

Hello and happy New Year.

“Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice! Let your gentleness be self-evident. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything with thanksgiving present you prayers and petitions to God; and the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus”. Philippians 4:4-7

Its 19 months since we started Gateway shop and Gateway church Withernsea. Thank you for supporting us with your prayers and financially. We've achieved such a lot because of your support and because the Lord has been with us all the way. I want to share all the news with you and to ask you to pray specifically into the challenges we are now facing. There's also information at the bottom of this letter as to how you can support the ministry financially on a regular basis.

Ministry Vision

Annette and I have complementary visions and callings for the North East of England. Annette heads up the Kingstrust Network charity that operates the Gateway Withernsea shop whereas my calling is to plant churches up the coast of the old Kingdom of Northumbria. Annette's vision is for helping the poor and downtrodden in the communities we will be moving through. This huge work we have now started with our first church in Withernsea.

In our last newsletter I told you how our son Jorrell and I prayer-walked the 27.5 miles along the beach at low tide from Withernsea to Bridlington. Since then I have prayer-walked every street and back alley in Bridlington (with some help from Jill Walker, thanks Jill). This took 9 months, a massive task as Bridlington is much bigger than Withernsea. One message came through again and again in that effort, that God is going to bring a wave of revival to Bridlington. Accordingly we have now started a prayer meeting in the Jacob's Well Charity shop to pray in this wave.



My experience in the past when I have similar revival revelations is that God's people let the wave pass them by unawares. It takes awareness to get in position to ride a wave and some faith too. Just like a surfer I guess, the surfer has to get his timing absolutely right.

We want to be ready and on time this time. I believe I saw two 'wave opportunities' go quietly by during my many years in Hull and I don't want that to happen this time.

On New Year's eve 2015, having finished prayer-walking Bridlington, I prayer walked my way to our next stop, Filey. I believe that Filey will be a more conventional shop and church plant, much like Withernsea. Watch this space!



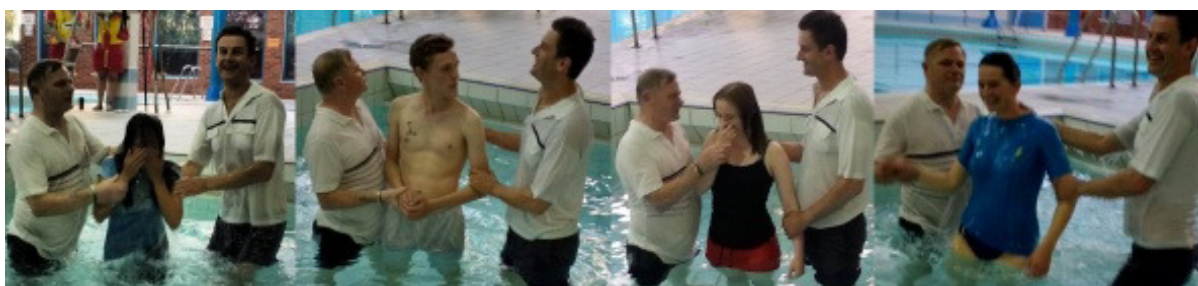
Gateway Church Withernsea

The church has been growing continuously since it started in June 2014. We became too big for the small room we were hiring at the Shores Centre in Withernsea and so at the beginning of September 2015 we moved to the much larger Meridian Centre on the main road (Queen Street).

Services moved from the afternoon to the morning at 11:00am, although we still have our regular fellowship meal on the first Sunday of each month. The meal includes 'church lite', with a shortened service. We find it's a great half-way-house, less daunting for those who are just sounding us out. Some of the meals we had in 2015 were outstanding, and in the summer we had some very well attended barb-b-q church meetings with nearly fifty people crammed in our small shop and outside yard. We had additional outreach events including John Gaughan's visit in October that added two more saved and these remain in regular attendance at the church.



In September we baptised four of our number. This was originally going to be in the sea, but the Sunday we originally picked had a dangerous sea state. Great for surfing, not good for baptisms, so we hired the local swimming pool instead the following Sunday.



Gateway Church Withernsea sent its first missionary overseas! Grant McFarlane went to Kenya for a couple of weeks to work with Thorunn Helgadóttir and ABC Children's Aid Kenya. Grant, an ex-drug addict himself, was sharing his faith in Jesus with drug addicted Kenyan teenagers who have grown up homeless on the streets of Nairobi and sniff glue and petrol from plastic bottles.

We built up a strong leadership team at the back end of 2014 with the policy of promoting to leadership only those who were already leading, and on whom the Lord's hand was clearly in evidence.



The church's pub ministry continues in the Commercial Inn in Withernsea, although it is not as prominent as it once was. We are still having profitable times there in our once monthly meeting.

The only real disappointment in 2015 was the difficulty we were experiencing in becoming part of Assemblies of God (AOG). After a year of continual communications problems, lack of support and unnecessary obstacles being put in our way we finally gave in and gave up. In November 2015 the church leaders decided to pursue membership of the Groundlevel network, whilst remaining an independent Pentecostal church.

Gateway Profile in Withernsea

Our profile in Withernsea in 2015 has grown considerably and we now enjoy a lot of goodwill in the community and with the town council. In December we were front page of the

Holderness Gazette thanks to the food hampers that we give away to the poor families in the area.

Our church and shop Christmas meal was very well attended with 136 seated and 25 church members and helpers serving (including the C-of-E vicar of Withernsea Rev Martin Faulkner, thanks Martin).

Annette also arranged a free movie showing (Disney's 'inside out'), for Withernsea's children upstairs at the Meridian Centre with more than 100 in attendance.

Gateway Shop Withernsea

Our shop in Withernsea is paying its way and remains the main means of attracting new people to the church. Sales were down on last year (2014) and this meant we were not able to provide as many Christmas food hampers as we did last Christmas. However the Lord has provided enough for us to pay David as the manager and pay the bills. Praise God.



Personal News

Thanks to your prayers and God's graceful provision as of October 2015 my secular business RadioCAD Limited was back in black after very nearly running out of cash. Annette and I have been working very hard and so we were sensible enough to take more than our usual number of holiday days away. As I write this newsletter I am on a week's prayer and fasting retreat down in peaceful Charlcombe in rural South West of England. I'm so pleased to be out of 2015 and all the spiritual attacks we came against. My business nearly going bust after losing its best customer, illness, anxiety, and to cap it off we had drug dealing addicts move in next door to our house in Hull. Well we moved out and after renovating and redecorating the house, we have it up for sale. We now live in temporary rented accommodation in Hornsea.

Things are on the up and I am getting anxiety under control, learning to cast my cares upon Jesus all over again.

After a couple of you offered to support us financially we decided to start 'Northumbria Coast Ministries' as a vehicle to receive money for our ministry expenses. Because the debacle with AOG means that Gateway church is not yet a registered charity, Kings Church Beverley kindly agreed to sponsor our ministry and are willing to receive any regular gifts you feel led to make. This provision will remain until Gateway church is fully registered. Please see the end of this message for details on how to give into his ministry. Anything you feel led to give will be gratefully received however large or small.



Prayer Needs for 2016

Pray for Bridlington that God's people there will get ready for the wave that's coming and will not be complacent in the time of His visitation. Pray we will know how to ride the wave and see maximum impact of heaven on earth.

Pray for our Gateway Withernsea Church leadership and our events in 2016, particularly outreach events.

Pray for Kingstrust Network for helpers and finance. We need volunteers and we need a gifted administrator right now.

Pray for Gateway Filey. That we know God's timing and direction in setting up a shop and planting a brand new church there. Pray that the church will have maximum impact into that community.

Pray for God's timing for extracting myself from RadioCAD (my secular business), or at least to greatly reduce the time I have spend on it.

Pray for continued church growth (not just numbers) and an increasing profile for the church in Withernsea in 2016. Pray that we will strengthen ties with neighbour churches and find the right home in the Groundlevel network (with clear direction if this is right for us).

Pray for our pub ministry in Withernsea and that we'll have a pub ministry in Filey too. People go to pubs and shops who wouldn't dream of going to church.

Pray for Annette and I that we will remain humble, constantly seeking and knowing King Jesus' leadership in everything we do.

Financial Support

You can support us by sending money to Kings Church Beverley as follows:

Through Stewardship: If you don't already have a stewardship account, you can just go to give.net/20106507 (the number is Kings Church's Stewardship account number). This will then take you to the personalised page of giving to King's Church through stewardship. You can click either to give once or monthly. If you already have a stewardship account, you can do it from within stewardship - just by entering Kings Church's reference number 20106507.

Giving through Stewardship is our preferred method because they automatically claim back the gift aid on your donation provided that you fill out your gift declaration. Please include "Tim and Annette" in the payment reference so that King's Church know what to do with the money. For belt-and-braces please also email me with details or your donation: tim@kingstrust.org.

By BACS: If you're not eligible for gift aid then you can pay directly to Kings Church by BACs or standing order using the following details:

TSB Beverley, account no: 00784377, Sort Code: 30-10-76 (Kings Church Beverley).

Please make "Tim and Annette" the payment reference so that King's Church know what to do with the money. For belt-and-braces please also email me with details or your donation: tim@kingstrust.org.

We are particularly looking for those who can support us with a regular monthly donation. There's little funding for pioneering work, churches don't tend to have spare money to pay their founders until they are well established and have grown.

Thank you.

Bless you,

Tim & Annette Jarvis