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Welcome to 2017, a year in which we're trusting God to lead us into great things for the advance of the gospel. For him to capture our hearts again to love our communities and see the mighty power of Jesus at work, through his Spirit in healing the sick, mending the broken-hearted, comforting those in despair and for his light to infiltrate the darkness of this world.

In this edition of *Latest* we look ahead to Ashburnham 2017. We have invited four outstanding organisations, alongside two excellent church leaders, to inspire and equip each of us to have an impact where God has placed us. You can also read the latest from the new church plant in Delft and Everyday Online who, in September 2016, launched services in four new languages.

My prayer as you read is that you catch God's heart for where we're heading together as **New Ground**. The mission we have is an exciting one and I believe that each one of us, when empowered by the Holy Spirit, has a very real part to play. This includes making a difference wherever God has called us to live and work. Let's keep encouraging one another as we seek to advance God's purposes for us as **New Ground** churches.

David Holden, New Ground

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We're delighted to have David Devenish as one of our guest speakers at Ashburnham.

David is based at Woodside Church, Bedford, and is developing relationships with many churches in Russia and Ukraine, and encouraging church planting in unreached parts of the world.

He has written several books including *Demolishing Strongholds* and *What on Earth is the Church for?* and developed several training courses. He is married to Scilla and they have four grown-up children.

Make a difference



NEW FEATURES

New features this year will be a bring-your-own picnic and a late evening bonfire.

LIVE LOUNGE

Great music, great entertainment and just a good place to hang out.

FAMILY PRAISE PARTY

What better way to spend an afternoon together with the family?

EQUIPPING TRACKS

Islam | Business | Education | Media | Health | Politics

Our plan is for these tracks to be informal opportunities to interact with those working in these fields and learn together.



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JUBILEE+

Martin Charlesworth (Team Leader)



The Jubilee+ team works across the nation with churches to increase their engagement with social action, justice issues and social enterprise. We have great links with all of the UK Newfrontiers 'spheres'. We ran our Churches That Change Communities conference in East Grinstead (October 2015) alongside Dave Holden and the New Ground churches, and we've just come back from another great conference – this time in Darlington – where we worked alongside the many significant social action church networks in the north.

Our vision is to help to equip churches for the growing social challenges that we anticipate in Britain over the next decade. We are working with national church and Christian charity leaders in different sectors to develop ways to engage churches with key growing issues such as refugees, housing provision, care of the elderly and life skills. Also, we aim to be an effective voice for churches in

the public square. We anticipate that more and more people will be listening to that voice as the years go by due to the amazing work done by churches in our communities and the urgent needs, which others realise they cannot meet.

One of our current projects is the development of a national 'go-to' resource to help churches navigate the challenges of engaging with refugee support. We have a partnership with the Boaz Trust in Manchester to do this. Watch this space. We are also working on a follow-up book to *The Myth of the Undeserving Poor*, and we recently launched a new website.

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WHERE JUSTICE AND MERCY MEET

Jubilee+

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COMPASSION

Tim Robertson (Partnerships Director)

You simply can't get away from it in the Bible – the Father's amazing grace! From Genesis to Revelation you see the heart of God for those who face injustice. The poor, the marginalised, the refugee, the last, the least and the lost! At Compassion, our ministry is about releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.

There are still 400,000,000 children that need a breakthrough. If we can create an environment where these children can discover Christ's love and also get nutritional, educational, social and health benefits, we find that they cross the line and become the change-makers to lift their own families and communities out of poverty. We believe that the best catalyst for change is the local church. That's why Compassion works with over 7,000 churches in 26 developing nations to facilitate the development of currently 1.8 million children.

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Recently a number of pastors from New Ground and Commission travelled with me to Kenya where they saw first-hand the incredible difference that local churches are making in their communities in

partnership with Compassion. As a result, some of these UK churches have partnered and, through the sponsorship of individuals, hundreds of families are getting a hope and a future. Recently in Ethiopia I was at a church of 2,000 that 6 years ago was only 200. The church grew as the love of Christ was demonstrated and children and families came into the Kingdom. Time and again I see the local church thriving with the support of Compassion and the investment of loving sponsors. Ecclesiastes 4:9 says 'Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labour' That's the power of synergy. We can do more together in partnership than we can on our own.





INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

James Wooley (Regional Development Executive)



IJM

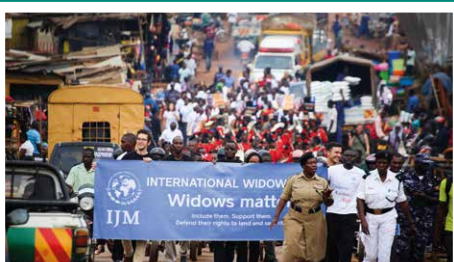
William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano, Hannah More and other 18th Century abolitionists transformed culture by ending the transatlantic slave trade. They stepped out in faith in seeking to set God's people free. It's inspirational to think that a small group of Christians in the UK ended slavery and transformed the world.

However, despite the great works of these abolitionists, there are now more slaves in the world than ever before. Over 45 million of God's children are in slavery. Slavery has evaded extinction through adaptation and now manifests as bonded labourers in brick kilns, sex trafficked victims in brothels and cybersex trafficked victims exploited in their homes.

The cries of the oppressed have never been so many, and God's heart for rescuing and restoring his lost children is as strong as ever. God's love is relentless and we seek to be relentless in rescuing these victims too.

The time has come again for God's people to rise up to break the chains of injustice, to set the oppressed free and to be a voice for the voiceless. IJM stands as the largest anti-slavery organisation in the world. Each year we rescue and restore thousands of slaves, and we also protect millions by enforcing justice systems. This is the goal of the 21st century abolitionists. Laws against slavery now exist, but these laws need to be enforced. IJM dreams that by making justice systems work to protect the poor this can be the last generation of slaves. Ever. This may seem a lofty task. But our empirical research shows that slavery really can end when justice is done by the police, the courts and the church.

At Ashburnham IJM is excited to share about God's hope for the poor, the freedom we can bring to the enslaved and how we can be modern day abolitionists.





HOME FOR GOOD

Phil Green (Chief Executive)

Jake was the “parent”, despite being only seven. Caleb, four, was kept in a pushchair, wasn’t toilet-trained and didn’t have enough clothing. The boys slept on the floor and didn’t know when they would next eat. They saw things that children should never be allowed to see, and were fighting for survival. They were given a fresh start when Peter and Jenny became their foster parents.

When Jake and Caleb arrived at their house, they were small, wide-eyed and weary. Years later, the boys are healthy, smile spontaneously, have friends and are catching up at school. The direction of their lives has dramatically changed.

Every day, more than 70 children like Jake and Caleb are removed from chaotic, traumatic, abusive, or



neglectful situations and taken into care in the UK. Our care system is currently in crisis as 9,000 more foster families are urgently needed, and approximately 4,000 children are waiting to be adopted. The Church in the UK is well placed to transform the lives of children – and ultimately find homes for every child who needs one.

However, it’s not just about encouraging Christians to foster or adopt – this is a whole church thing – there’s a role for everyone. Churches can provide amazing communities of support for families that foster or adopt, and we need to make sure that our churches are welcoming places for looked after and adopted children.

There’s a movement rising up in the UK; in towns and cities churches are uniting to run campaigns to find foster carers for their Local Authorities. In one city there’s even a church-run café where foster carers can go, and while they drink a cup of coffee, someone will do their ironing for them!





KINGSGATE

Dave Smith

Senior Leader & Founder – KingsGate Community Church



It began in 1988 when my wife Karen and I left Oxford to move to Peterborough. We felt called to start a local church so Peterborough Community Church, as it was then called, was born. We started in our tiny living room with nine people! Then as the church grew we rented various venues across the city, finally at Peterborough Regional College, the largest available to rent. But the congregation continued to grow, so we moved to three services each Sunday. At this point we realised we needed to think about buying our own building or some

land to build on. We located a 12-acre plot in Parnwell, which was perfect. Construction began and finally, in 2006, after several years of praying, planning and incredible sacrificial giving by our members, we moved into this purpose-built facility.



We have a large, multicultural, intergenerational family with people from all walks of life. Our mission is to transform lives from our neighbourhoods to the nations by the power of God's love.

KingsGate Community Church is a founding partner in the Foodbank and we work with other churches across the city as well as a local mosque. It's one of those great opportunities to work together for a common cause. Last year 42 tonnes of food were donated, enabling Foodbank to support more than 3,800 people.

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For many years we've run the Care Zone, a furniture recycling project that helps families in crisis to access good quality furniture, household goods and clothing. Initially most was donated by church members but now we receive support and donations from local businesses, which is great. It also empowers people, with barriers to employment, through training and volunteering opportunities, for example through our carpentry workshop. This training helps to give them a better chance of finding employment further down the road.

IMPACTING COMMUNITY

Jim Partridge (The King's Church Mid-Sussex)

Up and down the country, churches are involved in innovative and creative projects to serve and bless their communities, which also create amazing opportunities for the gospel.



Every church has to communicate the gospel in a relevant way for where it is located. This is increasingly complex in a generation that has rejected much of the teachings of the church. Many have not only rejected the gospel but object to what we believe and teach. Historic evangelical teaching on marriage, gender, sexuality and sanctity of life are causing many to oppose and accuse the church.

In 1 Peter 2 v 12, Peter writes: 'Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God'

This verse is important for our churches. We're living in a time of opposition as people object to what we believe or teach and accuse us of 'doing wrong'. Let



us live in such a way that they can't argue with our lives and good deeds. We have a huge opportunity to do what Peter was encouraging; to demonstrate the hope of the gospel through developing initiatives. For example, Crawley Community

Church partner with Fareshare to offer a weekly meal for people in their community. This began with a handful, but they now serve over 200 people each week.

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A few years ago, in Mid-Sussex, we ran a Christmas Hamper project serving about 30 families in need. This has developed to become a multi-agency project involving businesses, schools and charities. This year we gave over 200 hampers to families in our community.

We have seen people's perception of the church change and 1 Peter 2 v 12 come true; people who may have accused the church now partner with us because of these 'good deeds'.

Start small, pray big and let's see what God may do.

NEW GROUND CONNECT

Jamie Rowsell (Kings Church Kingston)



When students, 20s & 30s gather together to connect with each other and with God, something powerful happens!

Over the weekend of 18 - 20 November 2016, New Ground ran 'CONNECT'; a conference aimed specifically at the next generation of New Ground, looking at the issue of sharing truth in love. Three days packed full of powerful worship, inspirational and challenging teaching, great coffee and time to connect with other churches from across New Ground.


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The weekend kicked off on Friday night; and with almost 300 attending over the three days, the room was packed with hearts ready to encounter God. After a time of worship, Chris Taylor encouraged

us to live for truth, and if that wasn't enough, the remainder of the evening was filled with time to socialise and have fun. We were joined by Sidcup's very own local micropub, The Hoppers Hut, who served up some delicious drinks; a perfect companion for the Connect Pub Quiz. Several rounds of general knowledge, team selfies, newspaper superstructures and tinfoil animal sculptures commenced and the competition heated up.

A sunny Saturday morning brought with it day two of the conference and another great opportunity to worship together. Miriam Swaffield brought an incredible message about sharing the good news of Jesus and how our comfort zones are moveable, inspiring us to take more steps of faith. The weekend had something for everyone, and an interview with Jonathan Le Tocq gave us confidence to share the truth in the workplace. Saturday afternoon was given over to seminars, but with four incredible speakers to choose from, it was hard to pick just two...

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GUEST SPEAKERS

DR FEMI OGELEYE (CONSULTANT PSYCHIATRIST)

DR STEVE SMITH (DOCTOR, FOUNDER OF KEYS DETOX PROGRAMME)

BELINDA & GRAHAM MARSH (SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM, KINGS CHURCH EASTBOURNE & SEAFORD)

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EVERYDAY ONLINE CHURCH PLANT

Darren Parker (Online Venue Leader)

Since its launch in September 2015, Everyday Church Online has hosted people with 118 languages from 187 countries. We now have over 232,000 people following us on Facebook and received over 1,000 communications for pastoral guidance and care. In September 2016, we launched Sites in German, Italian, Russian and Spanish. www.everyday.online

GERMAN *Annika Risch (Everyday Kirche)*

The East of Germany is, according to statistics, the most godless place in the world. Two thirds of the people there claim to be atheist. And surveys were unable to find one person under the age of 28 who believes in God. We have an average of 250 people visiting our German services weekly from 92 different cities. It's been great to have guests joining us in the live chatroom, but we believe that God has much more in store for us and the 96 million German speakers in Europe for next year.

ITALIAN *Cristina Lorusso (Chiesa Everyday)*

Ciao! With 85 million Italian speakers in the world, we aim at bringing the message of Jesus into their homes. Many are far from a physical church, lonely, isolated, or simply disillusioned with God, lies, rules and religion – or the Church in general, especially more traditional churches which are deeply ingrained in the Italian culture. Chiesa Everyday is a Jesus-following, Spirit-filled, Bible-based digital church

EVERYDAY CHURCH ONLINE

where Jesus, truth, love and hope are proclaimed in a non-threatening and no-pressure environment. So it was electrifying to welcome over 3,500 people at the launch!

RUSSIAN *Valentina Sokolovska (Everyday Tserkov)*

Everyday Tserkov opens opportunities for the Russian-speaking world to come to God. When institutions give no hope and politics separate nations, God can unite and save. We thank God for the exciting beginning at Everyday Tserkov with nearly 6,000 followers on FB. It is great to see those who expressed interest from Russia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Armenia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Latvia, Lithuania... with the potential to reach over 200 million Russian speaking people from all over the world.

SPANISH *Pablo Contreras (Everyday Iglesia)*

The Instituto Cervantes estimates that there are 1bn Spanish speakers around the globe: 470 million with native competence, 560 million as a first or second language and 21 million students of Spanish as a foreign language. Currently not that many people are connecting to the services, however the potential is there. It is exciting that from a laptop, we can reach so many people with the life-changing message of Jesus. At the moment, after 5 weeks, we have an average of 240 people visiting. More to come!



DELFT CHURCH PLANT

Christopher Appel

A wonderful group of people have heard a call from God about moving from Redeemer Church in The Hague and committing themselves to plant in the great city of Delft. They've been gathering to pray and seek God's will and in August 2016 felt God kick the process up a gear.



very different vibe. It has many Dutch and international students, with the majority attending the very influential technical university of TU Delft.

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Only 10km from

The Hague, Delft is a city with
a very different vibe.

A core team of around 40 adults and 10 kids are preparing for a Sunday launch at the end of January 2017. Chris and Karin Taylor are giving a lead to the congregation plant until an eldership team and leaders emerge.

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Please join us in praying that we would see many people become Christians, and added into God's mission in Delft.





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