

THE MARANATHA COMMUNITY PRESENTS:

SPOTLIGHT

News & Views for Local Groups, by Local Groups!



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EDITORIAL

What is important about Spotlight is that it seeks to reach everyone involved in the Community and that it helps to draw us together (and encourage us) as we share experiences.

What will help will be the new style National Representatives Meetings, where more information will be shared, but there are still difficulties to overcome. For instance, many of us are not on e-mail and not in groups. Also, Spotlight is produced in the North of England it is not surprising that there are relatively few articles from the South, although Uganda, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have added some balance.

It may be that there are those who would like to consider prayerfully whether they should be more involved with the publication of Spotlight. **Is this not an instance of God calling for a group of three?**

"Heal Our Land" Comes to Fair Oak in the Eastleigh Region!

Our local Maranatha gathering, together with the local churches, were part of the team welcoming the Heal Our Land presentation to our locality. Please refer to www.healourlanduk.com for details

The presentation was attended by some 420 people with approximately 80 people in the local Mass Choir plus professional singers on stage! We really believe that the local area will be affected by the prayers and prophetic proclamation contained within the presentation, which was exciting and very well received.

Our next meeting of Trumpet Call is planned for 10th September 2010, when we will be looking at praying into the offer the local church across the region might make in response to the Government's "Big Society" initiative. We believe this is something the Lord has prophetically prepared the church for in the region - so that working together with all agencies concerned for children and families; we can bring the Kingdom distinctive to our local communities at this time.

Danny Stupple
Co-ordinator for Eastleigh Trumpet Call Gathering.



MARRAGE OF MR. MARK HALLAM AND MISS. RUTH HENDY

On Saturday August 21st Sheffield Maranatha group were privileged to help celebrate the wedding of Rev. Pat Hallam's son Mark to Miss Ruth Hendy from London.

The bride's family, originally from Jamaica, were present along with Mark's family and friends. Ruth's brother gave her away and the bridegroom's brother Paul was best man. Rev. Pat herself conducted the wedding service. The bride was attended by four bridesmaids all in floor length pale gold gowns and two small flower girls wearing white and scattering rose petals as they went. Ruth herself wore a white strapless crinoline gown complimented by veil and sparkling tiara as the picture shows.

May God bless this devoted Christian couple abundantly as they embark on their lives together.

By Val Brook



Bourton On The Water

By Mike and Matthew Doherty

A number of us have had the privilege of visiting the Christian Café at Bourton-on- the-water. The main building comprises three parts – a section selling Christian books, CD's and other items; a section especially dedicated to children's items "**The Rainbow Shop**"; and a café. There are no prices in the menu but there is a donation box. There is inscribed over the building a heartfelt "**Shalom**".

Opposite, there is another building called "**Maranatha**". This contains other Christian materials. Maranatha Community materials are for sale, or otherwise available, throughout the premises.

We understand that it has for a number of years been a centre for prayer and it's immediately obvious that it is a centre for the proclamation of the Gospel. We would agree with others that it is a wonderful oasis of Christain love. If you are in the area we would very much encourage you to visit. You would be blessed and you will have the opportunity to bless this precious ministry.



Northern Ireland

Our work in parishes and communities continues and there are many interchurch and prayer groups meeting. Both Maranatha and the Divine Healing Ministries pray for their urgent prayer lists. There is much depression and cancer, so we pray about that, after years of trauma here. Brother David Jardine continues his 'seven years of prayer' meetings for revival.



In February I was interviewed by Ulster Television and filmed at home, telling people why I send out newsletters all over the world, about the positive aspects on Northern Ireland, to counteract all the bad news which is heard. We can be very negative - and the news bulletins report it!

I also explained why I came here in 1987 and how God called me to be involved in cross - community work in Belfast. I was congratulated often so it must have been good!

Also in February we had a team visit from Maranatha, who came over to meet at many towns including Randalstown, Limavady and Derry. Their visits encouraged us to start groups of three people meeting regularly to pray through a prayer list and for each other.

We pray daily for all the sick.

We send our love – Margaret Walker

Rob Davies By Mike Doherty

We've been greatly privileged to know Rob as Parliamentary Researcher, as National Co-ordinator, as computer expert and in other capacities. Most of all we have valued him simply as Rob – a real delight!

Recently, there was a meeting at the Ark involving the National Co-ordinators and the Trust. Emotion poured from him as he explained how during his visit to Uganda, he had seen the God –given vision of Maranatha of unity, renewal and healing manifested in a church meeting in a most powerful way. He would carry this experience with him wherever he was called.

Emotions ran even higher as he told us could no longer be a Co-ordinator because God had called him to be more involved with Rivers of Life (the church in Uganda of which he is a trustee).

May Rob, Katharine and Elena receive every blessing in the Lord.

PRAISE GOD FOR THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS by Linda Stalley

Over the last three months, several long-standing, active Maranatha members have died. We thank and praise God for the lives of each one of these precious members of our Maranatha family:

Maria Reed died in May, Maria and her husband Greg were the inspiration behind Trumpet Call and set up the first database of members;

Margaret Higgins who died in June, was a member from the earliest days and worked in the Maranatha office for two years;

Rhiannon Williams who died in early August, was very actively involved in the prayer life of the Community for many years; (Please see article below)

Andrew Robertson who died in August, was a founder member of 'The Ark' in Flixton;

Ann Bunting who also died in August, was a faithful member of the Matlock Maranatha Group for many years.

We grieve the loss of our brother and sisters, but we also rejoice that they are now part of the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. Hallelujah!!

I have just heard that **Sister Elizabeth Tuttle** is now with the Lord. There is again so much to be said and no doubt will be said, but now it seems right simply to give thanks that she too has now joined that "Great Cloud of Witnesses" –

Editor

CONWY GROUP (NORTH WALES) By Mavis Mc Mutrie

Our dear sister in Christ Jesus, **Rhiannon (Williams)** went to her Saviour early in August, just after her 79th Birthday. She came to us from Ruthin Group when she and Ben moved here 3 years ago. During that short time we have been hugely blessed by her love, care and prayers for each member of our Group and for our families too.

Rhiannon was a prayer warrior, she belonged to a remarkable prayer cell with Blodwen and Glenys – She was the last remaining member. God has raised up other members at this very time to form a new Prayer cell to join another existing one in North Wales.

Rhiannon had a deep love for the Word of God. Her favourite Scriptures were:

Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God"
Exodus 15:26 "I am The Lord who Healeth thee"
Psalm 31:1 "In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust"

We and many others feel her "loss" greatly – she was a tremendous support in the work and witness of our Community. Our prayers are with Ben and her daughters Susanne and Martin and their much loved Grandchildren

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

By Mike Doherty

Below is a poem written by the late Dr. Kenneth Moynagh, a Missionary Doctor in Rwanda. Not only does it focus on **Galatians 5:22-23**, but it also reminds us of John's call (**1 John 3:16**); **"Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth"**

**Joy is Love exulting and Peace is love at rest;
Patience, Love enduring in every trial and test.
Gentleness, Love yielding to all that is not sin.
Goodness, Love in actions that flow from Christ within.
Faith is Love's eyes opened the living Christ to see;
Meekness, Love not fighting, but bowed at Calvary.
Temperance, Love in Harness and under Christ's control
For Christ is Love, in person – and Love, Christ in the soul.**

patience
faithfulness
gentleness peace
self-control love
joy goodness
kindness

ODE TO JOY By Mike Doherty

At the April Meeting of the Brigg Group, all present sang the music of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. This may seem odd but we blame David Pawson!

We had been praying about the state of the nation and later our attention had been drawn to Habakkuk. Habakkuk takes his doubts and questions humbly to the Lord and waits for the Lord to reply. Upon hearing His Word and seeing His Glory, he became like a deer bounding confidently on the mountain heights.

In his book **"Unlocking the Bible"** David Pawson puts Chapter 3 to verse and here is the final section (verse 16 – end)

**Having heard the final outcome knowing all and not just part
Great emotion grips my body, quivering lips and pounding heart
Trembling legs give way beneath me yet with patience will I wait
when the foe invades my country, certain of his dreadful fate**

**Though the fig tree does not blossom and the vine is void of grapes
Though the olive trees are barren and the fields produce no crops
Though no lambs are in the sheep field and no cattle in the stall
Yet will I enjoy my Saviour, glad that God is all in all**

**Joyfully I face the future with my failing strength restored
And my angry question answered by this marvellous Sovereign Lord
See my heart and feet are leaping like a deer upon the heights
Set my words to holy music, voices and stringed instruments**



G. Campbell Morgan said

**"Our Joy is in proportion to our trust. Our Trust
is in proportion to our knowledge of God"**

Spotlight Extra

Chris Saville (Wakefield) has written an account of her experience the Maranatha weekend at St. Joseph's. It would not seem right to précis the account. So I added to 2 extra pages. Thanks Chris for this inspiring testimony. Editor

Joining Heaven and Earth in Worship **By Chris Saville**

I have to say that the Maranatha week at St. Joseph's has to be one of the best week-end's of my life! The Teaching, the music, the fellowship and not to mention, the food and accommodation was excellent. Peter asked me if I would share the notes that I made that weekend. I hope they will bless you:-

Worship, is an act of paying divine honour to God.

Praise is a tribute of gratitude and worship of God.

Honour is to treat with respect, esteem, worship, fame, magnify and glory.

Worship is a way of life, not just reserved for praise and worship; in all that we do we should do it unto the lord. (Meditate on this).

Is God the centre of our little universe, is He the centre of our day?

Worshipping God is getting intimate with him and getting to know him better.

The Word of the Lord will help us to know him better, His character will be revealed. So Spend Lots of time with him

Look all around you every day and spend time appreciating God's wonderful creation, enjoy the present moment, praise him for it.

Listen to God. Look for him in the daily little things. Become aware of his voice, and how he speaks to you personally. Respond to him with open hearts; be submissive to him and obedient.

You become like the one you worship. Whatever you worship you imitate, whatever you imitate you become.

Worship is active and it is alive. When we worship we are creating a substance, we are changing things in the spirit world. God's says that when we praise and worship God, He sets ambushes for our enemies.

Speak in tongues in worship. Sing in tongues, if you don't speak in tongues praise him in your own language whatever comes into your heart.

Be free in worship. It's so easy to be self conscious to be yoked to fear.

Galatians 5v1 says "it is for freedom that Christ has set us free, do not be burdened by a yolk of slavery" (Fear, Timidity and Self-consciousness)

David says in **Psalm 143v5** "I will spread out my hands to you, my soul thirsts for you like a parched land."

The Hebrew Language has many more words to express our hearts and emotions, some of the definitions are as follows:-

To throw out your hands to God, to adore with all our hearts in thankfulness. Great adoration and praise, to shine forth an outward show of inner emotions. To address in a loud tone, a shout similar to shouts as a goal is scored in sport, going nuts. To kneel down, to lie down, to be abandoned in respect awe and fear and intimacy. Spontaneous praise, Glorifying God in song, more than just singing but Spirit led singing. Stamping, spinning around, dancing leaping, springing, joy marching. Don't break the Holy Spirit's movement, discern his leading.

Three main teaching/treasures that I brought home with me.

1. That worship is a way life and not reserved just for times of praise of worship.
2. That praise and worship and singing/speaking in tongues is creative, it causes things to happen in the spirit world.
3. Praise and worship is the desired environment in which to listen to and hear God's voice

Whilst I was singing in tongues during praise and worship, I realised I could sing again. Previously I'd had throat problems; I began to use muscles that I hadn't used for a long time. I in my new freedom could really sing high notes again. It is a wonderful feeling being able to praise the Lord in song.... then came the best. God revealed to me over the past year that my heart had become some what hardened towards him, even wary of him because of what seemed to be relentless trials. I had of course repented and together we had been working things out trying to crack the shell from around my heart, but it was a slow progress..

During the wonderful praise and worship in the spirit I felt my heart bursting wide open, love praise, gratitude, adoration, compassion, and trust poured out towards my Lord!! The hard shell had finally been broken! Wow Amazing grace (let us not underestimate the power of praise and worship)

Finally I would just like to share with you what the Lord has spoken to me personally at the beginning of this year. "Stop talking Chris and just listen," so often our times together are full of chat, chat chatting that we don't let God get a word in edge ways. How disappointed He must be. He longs to speak to us, will we provide that space for Him, particularly in our worship times?

I really believe emphatically that this is where our Lord is going to show up, if we let him in!

1 CORINTHIANS 2 V 9 SAYS (the Living Bible)



"No mere man has ever seen, heard or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord!"

I'M EXCITED..... WATCH THIS SPACE

MEETING DATES FOR THE DIARY

The **Wallasey on the Wirral Prayer Group** holds its first meeting on Tuesday **14th September 2010** and thereafter weekly.

Pease contact **Jim Dainty** for details on
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The **Regional Representatives Gatherings** are to be held in

- London (close to Victoria Station) on **25th September 2010**
- Market Harborough on **20th November 2010**

The **North West Regional Meeting** is to held in:

- Llandudno on **11th September 2010**

The **Yorkshire Regional Meeting** is to be held at

- **9th October 2010 (venue to be announced)**

The **Annual Gathering** is to be held from:

- **14th to 16th January 2011 at Quinta**

