animals in the fields will thank me, the jackals and owls, too, for giving them water in the desert. Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland so my chosen people can be refreshed". Isaiah 43:19-20



My calling is to plant churches up the North East coast in what was once the kingdom of Northumbria. It's no accident we started in Withernsea as this is the south-eastern tip of the old kingdom. I didn't realise when I started the Withernsea church that it was the last town in what was Northumbria (or the first depending on which direction you're facing), at that time I didn't really understand that part of the narrative of God's calling on my life.

It's now two and a half years since we started Gateway shop and church in Withernsea back in June 2014; thank you for supporting us. I want to share all our recent news with you and update you on the brand new church plant were about to kick-off in Bridlington, plus the shop lease we're taking over in Filey and all our personal news.

Gateway Withernsea

As you know in June 2014 Annette and I planted Gateway Church Withernsea together with our daughter Melissa and Dave and Katy Bartle our very close friends. Gateway is now Withernsea's largest church. In September this year we had to move premises as we had outgrown the meeting room we were using. This is now the second time we've had to do this since we started. However I'm not complaining, rather celebrating God's favour toward us. We are now upstairs at the Meridian Centre, a venue that can hold up to 150, so we've some growing room !

Our three year lease on the shop in Queen Street (the high street) is nearly up. The landlord is keen to renew it, but he wants to see an increase in the rent. Pray that these negotiations, (due to happen in January) will be favourable. The business of the shop is financially very marginal. We didn't start it to make money but we surely don't want to lose money. Furthermore we have some refurbishing to do, mostly fitting a new suspended ceiling. Accordingly we will be shut from Christmas Eve through to the 9th of January.

God has been shaking up the board of trustees of Kingstrust. As you know Kingstrust is Annette's charity that helps the poor in our area as well as running the Gateway shop. Two trustees have resigned and we're now barely quorate. We're looking to see whom God is calling to come alongside us in this work. Pray that we select the right folk.



Gateway church gateway.uk.net is now very nearly a registered charity in its own right with the present leadership as its trustees. We've been really blessed with leaders who are dedicated and honest and who have really grown as the church has grown. However as my calling to plant more churches progresses, I will increasingly need to hand over day-to-day management and leadership to others and we don't have enough of the five-fold ministries (Ephesians 4:11) presently in operation. I can see that God is beginning to raise up new leaders and expand the ministry of the existing leaders. Our son Jorrell and our evangelist Grant McFarlane are keen to start a new work in 2017 amongst the disaffected teenagers of Withernsea. This is really needed because there's

nothing for them here in Withernsea. There is a local secondary school with a reasonably large intake from the town and the surrounding villages. However because there is literally no career prospects in Withernsea, the more motivated teenagers just have to move right out of the area once they leave school. That leaves the disaffected rump remaining here in the town, and they amuse themselves by drinking, taking drugs and having sex. Mostly they do this in Valley Gardens after hours, around the area of the pop-in tea-shop. The building belongs to the council and the tea-shop was run by two town councillors, but they've got old and have decided to retire. We've been invited to write in with a proposal to use the premises and the council will decide which proposal they like the best. Pray that the place will be used for a much needed work of God amongst Withernsea's teenagers.

Gateway Withernsea Christmas Meal



We had 150 at this year's Gateway Christmas meal with The church members serving a four course meal to people from the community, town councillors and others.

Annette and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all of you who read our newsletters a very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.



The Bridlington Story

As I mentioned in our May 2015 newsletter, on boxing day 2014 my son Jorrell and I prayer-walked from Withernsea to Bridlington on the beach (at low tide) a distance of 27 miles. Through 2015 I personally prayer-walked every street in Bridlington (it took 8 months). Bridlington's population is 34,000 (more than five times that of Withernsea). During those months prayer-walking I had a very vivid vision of a wave flowing through the streets of Bridlington. I saw this vision first on Hamilton Street. This was unlike any vision I'd had before, I was actually present in the action. I don't mean I saw myself in the vision, I mean the vision was all around me as I prayed and walked on Hamilton Street, Bridlington. The water was translucent so I could see the street through it, and so vivid I thought I might actually get wet. The wave wasn't rough but it was powerful. It was a very clear vision of God wanting to move in Bridlington in a significant way.

I immediately shared this vision with Jonathan Couper the vicar of Christchurch Bridlington. He confirmed it as a vision that others at his church had also received. In October 2015 I started a prayer group called the "The Wave" specifically to pray into this vision and for God to move on the unsaved people of Bridlington. It still meets every Friday evening at 123 Cardigan Road. The meeting grew and is almost entirely made up of Christchurch members. From this I concluded that God was calling me to work with Christchurch and not independently from it and Jonathan Couper agreed.

As we prayed we received from the Lord his desire for a church 'in the market-place' as it were. In fact the model we received is that of Acts 2 where the believers started a prayer meeting in an upper room, but when the Holy Spirit came they were forthwith translated into the market-place and Peter preached to those assembled in the streets of Jerusalem.



Consequently I believed we needed a venue where people come and go just as in Acts 2. I settled on a pub lounge bar during normal opening hours. We would have church 'in the market-place' there and folk who would never normally enter a church would encounter the Holy Spirit and hear the word of God preached. It proved difficult however (as one might expect), to find a landlord willing to allow us to use their lounge bar during normal opening hours. Many offered us the back room or the upper room, but this was not what God wanted. After much foot-work and more than one set back we were finally offered the lounge bar at the Fat Badger (formerly the Cricketer's Arms, near Christchurch). We will be able to take an electric piano, have worship and the word there. We confidently expect the Holy Spirit to turn up and confirm the preaching of His word by signs and wonders following; both exciting and daunting for me. We need your prayers, we so want to see the Kingdom extended.

As of now that's where we are up to. We are scheduled to start services every Wednesday night from 18 January 2017. Please pray that the landlord of the Fat Badger does not change his mind as the landlord of the Brunswick Arms did.

Planting the church in conjunction with the Church of England has also proved a challenge, but I just believed from the start that it was the right way to go. To plant an independent church like Gateway Withernsea, starting with predominantly members of another church just didn't feel right. Christchurch already incorporates a network of other churches, some traditional and some new expressions such as the congregations that meet in Bridlington Spa and also a local school. So it wasn't a completely alien concept to Vicar Jonathan. However it was complicated by the fact that I wasn't a member of his church and also he was retiring (and is now retired). To his credit Jonathan agreed to take me onboard. Another complication is the fact that Gateway Withernsea is a Groundlevel church, so I had to also seek the approval of that network. Thankfully Stuart Bell was very supportive. So the new church is a joint Groundlevel / C-of-E venture in a working pub bar during pub hours. You can't make this stuff up!

Watch this space and let's see what God is going to cook up with all these ingredients.

Filey

In June this year I finished prayer-walking the seaside town of Filey; the clear word coming back from the Lord is that Filey is the limit of my ministry for now. I feel this will likely be the case for the next five years. I see a strong base of three churches in Withernsea, Bridlington and Filey being foundational to this ministry and it's going to take time and effort to build these up into a strong network.

Kingstrust recently negotiated to take over the lease of the Christian bookshop "Fosters of Filey". We agreed a five-year lease starting in January 2017 with the rent frozen at its present level. The shop will be shut through January and February for refurbishment. When it launches as "Gateway Filey" in March 2017, Annette will be the full time manager.



In the same way that we planted Gateway Withernsea based on a shop and a pub ministry we expect a new church Gateway Filey to be birthed in due course. Exactly when this will happen and what the details will be I'm not sure. God knows and we'll know when we need to know. Pray for workers for this harvest field. Filey experienced a very significant revival in 1820 under the ministry of the legendary Praying Johny Oxtoby. That wave has now completely dissipated and Filey badly needs to see a new wave of revival. [Interestingly in 1820 Withernsea's population was less than 100 people, Filey's was nearly 800, today they are about the same].

Our prayer meeting in Filey on a Thursday morning will shortly move from the shop to Chris and Mavis' house in Filey. Pray with us for a great move of the Holy Spirit in Filey.

Annette's news

Apologies for not sending a newsletter since May, we've both just been so busy. In the last newsletter Annette had miraculously recovered from type 1 diabetes (I know, praise God!). Then she was nearly killed in a serious car accident. Well I'm very pleased and relieved to announce that she has completely recovered from her injuries resulting from that accident. She has no lasting complications, absolutely none. God has been very gracious to both of us.

Thank you for all your prayers. We really needed them.

Annette is very much looking forward to running our new shop in Filey. Please come and visit her there. The shop will be open from Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The shop will be part of the [Jacob's Well](#) family of charity shops and like our Withernsea shop will have a 'drop in' centre with free Wi-Fi and other help for local people.

We also plan to open a cafe in the room at the rear but I'm not sure if this will open in March. Most probably it will open later. Pray that we are able to raise all the funds we need and complete the refurbishment on time.

Other personal news

I have finished work as a Radio Engineer and the RadioCAD business is up for sale. This is a very scary place for me as some of the funding for my ministry is in place but not all of it by any means. Pray for me please.

We sold our house in Hull back in June but we haven't been able to buy another one in the area. The house was in a declining and deprived area and we had to take a big hit on the sale price. We just haven't been able to buy anything with the money we have. Instead I have invested the money we got for the sale into three funds. We plan to live off this money for the next three years then it will likely all be gone. I can do some part time engineering consultancy to add a little money to this and we will also have Annette's shop manager wages from March.

There's also the sponsorship money that comes in from some of you. We thank you very much for this. Please pray and see if you can help sponsor this ministry if you don't already do so.

Prayer needs summary

Give thanks for God's healing of Annette's torn shoulder. She did not need an operation and is completely healed.

Give thanks that the Lord is already sending workers for the Bridlington harvest field. Give thanks that I have been accepted as a lay pastor in the Church of England and that Christchurch are supporting the new church plant.

Pray for Withernsea: (i) the successful negotiation of a new lease for the shop, (ii) the continued growth of a leadership team that can fully take over running the church and shop, (iii) for a new work of God amongst the young people of Withernsea.

Pray for Bridlington: (i) that the new church plant will be quickly and well established, (ii) that we form a team able to 'surf the wave' and carry the presence of God as He comes in this new wave upon Bridlington.

Pray for Filey: (i) that the new shop is successful and pays its way, not only financially, but also that it impacts the community for the Kingdom, (ii) that the right leaders for a new church plant start to come into place, (iii) that we will rightly judge the timing for the new church plant in Filey.

Continue to pray for Annette and I that we will remain humble, constantly seeking and knowing King Jesus' leadership in everything we do. As I look at what we've done and what we're now being lead into for 2017, I'm daunted by the scale of it. I know we can't do it, it's outside our human abilities. However I'm also sure that God knows what He's doing and that we're in the centre of His will for our lives.

Financial Support

If you would like to support Annette and I financially please email me directly at tim@kingstrust.org. I'm presently getting set up with Stewardship as a Christian worker and will shortly be able to receive financial support directly. If you email me I'll come back to you with details as soon as the Stewardship account is operational.

If you would like to support the refurbishment costs of our Withernsea and Filey shops we are very pleased to accept your donations. You can donate via [Stewardship](#) (recommended for UK tax payers), or via [PayPal](#). We're currently ~£3,000 short of what we believe we need. I am personally investing £5,000 of our own money into this project.

Thank you for your support.

Bless you,

Tim & Annette Jarvis