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HOLD ON ! HOLD ON !

A time to let go

To embrace the new thing God is doing we must 'forget the former things' (Is 43.18) even those things which have built our faith in the past.

A time to trust totally

In the midst of great shaking, insecurity and vulnerability, when trust is evaporating in the world, we cling to God's Word, Christ Himself; and, in our frailty and the inadequacy of our knowledge and understanding, then we discover that, in truth, it is He who holds on to us.

A time to love deeply

Confident that we are held securely in God's covenant of love, we reach out and hold on to all those with whom we are one in Christ.

A time to wait

Positioned in expectancy, we listen and wait together, not pre-empting what God will do, but holding on for the perfect timing of His revelation.

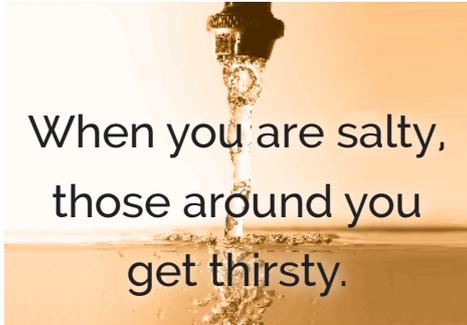
Prophetic Words Refreshed

Our Community has been shaped and directed by words from the Lord, given both from within and outside the Community.

In this new time we believe the Lord is inviting us to reconsider some of these words, asking 'What do they mean for us now?' Our Reference Group are currently discerning this question in preparation for our Community Annual Gathering next February.

- ▶ **Unity, Renewal, Healing**
- ▶ **Simplicity, Poverty, Urgency**
- ▶ **Alignment, Allegiance, Submission**
- ▶ **Balance**
- ▶ **Equip the Saints**
- ▶ **Take hold of the handle of the sword of Truth and wield it in the power of my Spirit**
- ▶ **Incline your ear to hear my still small voice and I will give you words of liberation**
- ▶ **Speak to your countrymen - the call to be a watchman**
- ▶ **Maranatha must speak for the children**
- ▶ **Unmask the spirit of the age**
- ▶ **If you pray without serving your prayers are in vain; if you serve without praying your service is in vain.**

We pray that the Lord will continue to shape all of us, both individually and as a community, for His purposes in these days. 'Maranatha! Come Lord!'



When you are salty,
those around you
get thirsty.

Healing ministry training

In these days of increasing brokenness and need, the people of God need to be equipped to pray and minister to those that God brings to us.

This year Maranatha has run a course in Healing Ministry, with particular emphasis on Life Prayer. The course took the form of two three-day modules and will be repeated in 2017.

Further details can be found in the Retreats brochure, on the Maranatha website or by phoning the office.

Video recordings of both modules are available via 'The City' (see back page) or on DVD from the Maranatha Office at £5 per module (£10 for the full set of 5 DVD's).

TO START YOUR DAY

Eternal Father of my soul,
let my first thought today
be of you,
let my first impulse to
be to worship you,
let my first word be your Name,
let my first action be
to kneel before you in prayer...
...yet when this morning
prayer is finished,
do not let me think that my
worship is ended and spend the
rest of the day forgetting you.
Rather, from these quiet
moments,
let light and joy and power
pour out and remain with me
through every hour of this day.

John Baillie
(The Diary of Private Prayer)

Turning our Hearts

God first called our community to turn our hearts to the children when He called us to be 'a watchman'. We sounded the alarm in the form of the booklet 'What on Earth are We doing to Our Children?' and convened the first national conference on child abuse as one of many initiatives.

The consequences of the sin of older generations is all too visible in the broken hearts and minds of the young today. As a healing Community, we are called to reach out and to embrace them in the healing love of Christ.

The Lord is urging us particularly to invest in the lives of young Christians - to equip the saints - and to build unity across the generations. Young people are being invited to share in the leadership of all our residential weekends and, in particular, our younger members have been invited to help prepare for and lead our Annual Gathering next February.



The turning of our hearts to the children means that we are ready to receive from them, as well as to give to them. How will you build bonds of love across generations today?

Will you commit to
investing in the life of
a child by praying for
them daily?

One in Christ across Generations

A young Maranatha team joined with the global prayer summit, 'Uprising', in Seoul this July. Those from older generations prayed for, encouraged and released the younger generations to grow in the anointing of God for their lives. Inspirational worship was led by young people from different nations, whilst older Christian leaders gave teaching.



The climax was a six-hour gathering for worship at the border with North Korea, with fervent fasting, weeping and intercession for 'One Korea'.

Across the globe God is uniting His people across the generations. The hearts of the fathers are being turned to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers.



Closer to home, Maranatha folk of all ages gathered for our second **'Sharing Laughter, Sharing Life'** weekend. We all joined in building a model of the Tabernacle together in the midst of worship, relaxing together and fun. Our next all-age weekend will be at **The House of Bread, in the Costwolds** next September.

Will you come?

One in Christ across Europe

Maranatha was represented at the gathering 'Together for Europe' in June. For three days, 2,500 Christians of different traditions, from different European nations, gathered in Munich to worship, talk, pray and celebrate together.



Senior leaders of Catholic and Protestant churches declared oneness in Christ, with the promise of a continued journey of deepening unity.

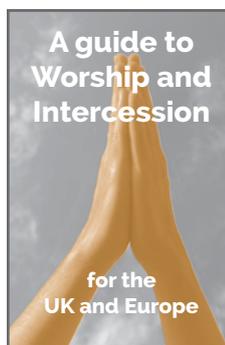
Videos and statements relating to this movement can be found at www.together4europe.org/en/ including exciting testimonies on the way in which God is healing divisive wounds of the past.

Praying for Britain and Europe

The Referendum on Britain's membership of the EU has exposed fragmentation and division within and between our nations.

It is a time for the united people of God to seize spiritual ground across these islands by proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus throughout the spiritual realms. We do this not only with our lips, but through lives submitted and surrendered to Him.

Maranatha has published a guide suggesting how we might pray. Copies are available from the Maranatha office for 30p + p&p. and for free download on the 'Know' page of the Maranatha website.



Finding Rest

So many are worn down by the pressures of life especially, it seems, in the Church! Maranatha runs a programme of retreats providing an opportunity for refreshment, restoration, fellowship and ministry. These times also served to strengthen the Community over many years.

Why not come?

A PERSONAL PRAYER

In all the ways I can love you
I want to love you
with my whole heart.
That this wholeheartedness might
bring together the
broken parts in me
and unite them
in the Oneness of you.
For when we are one,
then I am one.
When we are together,
nothing is falling apart.
In you all things come together
and are held
in perfect beauty –
everything being made new.
Be the One who is all in all,
and be my all in all,
that my life may tell your story,
made complete in its telling.

(JFA)



Walk of Witness 2017 Saturday 10th June

With the participation of Anglican, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Free Church leaders, there will be a united Walk of Witness from Salford Cathedral (RC) to Manchester Cathedral (Anglican) on Saturday 10th June 2017.

Video from the first walk, in 2000, can be viewed on the web at www.weareonemanchester.org.uk

This time there will be a particular focus on the diversity of the Body of Christ and the call for us to embrace the poor and 'the alien'. Info from kevin@maranathacommunity.org.uk or the Maranatha office.

GROW – Teaching Days and Gatherings

WEEKENDS 2017

DOVEDALE, Derbyshire **12 - 14 May**
PROCLAIMING GOD'S MIGHT & POWER FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER Men only weekend

ILKLEY, Yorkshire **7 - 9 July**
DEEP CALLS TO DEEP

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, Cotswolds **1 - 4 Sept.**
SHARING LAUGHTER, SHARING LIFE All-Age Weekend

WEST WICKHAM, Kent **3 - 5 Nov.**
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RETREATS 2017

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, Cotswolds **3 - 7 April**
BUILDING WITH THE SPIRIT
Light out of Darkness Part 2

LUCAN, Co.Dublin **18 - 22 Sept.**
STEPPING OUT IN FAITH
Light out of Darkness Part 1

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, Cotswolds **9 - 13 October**
STEPPING OUT IN FAITH
Light out of Darkness Part 1

QUIET DAYS 2017

Guided silence, listening, intimacy with God

HUDDERSFIELD - First Saturday of alternate months: **7 Jan, 4 March, 6 May, 1 July, 2 Sept, & 4 November. 10am - 4pm**
(Bring a packed lunch).

Contact Peter Jackson 01282 438964
info@maranathacommunity.org.uk
to confirm the location.

If you would like to host a Quiet Day in your area, please contact the Maranatha office.

BE ONE – find a group near you

England

CHISWICK 2nd Monday. monthly.
chiswick@maranathacommunity.org.uk

ECKINGTON, PERSHORE 3rd Thurs. monthly. 7pm
eckington@maranathacommunity.org.uk

GRAVESEND 4th Tuesday. monthly.
gravesend@maranathacommunity.org.uk

HALIFAX / HUDDERSFIELD 4th Wed. monthly. 7.30pm.
halhub@maranathacommunity.org.uk

HARROGATE 1st Friday monthly. 7.30pm
harrogate@maranathacommunity.org.uk

LEEDS 1st Tuesday. monthly. 7.30pm
leeds@maranathacommunity.org.uk

LINCOLN Thursday weekly 2-3.30pm
lincoln@maranathacommunity.org.uk

MACCLESFIELD 2nd Wed. monthly. 7.45pm
macc@maranathacommunity.org.uk

MANCHESTER - DAVYHULME 'First Sunday' monthly. 7.30pm. 0161 748 485

MANCHESTER - FLIXTON 3rd Friday. monthly. 8pm. info@maranathacommunity.org.uk

MANCHESTER - CENTRAL First Saturday of even months (Feb, April etc) 10.30am. 0161 748 4858
info@maranathacommunity.org.uk

MARKET HARBOROUGH last Fri. monthly. 10am
markharb@maranathacommunity.org.uk

NOTTINGHAM 3rd Mon. monthly. 7.30pm
nottingham@maranathacommunity.org.uk

PLYMOUTH
plymouth@maranathacommunity.org.uk

ROMILEY 3rd Saturday monthly.
romiley@maranathacommunity.org.uk

SCUNTHORPE Thursdays twice monthly. 7pm
scunthorpe@maranathacommunity.org.uk

SHEFFIELD 2nd Sat. monthly. 4pm
sheffield@maranathacommunity.org.uk

TAUNTON 3rd Fri. monthly.
taunton@maranathacommunity.org.uk

THE MARCHES, SHROPSHIRE. bi-monthly. 2nd Saturday 12.30-4.30pm
themarches@maranathacommunity.org.uk

TWICKENHAM 3rd Tues. monthly. 8pm
twickenham@maranathacommunity.org.uk

WAKEFIELD 1st Saturday monthly 1.30-3.30pm
wakefield@maranathacommunity.org.uk

WEST DARTMOOR 2nd Saturday. monthly
wdartmoor@maranathacommunity.org.uk

Wales

MOLD 1st Mon. monthly. 7.30pm.
mold@maranathacommunity.org.uk

Scotland

HELMSDALE Fri. evenings. 7pm
helmsdale@maranathacommunity.org.uk

Northern Ireland

BELFAST info@maranathacommunity.org.uk

Republic of Ireland

FERMOY 2nd Wednesday monthly 8pm
fermoy@maranathacommunity.org.uk

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BELONG – ways to connect

THE CITY

In addition to our website, Maranatha members are able to connect through 'The City'. This secure site enables us to share personal prayer needs, stories, questions, topics of interest, photos and more.

Over the last few months we have endeavoured to post video clips from some of our key gatherings such as 'First Sunday' in Manchester. and our National Gathering in Birmingham. Many have appreciated the opportunity to hear the message given at these gatherings, which they would otherwise be unable to participate in.

If you would like to find out more click 'Belong' on our website or contact Sean in the Maranatha office.

sean@maranathacommunity.org.uk

'TASTE & SEE' BOOKSHOP



We sell a variety of Christian books, CD's, DVD's, greeting cards, and gifts, for all occasions, which can also be sent by mail order. A variety of drinks and homemade cakes adds to this service, run by committed volunteers.

Open 10am-1.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Tel: 0161 747 5672.

Announcing the Kingdom of God

Don't fit into the world.

Don't settle for the status quo.

Be salt for frozen hearts.

Be light in dark places.

Disturb counterfeit peace.

Go out to those in need.

Don't just speak Christ, live Him.

Discard the comfortable life.

Embody Faith, Hope, Grace and LOVE.

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