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Welcome to the first edition of *Latest*. We hope this magazine will inform you about some of the things going on in our **New Ground** family of churches, but also encourage you about all that God is doing in us and through us, and inspire you to dream big dreams about where He is taking us together.

We all have our part to play in taking *new ground* for God’s Kingdom. We hope that by sharing stories of what is happening in *Newfrontiers*, in our churches, and in individual lives, our faith will rise and we will “press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of” us (Phil. 3:12).

There are several ways you can get involved in all that we’re doing together: apply for the Academy, come to one of our Together @ roadshows, send us stories about what God is doing in your life, sign up for our enewsletter, and make sure you get booked in for Together @ Ashburnham, where we are going to have a fantastic time encountering God!

This is an exciting time for **New Ground**. We’re glad you’re part of it!

**Editor, Latest**



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# MORE TOGETHER THAN APART

by Dave Holden, Leader, **New Ground**  @DavidEHolden

I'm really excited about 2015. It is going to be a great time of progress for *Newfrontiers* worldwide.

*Newfrontiers* is now a group of apostolic leaders and their teams who are united on a global mission, held together by core values and genuine relationship. One team has now become many teams. I'm privileged to be part of a team of six guys from around the world called the *Newfrontiers Together* team. Led by Dave Devenish, our responsibility is to facilitate our global gatherings and provide a level of accountability.

In terms of *Newfrontiers* in the UK, in December 2014 six UK-based apostolic guys (including me) got together after an 18-month break. We met to explore how we can begin to relate more closely. It was a wonderful time of openness and friendship, concluding in a desire to keep meeting. We are hoping that this will eventually result in a greater collaboration between us and therefore mean that *Newfrontiers* will impact our nation through advancing the Kingdom together. "More together than apart" continues to live

## INTERVIEW WITH HENK KERSTEN

**Q.** Hi Henk, where are you from and where have you lived?

**Henk:** I was born in Arnhem in the Netherlands, but we have lived in different places in the Netherlands and the UK in different seasons in our married life.

**Q.** Tell us a little bit about your family.

**Henk:** I am very happily married to Eunee and we have four great children (three daughters and a son), two great son-in-laws, one great daughter-in-law and seven grandchildren. So we feel so blessed.

**Q.** Where are you based now?

**Henk:** At this moment we are in the process of moving from the city of Harderwijk to be part of New Life Church in Maastricht.

**Q.** What's your current role with **New Ground**?

**Henk:** Eunee and I love serving Dave and others, especially within the **New Ground** family of churches. I see myself mainly supporting Dave, encouraging the churches/leaders we feel called to serve and, by God's grace, hoping to be involved with new/other churches in Europe.

**Q.** What's your favourite place in the world?

**Henk:** Definitely Cape Town (hoping to visit it one day again in the future).

**Q.** Who has most influenced you?

**Henk:** My wife Eunee. After knowing one another for 41 years and having been married almost 37 years, she is still the biggest influence in my life.

with us: I see **New Ground** as a 'tribe' that's playing a growing role, together with other tribes, in the larger 'nation' called *Newfrontiers*.

This year will be an exciting one for the **New Ground** 'tribe' as our vision continues to be to live up to our name! This means we need to reach new nations, plant many churches, train leaders, raise up a new generation, and have healthy churches led by healthy leaders.

Europe continues to be our main focus: we are believing to plant into every nation in Europe and specifically in the leading strategic cities. Plans are growing to plant into Geneva, Rome and Brussels, to give just three examples.

For me personally, I've been so excited to begin 2015 with a newly formed **New Ground** core team. We met for the first time in January and we're committed to moving our corporate vision forward together and serving the churches that are already a part of **New Ground**. Keep an eye on the **New Ground** website for more info about the core team soon!



**Q.** What do you like to do for fun?

**Henk:** I love watching good movies, mountain/race biking, walking and cycling in general.

**Q.** What are your hopes for 2015 personally?

**Henk:** To settle in well in Maastricht over the next half a year, connecting well with other leaders and churches and being a support to them.

**Q.** What are your hopes for 2015 for **New Ground**?

**Henk:** That we, in praying and working together as churches, will see an increasing number of passionate followers of Jesus in many more parts of Europe, taking the gospel and believing its power for many more changed lives in 2015.

**Q.** In one sentence, what are you most passionate about?

**Henk:** Jesus and His Church, especially seeing a younger generation full of passion for Jesus and committed to seeing Him glorified.

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*Please pray for Henk and Eunee as they move to Maastricht and serve **New Ground**.*

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## CHURCH PROFILES

# PERFECTLY CONNECTED

### CROWN CHURCH Hillingdon

You've probably been to Hillingdon. On average 191,200 people visit our corner of west London every day.

Heathrow is the fifth busiest airport in the world and sits proudly at the base of London's second largest borough, Hillingdon. We can thank the airport for another of our prized statistics: each of the 107 languages defined by the 2011 Census are spoken in Hillingdon; nowhere else in the country can say that (nor in so many ways).

Brunel University carries on this multicultural theme in the heart of the borough; it is the 14th 'most international' university on the planet. Home to more than 15,000 full-time

students from 110 countries, it's London's biggest single-campus university and just a few minutes' walk from our Sunday meeting venue. If you arrive at Brunel this year and make that short walk to visit us on a Sunday, you'll find a very diverse collective of nearly 300 people, welcoming and worshipping with a lot of warmth.

Reflecting the diversity of the place we live in is something we put a high value on. One of our favourite moments in corporate worship last year was having ten people from different nations, covering every continent except the very cold one, reading a few lines each in their own language of the crucifixion and resurrection story. It was powerful. The gospel is powerful.

There's still lots of work to do; we want as much diversity economically as ethnically, and we don't have anyone yet from the huge Somali community in the east of the borough. Reaching that community is probably as big a task as when in 2009 six adults and seven children were sent from Crown to plant a church in Istanbul. After two years of language learning, the Turkish-speaking 'Yasam Kilisesi' (Life Church) was planted. Living up to the name, they are now ready to support an imminent second Istanbul plant and are a source of joy and



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place we live in is something  
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encouragement for us as we look to reach our  
growing, changing neighbourhoods.

In a few years' time, more than 2,000 new homes  
will have been built on old RAF bases in the  
borough and Crossrail will have cut our journey  
time into central London down to just 16 minutes.  
There's a lot of investment flowing into the area,  
and developers will boast of Hillingdon as being  
'perfectly connected'. There's also a lot of lonely  
people, though, and lots of social issues that  
money isn't fixing.

You'll probably come to Hillingdon sometime in  
future. We're praying that each time you do, more  
people here will have been connected to God's  
people.

by Dan Smith  
Crown Church, Hillingdon  
**Web:** [crown-church.org.uk](http://crown-church.org.uk)  
🐦 @VanSepia



## BOXING CLUBS, BAILIFFS, AWARD-WINNING CHOIRS, AND RESCUE FOR MANY

Church: East End Church, London

Web: [newgroundchurches.org/eastend](http://newgroundchurches.org/eastend)



## CALLED TO GROW AND BLESS

Church: La Source, Montpellier

Web: [newgroundchurches.org/lasource](http://newgroundchurches.org/lasource)



## EXCITING TIMES FOR NEW GROUND CHURCHES

Video: A brief snapshot of what's happening  
across New Ground churches

Web: [newgroundchurches.org/snapshot](http://newgroundchurches.org/snapshot)

## EDINBURGH

We're running several New Ground Together @ events this year.

One will be hosted by our most northern church, King's Church Edinburgh, in May. Find out more about where the Together @ weekends are taking place on page 14.

## HASTINGS

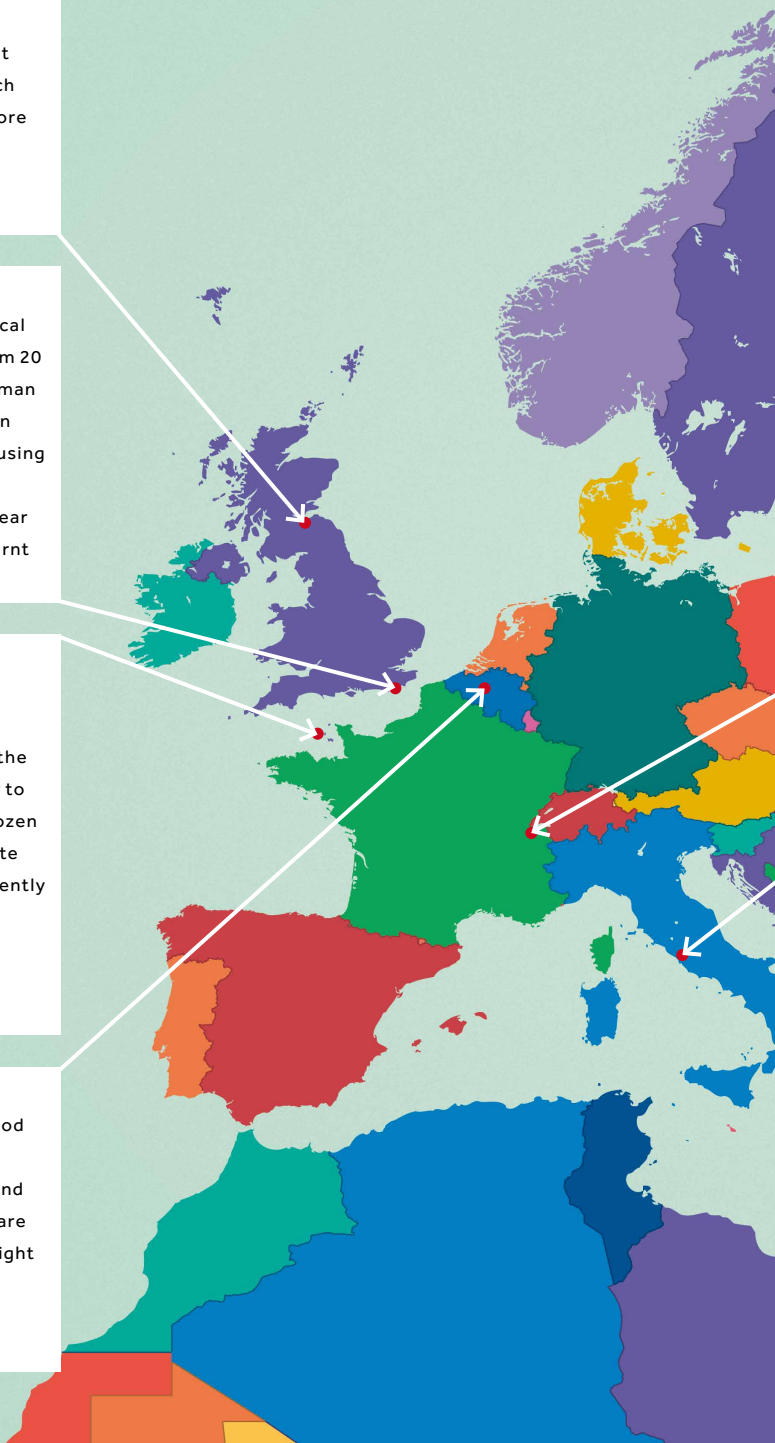
King's Church was asked by local police to run an event to inform 20 officers about the issue of human trafficking. Word spread and in the end 80 police officers, housing managers and staff from four councils in the area came to hear about this vital issue – and learnt that the church can help!

## GUERNSEY

We're over half way through the New Ground Academy's inaugural year and, as well as the 120 students coming monthly to London, there are a further dozen men and women on the satellite base in Guernsey. We are currently in the process of developing satellite bases in a number of European countries. Apply online today!

## BRUSSELS

This is another key city that God has placed on our heart – we would love to plant a vibrant and reproducing church here! We are actively seeking God for the right people. Let's pray God opens doors for a move into this strategic city!







## GENEVA

The home group of six people that became a church plant of 15 last year now has a name: Renaissance. The plant is going from strength to strength. They have seen several healings in the past year, and enjoyed their first weekend away together in January 2015, encountering God in new ways. Please keep praying for them.

## ROME

Dave and Liz went out to Rome in autumn 2014 and continued to develop good contacts. We are so excited to be on the verge of church planting in this amazing city. We hope to have things in place with a team to be able to plant by the end of this year. Get in touch if you're called to go!

## BRASOV

We've been thrilled by your generosity in giving thousands of pounds to help our brothers and sisters in Brasov complete their building. Negotiations are almost complete for the roof of the main auditorium and the down-payment is due any day!

# REACHING EUROPE

## STORIES

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# BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS OF EMOTIONAL HEALING

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*Vicky Stoeter, Everyday Church Southfields*



I had a terribly traumatic birth with my daughter in February 2012 and felt very distant to God and disappointed in Him. I was asking questions such as: Where was He when that happened? Why did He allow it?

I felt completely numb inside to everybody including God. A counsellor specialising in after birth trauma explained to me that I had post-traumatic stress. The help I got felt so surface; I knew I needed deeper healing! I had to surrender my hurt to God as nothing else touched the pain I had locked inside myself. When I did this I wasn't expecting Him to show Himself so clearly...

I had some amazing breakthrough moments: I sobbed my 'hurt' out in church one Sunday and felt like I had literally been sobbing into God's neck. Even though a lady was praying for me it felt like just me and Him. He cared for me and I finally felt that for myself for the first time.

A few months later I went to a women's conference at Everyday Church Wimbledon. During prayer I worked through a lot of pain and forgave many people. I was also released from a fear that had gripped me following a vivid dream I had a week after having my baby. The video loop of the birth that had been going on continually in my head also disappeared that day. I was exhausted, but free!

# 'I WAS A PASSIONATE ATHEIST'

Lewis Cameron, Edinburgh

Full story at: [newgroundchurches.org/lewis](https://newgroundchurches.org/lewis)

In May 2012 I wrote, "I have to face everything on my own, I don't have somebody to talk to who will solve all my problems for me. And to me it seems like religion is a way to avoid having to face up to life on your own."

My entire worldview was wrapped around myself. I once said that if Jesus came down in front of me to prove Himself real, I would rather go to hell than worship Him. I never thought there was anything that could make me a Christian...



# 'RESCUED FROM ROCK BOTTOM'

Freddie Ingle, Kingston

Full story at: [newgroundchurches.org/freddie](https://newgroundchurches.org/freddie)

In my third year at uni I was diagnosed with severe depression. I left uni and ended up on a graduate scheme with Marks & Spencer, but I just couldn't do it – on my low days, I just found the job too intense and I couldn't face customers or my colleagues.

I was also living in increasing squalor and didn't care about things like personal hygiene any more. It reached a stage where a friend...



OTHER STORIES ONLINE »



**HARUL SALVATOR ÎN  
GROAPĂ**

Web: [.../dani](#)



**J'AI TROUVÉ MA  
PLACE**

Web: [.../guilhem](#)



**I COULDN'T BEAR TO  
LOOK AT A BIBLE**

Web: [.../lee](#)

# RELEASING EVERYONE TO PLAY THEIR PART

*by Dave Holden,  
Leader, New Ground*

**One of the things that I really want to see in our New Ground family of churches is everyone playing their part.**

The danger from the past is that we've locked ourselves into elders or staff or those we've appointed as leader doing everything. But if Jesus said the harvest is ready but the workers are few, then obviously we need more workers! I think the workers are already there in our churches, so the issue is how we get to grips with releasing people to play their part.

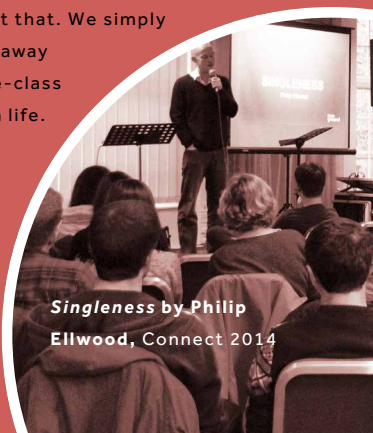
For example, I think there needs to be a move for women to really fulfil all the gifts that God has given them. William Booth of the Salvation Army said 50 per cent of his army was women, and that's true in our churches too, so we need to make sure women are increasingly at the forefront.

Another group is single people – for a long time we have acted as though people need to be married to be in leadership, but singleness

is not a disqualification but an opportunity. It's well worth having a thorough look at all we're doing at the moment and asking: why we haven't we got single people doing these things? Obviously there are times when a married couple would be more appropriate, but only a few times.

Diversity in leadership is an area in which we need to grow. More and more of our churches are increasingly diverse, which is wonderful. Twenty to 30 per cent of people in my church are not white, but our leadership team doesn't yet reflect that. We simply have got to move away from white middle-class dominated church life.

We've got a lot of people not doing much because we're not releasing them. We



**Singleness by Philip  
Ellwood, Connect 2014**

need to look at why women, single people and non-white people aren't being used as much, because people are seeing something modelled that doesn't help them or us at all. We need to challenge ourselves about whether it is because of some kind of hidden bias or "they're not like us" mentality. I am certain that if we really release women and single people and non-white people, they will come up with creative things we're not thinking of!

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opportunity**

We need to keep plugging away in this area, teaching people and speaking into it until everyone in **New Ground** has got the message that women and singles and non-white people can lead! This is crucial for the future of **New Ground** and for all that God has called us to do, so please know that whoever you are, whatever your background or circumstances, you have a part to play!



Web: [.../kingston](#)  
by Akhtar Shah,  
*Everyday Church*

## KEEPING KINGSTON SAFE & SOUND

Throughout December we've been opening our town centre church venue up to all comers, from 10pm to 4am, with a new but very simple initiative called Safe & Sound. What started as a simple desire...



Web: [.../clearvision](#)  
by Jim Partridge,  
*King's Church Mid-Sussex*

## CLEAR VISION FOR BURGESS HILL AND KENYA

A key development for us over the last two years has been developing a charity called SeeKenya. Last February our skilled team carried out almost 800 eye tests in Turkana and Meru. Enabling someone to see clearly can have a massive impact on education and employment...



Web: [.../thestory](#)  
by Steve Alliston,  
*Crawley Community  
Church*

## THE STORY IN WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES...

What's so amazing about the big story of the Bible is that ordinary people such as you and me get to play our part in it. It's as though we actually get written into the script, finding our lives caught up in the grand narrative sweep that stretches like an epic novel from the beginning of time...



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## new ground TOGETHER @

**FRANCE** Friday 13 to Sunday 15 March

**ROMANIA** Thursday 30 April to Saturday 2 May

**SCOTLAND** Friday 22 to Sunday 24 May

**HOLLAND** Friday 19 to Sunday 21 June

**GUERNSEY** Friday 3 to Sunday 5 July

**ASHBURNHAM** Friday 28 to Monday 31 August

## CHURCHES THAT CHANGE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

### A GROWING HEART FOR THE POOR

Saturday 17 October

Hosted by David Holden, New Ground, at  
Jubilee Community Church, East Grinstead  
Book online at [jubilee-plus.org/events](http://jubilee-plus.org/events)

**Speakers include:** Martin Charlesworth (Jubilee+)  
and Chris Mould (Trussell Trust)



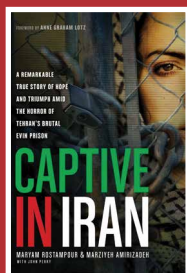
# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



## **BATTLE FOR THE MIND** by *David Holden*

As you think, so you are. Our minds play a vital role in shaping us as people and so what we think about affects our whole lifestyle. Renewing the mind is absolutely vital for every Christian, we need to be shaped by the Word of God, and it all starts in the mind. This excellent little book (less than 100 pages and easy to read!) addresses this crucially important topic...

— James Silley, New Community Church    Full review: [.../battle](#)



## **CAPTIVE IN IRAN**

by *Maryam Rostampour & Marziyeh Amirizadeh*

In today's 'multi-media-sound-bite-tweet-tastic-hashtag-headlines-only' culture, it's not often that you pick up a book and become so gripped by it that you cannot put it down and move on to something else. But that was exactly my experience of *Captive in Iran*. The more I read of this tremendous heart-wrenching and faith-stirring account of two women imprisoned for their faith in Iran, the more I realised I was discovering treasure over which it was worth lingering...

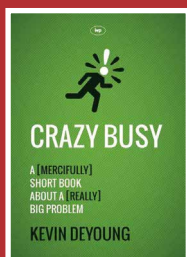
— Livy Gibbs, Emmanuel Church    Full review: [.../captive](#)



## **TAKE HEART** by *Pete Coggan*

Pete Coggan is one of the writers behind Newday tracks *We Are Yours*, *Faithful* and *Child Forever*. In this long-awaited five-track EP, he creatively brings together poetic biblical truth with fresh melodies and sounds...

— Pete Benton, Jubilee Community Church    Full review: [.../takeheart](#)



## **CRAZY BUSY** by *Kevin DeYoung*

Life is busy, crazy busy. Christians are not immune. Yet Jesus taught us that crazy busyness was the mark of a pagan, not the mark of one of His followers (Matthew 6:32). It's as if somewhere along the line Christians have become infected with the disease which God intends for us to cure. We need to rediscover the Bible's practical teaching for our fast-paced age. We need to rediscover life as God intended it to be...

— Phil Moore, Everyday Church London    Full review: [.../crazybusy](#)



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God still has exciting plans for Europe – and we all have a part to play! Whether you're in Greenwich or Geneva, Montpellier or Maastricht, Brasov or Brussels, this weekend will equip you to take *new ground* in your communities and beyond.