



Christmas 2018

Dear Chanctonbury Church family,

During the past year, we have been blessed with such an abundance of breakthroughs and “wow” moments. Across church life on so many occasions, children, young people, and adults have stepped ‘off the edge of the boat’, sought first the Kingdom of God – and been used by Jesus to release more of His life here. Thank you to you all for being faithful where you are and with what you have, for loving one another in word and deed, and for your vision for transformation.

It has been wonderful to welcome many new friends to the churches, to celebrate new staff being called here to serve, and to pray with those meeting Jesus for the first time. At the beginning of this year, we felt God say to us that 2018 was to be a “Year of favour” for Chanctonbury churches. And we can celebrate and thank the Lord for the rich blessings of His favour that we have received, and the truth of His promise - that when His “Word goes forth, it does not return empty, but surely accomplishes that for which it was sent” (Isaiah 55:11).

We highlight below some of the key dates ahead in 2019. We have then asked various people from across a brief snapshot of church life, to share things that they are thankful for, and vision they are dreaming for in 2019. There could be so much more to share, but we hope this encourages you.

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Thank you to each of you for the part you play in fuelling what God is doing here, and for the joy you bring to Father God and to us. It is the privilege of our lives to serve with you. Rest well, enjoy your loved ones, bask in Father's love, dream big, have no fear, love your neighbours – and see you next year for “an increase of His government, of which there shall be no end...” (Isaiah 9:7)

With much love,

James & Lou



Coming up in 2019 – “In our Father’s House”

Having opened the subject of the Father Heart of God during the Church Weekend back in September, amidst all that God is calling us to be and to do, pressing into the revelation of Him as Father will flavour and theme much of 2019. We pray that His love will root us deeply in our identity, free us to live in righteous and holy relationships, and burn His compassion within us for the healing of an ‘orphaned’ world. He is Trinitarian

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Family. We want to be His family together. And we long for every family to know restoration and all things made new...

January 2019: Month of Prayer & Fasting

As we began 2018, we are setting aside January as a month of prayer and fasting. We will hold daily morning prayer, four Wednesday nights at Wiston, and close the month with a night of worship, testimony and ministry on Saturday 2nd February in Ashington. See separate flyer for all the dates, times and venues.

Kingdom Come conference sign up - 20th & 21st June

Further to Pippa Cleeve's December email, we encourage you all to book your place for this year's conference. We are also thrilled to run **Kingdom Come Youth** again, plus a new day conference for children and families called **Kingdom Come Family**, both on Saturday 22nd June 2019.

Teaching & Equipping

Beginning in February, we are introducing a weekly 'Teaching & Equipping Night' on Thursday evenings. This will break down into modules and aim to arm us with biblical and theological understanding, in the context of experiencing heavenly encounters and Kingdom ministry. Our vision is to make available every resource and growth opportunity we may need to step into all God has for us!

Teaching & Equipping nights will sit alongside small groups as a discipleship resource and will be open and welcome to all.

Lent course: Knowing the Father

Our Lent course will focus on giving space to knowing more fully our Heavenly Father, and will take place on Wednesday evenings as a consecutive series. It will begin on **Wednesday 6th March**, and we encourage you to come with your small group.

Benefice Agronomy: Monday 25th February, Washington

Our next Agronomy night will take place on 25th February at Washington, where we will make space to catch up together with what God is doing and saying. We will also pray into and communicate together on South Downs Awakening 2020, Washington church plant, becoming one parish and latest Catalyst Team developments.

Church Weekend at Home: Friday 4th - Sunday 6th October 2019

Following the epic time we shared together in September, we are booked in for another Church Weekend at Home on the first weekend in October. Do stick it in your diaries - game on!



Thanksgiving & dreams across some of church life

Chanctonbury: YOUTH - Archie Croft

What are we thankful for?

I can often be found incredulous as I look at our young people. The sheer kindness and fun-loving righteousness that I see exhibited time and time again is extraordinary! One of my favourite moments each week is hearing of the boldness they walk in at school, amongst their friends and across their lives. They come armed to each gathering full of stories and anticipation. It truly is a privilege.

What are we dreaming for in 2019?

2019 is the year I see youth leading *parents* through the doors and into Father's house. The deep and intimate encounter our young people know fuelling the fearlessness they walk in. 2019 is not a year of frustration or intimidation, it is a year of **easy miracles** and supernatural awareness of His presence. Let's do this!

Chanctonbury: WORSHIP - Luke Christian-Farman

As the worship pastor, I am so thankful for the hearts of hunger within our countryside churches. The song of redemption, hope and love are but some of the values attributed to our culture. In 2019, I am eagerly anticipating a monumental outpouring of God's burning love on us that we may shine brighter, sing louder and love greater.

Chanctonbury: KIDS - Holly Draper & Nick Taylor

In Kids Church we are thankful for the children helping us settle in really well and quickly, and thankful for opportunities to listen to God's voice throughout the term. We are dreaming about the schools work in Ashington and Washington, the Kids Church Socials and making Sunday mornings the highlight of the kids' weeks because that's when they'll be encountering the living God!

Our new Associate Vicar on small community - Jim Waddell

We are so thankful for the thriving sense of family empowered by the Holy Spirit at church currently, for the hunger to live this out in a smaller more intimate community of believers, and for the current home groups that are already doing this. In 2019, we look forward to building on the work we have done by piloting our first re-imagined Chanctonbury 'Kingdom Come' flavoured small communities in the hope that this will lay the foundations for what is to come.

Chair of the Catalyst Team - Charlie Arbuthnot

Catalyst thankful points: We have dreamt with God and then, to our amazement, seen Him orchestrate answers way beyond our dreams - eg. the extraordinary things that have happened with our giving and hence the creation of new staff positions.

Looking into 2019: we want to see a coaching team formed to help us all take hold of our dreams, we want to explore ways of growing church whilst maintaining our core value of family. We want to see a teaching programme established, accessible to all, so that every member is fully equipped to release the Gospel of the Kingdom wherever they go.

Kingdom Come Intercessors - Sarah Binney

I am thanking Father God for our amazing intercessors - for answers in response to the intercessions of His people. I am reminded of 2 Chronicles 7: 14 (Message Translation): 'If my God-defined people responded by humbling themselves, praying, seeking my presence, turning their backs on their wicked lives, I'll be there ready for you: I'll listen from heaven, forgive their sins and restore their land to health'.

I am looking forward to gathering the intercessors in person and journeying together into an even more intimate place with our Father, where we discover His heart, obtain His strategies and truly become His watchmen - playing our part in bringing greater invasions of Heaven on Earth!

Giving: Partnerships & Projects - Perry-May Britton

This year we have given away over £36,000 to build the Kingdom beyond ourselves. It is an astonishing amount of money and a great reminder of how blessed we are as churches and how generous our congregations are. What a privileged position we are in!

A snapshot of some of this year's giving: Some of our giving away has been international, in particular to Kenya, India, Hong Kong and The Gambia, and we have also given locally towards debt relief, a prayer garden at Ashington School and other local projects and charities. We have also been able to help many individuals who have faced challenging financial pressure this year. We have given towards Julie Sear's (ex-Curate here) church building restoration fund, as well as towards St Columba's Barn, a new worshipping community establishing in our parish. Overall, there is much reason to rejoice...

Chanctonbury: INTERNS - Ed & Michelle Quibell

It has been an exciting start to the new term. Our three interns have leapt in to their roles with energy and passion. They have just been brilliant and are so much fun to hang around with. Their desire to seek and pursue God is just wonderful to see. It gives the Church great hope for the future. They are constantly finding ways in which to serve God, as well as learn and grow in their own walk with Jesus. We are so excited by the range of talents and giftings that they all bring and are enjoying the privilege of watching them flourish amongst us all.

In the New Year we will be joined by another intern Sarah Joy. It will be fantastic to have her on board, and see them move forward together as an unstoppable band of four. One thing to be praying for - they are heading out to the Gambia to visit and serve with Erik & Ele Brohaugh in May 2019. Our dream for 2019 is that each one of them encounters God in a life-changing and powerful way.

Kingdom Come Conference - Pippa Cleeve

I am thankful for improving communication and flow in starting to organise the KCC 2019 and an exciting feeling of unity and purpose both for the conference and within the conference team. I am dreaming of a bolder, richer conference this year, the impact of which visibly flows out of Chanctonbury and starts to affect the surrounding areas and churches!

Church Administrator - Philly Pearson-Miles

I am so thankful to God for the amazing admin team! Each one working in their God-given abilities, gloriously equipped, and having stepped up in response to a call on their lives in this particular season. He has done immeasurably more than all I asked for or imagined! Looking ahead to 2019, I envision each member of the admin team stepping into greater authority in their roles, working with increasing divine initiative, being prompted by His voice, and doing what we hear the Father saying.

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