

# THE MARANATHA VISION

*A Movement of Christian believers  
- a Community of Christian love*

## Our Vision

- God's people united, healed and renewed, walking the way of Jesus in love, poverty and simplicity and with the urgent fire of the Spirit burning in their hearts.
- God radically transforming lives, healing people, reviving churches, revitalising communities and renewing our nation.
- Christians praying and praising together as one, manifesting signs and wonders from God for all to see.
- Followers of Jesus responding to His radical demands, exploring, living and proclaiming the Gospel, visibly different from the world.
- Members of the Body of Christ boldly speaking as one so that the voice of God is heard in our land.

## Our Mission

- To pray and work for the UNITY of all Christians and the breaking down of all barriers, that are a stumbling block to the life of the Kingdom of God.
- To fulfil Christ's prayer that we should be one - one Family, one Body, one Flock, one Army, ending the disfigurement of division.
- To build up Christ's HEALING ministry as a central part of the life of the Church and as a sign of hope to a sick world.
- To lead people into a closer encounter and deeper relationship with God, equipping them for ministry.
- To pray and work for radical change and RENEWAL in people and society, through the power of God's Spirit.
- To re-establish Christian values in society and to present Jesus Christ as Lord, and the Gospel as public truth. To be counter-culture, reversing the trend towards godless secularism and false religions.
- To see the revival of churches and the evangelisation of the people of this country.

# Our Foundations

- We believe in the supremacy of Jesus Christ as Lord of all - the only Saviour and Healer, who has the Name above every name. We believe that God, not humanity, is in charge of our ultimate destiny.
- We affirm the God-breathed and liberating words of Scripture.
- We declare our allegiance to the whole Body of Christ. We are drawn from all the Christian traditions and affirm the central, non-negotiable truths of the Christian faith proclaimed throughout the centuries.

# Our Life

- We are a scattered, praying Community throughout the United Kingdom and beyond. We are bound together by the love of God.
- We are little brothers and sisters of Jesus, walking together as pilgrim people, travelling light.
- We resolutely seek the will of God in all things, respecting and loving one another, avoiding fruitless individualism. We endeavour to let God write our agenda and only make decisions and move forward when, after prayer, we are of one heart and mind.
- Our priority is to live and speak the SIMPLE Gospel - the commanding words of Jesus are simple and direct.
- As friends of Jesus we are called to lowliness and spiritual POVERTY. We stand with the suffering, poor and needy. We are ourselves called to be poor in spirit.
- Maranatha is
  - a LISTENING Community - waiting, meditating, contemplating.
  - a SERVING Community - serving the church and humanity in love.
  - a WITNESSING Community - proclaiming the truth of the Gospel.
  - a SHARING Community - walking closely together in mutual trust.
  - a PROPHETIC Community - speaking for truth, righteousness, justice.
  - an APOSTOLIC Community -leading, training and nurturing

# Our Call

- We are called to a balance of prayer and action.
- We are called to embrace the full Gospel - personal holiness and social righteousness.
- We sense a great URGENCY in the face of today's immense crisis in the churches and in society. We believe God is calling us to sound the alarm as a fierce battle rages for the soul of our nation. We believe He is calling His people to assemble as one army, under His banner of truth and love.
- God's Spirit is prompting countless Christians to take personal initiatives. We believe God is calling us all to come together, praying, serving and witnessing as one in a new and dynamic way to give HOPE to a dying world.

**Our prayer is that of the early Church 'MARANATHA - COME LORD JESUS!'**