

Hi

Thanks for your prayers and your donations to Gateway Withernsea. I'm writing with great news, we're off the page and up and running. Praise God.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 at 11:00am the lady Major of Withernsea opened Gateway Shop, 104 Queen Street. The following day, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Gateway Church Withernsea had its first church service. Again, praise God.

## Gateway Shop Withernsea



The shop has a selling area and a seating area. In the seating area we encourage folk just to sit and rest and relax. If they have prayer needs we'll pray for them. Some people just need someone to listen to them or help them with a benefit application.

Sales in the shop have been strong as we're still somewhat a 'novelty' in the town. We're raising money for both Kingstrust and Jacob's Well. We're excited about making lasting friendships with the people we meet here.

We've got plans to put a conservatory on the back of the shop together with the back yard done out to operate as a tea room / cafe. However that will have to wait until next year, we've enough on our plate right now.



## Gateway Church

Our first church service saw a total of 11 adults and 5 children. A reasonable start I'm told. Yours truly was very nervous on this occasion, and so the worship time proceeded at double speed and was not entirely Spirit inspired. Never mind I'm sure I'll be a lot calmer next service. It's a shame because I've led worship in a number of church settings and not had this problem before. I guess it's different when it's your own church plant. David preached, and preach he did, he preached up a storm and walked out of the building like he was walking on air. It's so great to see him back in the saddle doing the job he loves. During July and August we will have monthly meetings, with our official launch on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September where we continue weekly.

Services: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> August @ 3.00pm in the Old Church Hall off Park Avenue. See you there if you can make it.

## Piggy Lane Pub Ministry

Our pub ministry is also really beginning to flourish (and I don't mean my beer consumption). We are praying for ordinary people in the pub and we are seeing God move and lives changed. One couple recently returned from Turkey having bought a house out there from their life savings and then had been swindled out of all their money. The lady was very bitter but she let us pray for her. Next time

we met her face had completely changed and she was laughing happily. We've got more storied to tell, but another time..



## Money

Thanks to all your generous donations we raised £7K to fund both the shop and the church start up. The shop refurb cost over £3K, the exact amount is still being calculated. We thank you and we thank God for you, keep on praying for us here at the coal face.

We have enough money to get on with our charities commission application as a company limited by guarantee (projected cost £750). Potential trustees have been contacted, the process has started.

God Bless You,



Thanks,

Tim and Annette Jarvis