

Hello,

*“When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”
The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne.” Psalm 11:3-4.*

Since my newsletter in December 2016 the enemy came in like a storm and I'm left reviewing the damage he has done. However The Lord has stood faithfully by us through the storm and although battered we are emerging pruned but vital and keen to “press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:14).



Gateway Withernsea

Attack! In January one of our key leaders was sectioned under the mental health act. It was an entirely unnecessary over-reaction to a manic episode she had at church. This in turn was caused by her doctor changing her medication. Her family wrongly blamed her faith as the cause of her problems and treated her in a very oppressive and unloving way. Although she is back at home and attending church once again she has not recovered enough to resume her leadership role. Then in April came the bombshell revelation that our pastor Dave and his wife were separating after 21 years of marriage. Dave has been the pastor at Withernsea since we started Gateway Church and his wife lead worship and children's ministry and was our treasurer. Dave's wife announced that she was ending the marriage and resigned from leadership in the church. Dave is completely devastated and has subsequently moved out of the family home. Annette and I have had to take back leading the church 'hands on' and this has prevented us from starting a new work in Bridlington or Filey for now.

As I said in our last newsletter our three year lease on the shop in Withernsea expired in May. With all that was kicking off at the time, with Dave being shop manager and with the increase in rent it was a nail-biting decision to renew the lease, but renew it we did. As you will see Kingstrust is struggling financially with the cost of refurbishing the Gateway Filey shop. However we're still here and Dave is still managing the Withernsea shop, praise God! We are not entirely overwhelmed!

Also as mentioned Jorrell and Grant were keen to start a new work in 2017 amongst the disaffected teenagers of Withernsea. However this didn't happen because our bid to use the Valley Gardens pop-in tea-shop for this ministry was declined by Withernsea Town Council, perhaps a blessing in disguise given all that's happened.

The church began to shrink in number recently as one left the area, one died and another is now unable to attend due to dementia. However we continue to reach out to the people of Withernsea. We've booked the Valley Gardens outdoor stage once a month through the summer and we've been bathing the area in worship. As a result new people are joining and so overall the numbers continue to increase. We recently held our church service on Withernsea beach and as a result have another couple starting church. Praise God!

In August we'll be having church on the beach again with open-air proclamation of God's word with worship and barbeque. We're also running the cafe and prayer tent at the Withernsea bike and



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music festival. So we expect to see even more new people added to our number this year. Please pray for the church and for the leadership. I'm please to say that we have appointed new leaders: Lou Grantham into the leadership of the children's ministry and also Matt Spence and Charlie Bartle as probationary youth leaders.

FYI: Gateway church gateway.uk.net is now a registered charity number 1171717 so we can now take gift aid donations <https://www.give.net/20198262>.

Bridlington

As I mentioned in our last newsletter we started a church on Wednesday night in the lounge bar of a pub in Bridlington (the Fat Badger) back in January as scheduled. We had a great response from the landlord and the other regulars of the pub however the meeting was often not well attended by Christians. We started the meeting with the team that comprised 'the wave' prayer meeting. I always start a prayer meeting first before doing any other work; so that we can prepare the ground spiritually and seek the Lord's direction as to what to do, where and when as per His plan and not ours. The wave prayer meeting had been running for 14 months prior, but as soon as we started the meeting in the badger the whole team came under attack. As a result some got sick, some fell out with each other and some stopped coming. By April we were depleted and exhausted. Due also to the other issues going on at the same time we decided to stop the work at the Badger and focus on Withernsea and Filey. Whereas this was a big disappointment to me it was also a relief as the pressure of attack was beginning to show in my life.

I am still in the network pastors group in Christchurch, and I'm regularly leading worship there. The church remains in interregnum, however the word is that a new vicar has been offered the post and has accepted. We can't say who it is yet, but will be able to shortly. I'm looking to see where I fit in the new order of things, and what God will want me to do next in Bridlington.

"The Wave" prayer meeting continues to meet and pray fervently for a move of God in Bridlington. We will not stop praying for this. We currently meet in Church House behind Christchurch Bridlington every Friday evening. Meetings at 123 Cardigan Road have been suspended due to refurbishment of that property.

Bridlington Wave Prayer Meeting

every new wave starts in prayer



***Praying for Revival in
Bridlington***

Where: Church House
Christchurch Bridlington
2 Quay Road YO15 2AP

When: Every Friday night
at 7:30pm

For more information contact: Tim Jarvis 07780 667414

There's a great move of God ready to break as a wave upon Bridlington. Pray with us that we will be ready to move with The Lord when He makes His move.

Filey

On 25th March we opened our Gateway Filey shop, number 28 Belle Vue Street YO14 9HY.



The shop is open from Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, please visit us.

We had hoped to open earlier in March but the refurbishments to the property took longer than expected due to poor condition of the fabric of the building.

The shop however looks stunning inside. Like Withernsea it has a drop in area modelled to look like a country sitting room. In this area folk can sit and rest and be refreshed with a cup of tea. It's a place where we can chat and pray with folk as necessary.



Annette manages the shop full-time and although the response from those coming in has been very appreciative sales are not as good as they need to be. It's early days but please pray for the prosperity of this venture because in due course we expect a new church to grow out of the work we have started in Filey.

In fact I'm looking for the Lord to bring a pastor / leader alongside me to help bring to birth this new work in Filey. If you know someone who's looking for just this challenge then ask them to contact me please. We're praying God will bring the right pioneer along this year.

Shortly after opening the shop a key volunteer had a relapse into drink which resulted in him stealing a sum of money whilst we were away at the Groundlevel conference. We had left him in charge of the shop for that week and the temptation proved too much. As a result we lost contact with him as he went to ground for several weeks. I did eventually make contact again and I'm pleased to report that he has joined a local AA-style 12-steps program run by Christchurch. Please pray for him that he makes a full recovery. Pray also for more volunteers for the Filey shop because we are critically short of them.

Our prayer meeting in Filey on a Thursday morning continues so we have a prayer presence in Withernsea, Bridlington and Filey – and it's only through fervent prayer that we're going to get anywhere. Join with us in prayer for this region.

Our plan to open a cafe in the room at the rear of the shop remains on hold. We need to raise approximately £10,000 to add a necessary conservatory and to convert the room and kitchen. We also need to get planning approval for change of use. Please pray that we'll be able to do this at the right time. My belief is that this cafe will increase the revenue of the shop considerably. Please pray that the money is forthcoming and that the planning permission is approved.

Personal news

Praise God : Annette and I intend to move to live in Bridlington and have been praying into this for some time. God has graced us with favour so that we were able to make an offer on a property in Holyrood Avenue and this has been accepted.



Although I finished full-time work as a Radio Engineer, I have to do some 'tent-making' to supplement my income still. I didn't do enough over the first four months of this year because of everything that kicked off. As a result RadioCAD went into the red. So I am now working extra hours to recover the situation. Pray with me for prosperity.

Good news : anxiety has gone! Anxiety had increasingly been the bane of my life over the last two years. One would have thought that with all that has happened this year, including giving up my job, I would be in sheer panic mode by now – but no! Praise God I found that peace that passes all understanding coming over me. This is a real joy for me as I have always been a somewhat nervous person. I thank God and I am praying now for a deeper joy to enjoy this phase of my life more and more.

As a result of the heavy work in shop-fitting Filey I have developed tennis elbow in both arms. It's very painful and is not getting any better because I still have to lift a lot of things. As we're looking to move house to Bridlington soon please pray for a complete healing and/or helpers to lift furniture etc.

Thank you for all your prayers and your continued financial support. We continue to really need them.

Prayer needs summary

Give thanks for God's peace that passes all understanding. Give thanks for our new house in Bridlington. Give thanks that we are still standing and have not been defeated.

Pray for Withernsea: (i) the continued success of church and shop, (ii) the restoration of the leadership team. We need a team that can fully take over running the church and shop when Annette and I eventually move on, we need worship leader(s) and an administrator / treasurer.

Pray for Bridlington: (i) a new dawn for Christchurch under its new vicar, (ii) that the wave of God comes to the town and we don't miss it, (iii) that our house move is successful.

Pray for Filey: (i) that the new shop prospers, and that it impacts the town, (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, (iv) that the finance and expertise to add a cafe to our shop will come.

Continue to pray for Annette and I our health and prosperity and His leading in everything we do. Pray for our strength and health to complete the work that has been started.

Financial Support

If you would like to support Annette and I financially please visit my Stewardship giving page <https://www.give.net/20218473>. Now that it's set-up you can give with / without gift aid regularly or a one off donation.

If you would like to support Kingstrust (Annette's charity) it's <https://www.give.net/20177181>. We're still looking to recover the refurbishment cost for the Filey shop.

Thank you for your support.

Bless you,

Tim & Annette Jarvis