

Hello,

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4.

These emails now only go out to those of you who have opted to receive them and the emails are a short summary with the full story being available online [click here](#).

I've sat down a few times to write this newsletter and not been able to finish it. So let me start with the highlights of the year so far...

Gateway Filey Launches

Gateway
Church Filey

Our new church in Filey officially launched on Sunday 13th January 2019. We had a number of monthly and then fortnightly service through 2018 and now a brand church is away and running – Praise God!



We're averaging 24 in attendance on a Sunday and growing. We meet in the Evron Centre Filey at 2:30pm in the afternoon. We have a lovely room overlooking the sea and we also have the use of the patio outside the room for open air services. We had an open-air Easter service in April that was very well received in the community. We have such an opportunity to share the gospel with the holidaymakers and residents in Filey we intend to make every use of it. Thank you Lord.

We have a small worship team headed up by yours truly and we now have two bible study groups. We started one over a year ago and it has outgrown, so we multiplied it into two.

The one thing we lack is families and children. We book an adjacent room every Sunday in expectation of the day we will need to use it.



Filey prayer needs

Give thanks that Gateway Filey has now been birthed. Please pray for growth in numbers and that our people grow spiritually. Particularly pray for families to attend, we need all the generations represented. Pray for protection for Annette and I and also our co-leaders Billa and Sheila Duggal. Continue to pray for clarity for us in discerning God's plan and God's leading. We have planned a number of outreach events over the summer. However I recognise that we need God's plans not our good ideas.

Four coastal churches 'ad-hoc' network

There are four coastal towns in East Yorkshire: Withernsea, Hornsea, Bridlington and Filey¹. When the Lord first spoke to me about planting a church in Withernsea back in 2013, He also spoke about a network of churches along the coast. We have now formed an ad-hoc network of four churches one in each town, with Gateway churches being the 'book-ends' of that network.



In February we had our first conference of the leadership of all four churches. It was held at Densholme Farm in Great Hatfield near Hornsea. The event itself was the fulfilment of a six-year old prophecy. I'm expecting great increase in the next gathering in September, because I intend to throw it open to all the East Riding churches.

Gateway Withernsea

Gateway Withernsea has settled down in the safe hands of pastor David Bartle and assistant pastor Sarah Harries. David's daughter Charlie is leading worship. I meet the pastors every Monday and I continue to chair the monthly leaders meetings. Occasionally they even ask me back to preach 😊



Billa Duggal preaching at a fellowship meal – Gateway Withernsea

¹ Filey was part of East Yorkshire until 1974 when it became part of North Yorkshire.

Withernsea prayer needs

Give thanks for Charlie Bartle stepping up to lead worship.
Give thanks and pray for the leadership of Gateway Withernsea.
Pray for renewed growth in Withernsea
There is a poverty spirit in Withernsea that affects the town and church, pray that it is broken.

Gateway shops

As you know, we have shops as well as churches both in Withernsea and Filey



The shops have been pivotal in meeting people who have gone on to become members of our church. Without them we wouldn't have been able to birth strong churches that grow quickly. Each shop has a drop in centre where we serve teas and coffees and minister and chat to people.

When we started our first shop in Withernsea in 2014 it paid its way creating a surplus for Annette's charity Kingstrust Network. The income of both shops have been in steady decline year on year to the point where they are both now in deficit. It costs more to run the shops than they take in sales and there seems no end to the decline in sales. This is a problem that all of the high-street is currently facing, not just us. However if the situation doesn't change by the end of 2019 then both shops will have to close.

If Kingstrust fails it will be a real hammer blow to Annette and I. We have put thousands of our own money into the shops, to set them up and to keep them running. I personally had to put in a significant sum to keep the charity running over the winter when the shops take very little.

We knew we had a problem two years ago so we took on a trustee to focus on applying for grants to fund the drop in parts of the shop. However that person didn't actually apply for a single grant and so now this year we've gone to a professional bids and proposals expert to try and get some funding for our charitable work. If this fails and if the Lord doesn't step in to provide funding some other way the charity may well fail leaving me personally liable for the shop leases.

Shop prayer needs

Give thanks for the shops and their pivotal role in starting and growing our churches.
Pray for divine intervention in the shop and charity finances.

Tim and Annette's news

Our beautiful daughter Candice sadly died on 13 March this year, leaving us heartbroken and leaving Jonathan without a wife and Solomon, Amelia and Hannah without a mother.



We're still struggling to put our lives back together in this new reality. Jonathan had just set up in business on his own when Candice was admitted to hospital with chest pains. She actually had pneumonia which wasn't initially diagnosed. Her sickle-cell anaemia meant she couldn't easily fight the infection that became sepsis and quickly took her young life.

I've started a website in memory of Candice here: candicewoodcock.uk

Annette has remained diabetes free since coming out of hospital in September last year. We thank God for that. She tests her blood sugar daily still as a precaution. Annette now has a date for her hysterectomy – 27 June 2019. After the operation she won't be able to do much for at least six weeks.

The financial problems with the shops have required me to inject a lot of cash into Kingtrust over the winter and that's left us short. Accordingly I have had to take on more paid engineering work, but I don't have any more time available in which to do it.

Our personal prayer needs

Give thanks that we're still in the battle and we now have two vibrant churches.

We're both devastated by the news, Annette and I are still struggling to get back to a proper daily routine. We have the care of Candice's children to consider in partnership with Jonathan and his parents Neil and Jane, particularly over the long summer holidays when Jonathan must work. Pray for us all.

Pray for Annette's operation that it goes well and she heals well. Pray that we will get volunteers to take over her duties in the Filey shop for as long as needed. We're always looking for volunteers and workers in both shop and church. Pray that I will be able to help and look after her.

Pray for me that I can cope with my work load and pay off the overdraft that I ran up after Candice died, during the time that I couldn't work for emotional reasons.

Calling Prayer Partners



We have most of the week covered now by people who have agreed to pray for us one day a week. We still have Tuesday's, Thursday's and Sunday's unfilled. Please email me tim@gateway.uk.net if you set can aside time to pray for Annette and I and the ministry on any of those days each week.

Thanks for reading our newsletter, for praying for us and for giving into this ministry. If you know anyone who would like to receive our newsletters then email me tim@gateway.uk.net to let me know.

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Gateway church <https://www.give.net/20198262>. (church charity)
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Thank you for your support.

Bless you,



Tim & Annette Jarvis