

# King's Church

## Welcome

24-01-2010

Hello and welcome from us all. We are really pleased to have you with us today. You'll find lots of friendly faces and people from all ages and cultures to talk to. We hope you feel at home with us and enjoy the presence of God.



Join us in the cafe on the first floor after both meetings. There you can find out all you need to know about the life of the church at the Help Desk.

## Faithful is He Who Has Promised

Mark Lawrence shares his story of God demonstrating his promise of restoration, on page 2



### This week:

**Monday** Concert Practice **7:00pm**

**Tuesday** Church in Our Homes \*

**Wednesday** Prayer Meeting **6:45am**  
Church in Our Homes \*

**Thursday** Church in Our Homes \*

**Friday** Amplify **7:30pm**  
Youth **7:30pm**  
Prayer Meeting **8:00pm**

\* See the back for times and locations of Church in Our Homes

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# Faithful is He Who Has Promised

**T**hirty years ago when I was a teenager my parents' marriage broke down in a catastrophic way. It was a traumatic and painful experience for everyone involved particularly my older brother and my younger sister with whom I subsequently lost contact. Its 22 years since I last saw her with no obvious way to find her.

Like you I'm sure there are some verses in the Bible that always jump off the page at me. They are promises that have shaped my life. One of them is **Joel 2:25** which say **"I will restore to you the years the locust have eaten"**. At the age of 15 I remember feeling that my childhood and my family had been destroyed and that if there was a God I blamed him for it all. At the age of 17, when I gave my life to Jesus, I came to see that He was a restorer and through this verse he was promising me that he would restore the years that I had lost.

My testimony is that Jesus is a restorer who keeps his promises. When I became a Christian Jesus gave me a new family, the Church, who loved me unconditionally and showed me how to love. Later He gave me a wonderful wife and three amazing daughters, a restoration family that is itself part of a restoration community.

Two weeks ago Jesus spoke to us and reminded us that He is a restorer. I wasn't even in the meeting but my family told me all about it over Sunday lunch; I read about it about on Facebook and we prayed about it at our Church in the Home group. I thought about the locust years and the restoration years that I have enjoyed since and gave thanks to God for his faithfulness. Two days later I got a Facebook friend request from you've guessed it, my sister. As you might imagine we have spent a lot of time catching up since. She has a family I have never met. We need to take our time but it feels good to have my sister back!

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Perhaps the surprising part of this story is that I wasn't praying about my sister but I am a member of a community that received an apostolic word that reminded us that Jesus is a restorer and Jesus decided to confirm his word with a sign by resurrecting a prayer I hadn't prayed for a long time, answering it and in the process continuing to fulfil a promise he made to me 28 years ago. Faithful is he who has promised!

**Mark**



## New Birth in the Family

Praise God for new birth! - Prisca Mwiya gave birth to a baby girl, Mulatiwa (beloved) on Friday 15th January weighing 3.7kg. Mother and baby are doing well. Please pray that Godwin, Prisca, Daniel, Taonga and the new baby will be blessed, healthy and prosperous in this time of increase for them as a family.



# BEYOND

eighteen to twenty fives weekend away 5-7 Feb **there is no limit ...**

**ONE LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!** Visit the Help Desk for booking

Details Changed

## Life in the Spirit

Tuesday 9th February 7:30pm

With Arne Skargen

Drinks and cakes but no hot meal this time



**Men's V.I.P**  
11th February 7pm  
King's House

**Ladies V.I.P Wednesday 24th February**

Good quality clothes and unused toiletries are needed for both events ASAP  
Drop them off on a Sunday in the First Floor Hall or to the Church Office midweek.  
We also need volunteers to table host, serve food and steward on the nights.  
For more information speak to Kate Hancock, Gary Stretton or Mat Irwin

## Offering for Haiti - Generous Giving

The special offering for Haiti last Sunday came to **£3,939.74**

This is far more than we usually give in special offerings for the poor, so well done generous Church. The Elders will feedback how this money is used following the national elders conference on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

If you would still like to give to this offering please clearly mark your giving envelope.



# Church in our Homes

Homes are open across the city each week for fellowship,  
prayer and encountering God together.



Contact	Location	Day & Time
<b>Ben &amp; Christine Phillips</b>	Peel Hall, Manchester	Tuesdays, 7pm
<b>Reuben Cole</b>	Withington, Manchester	Tuesdays, 7:45pm
<b>Graham &amp; Ruth Aves</b>	Newall Green, Manchester	Tuesdays, 7:30pm
<b>Sefa &amp; Sharon Amesu</b>	Ardwick, Manchester	Tuesdays, 7:45pm
<b>Gavin White</b>	King's House, Manchester	Wednesdays, 1pm
<b>Matthew &amp; Mel Harkness</b>	Rusholme, Manchester	Wednesdays, 7:15pm
<b>Andre Nelson</b>	City Centre, Manchester	Wednesdays, 7:45pm
<b>James &amp; Rhian Bagley</b>	Cheetham Hill, Manchester	Wednesdays, 7:15pm
<b>Akin &amp; Ruth Ande</b>	Droylsden, Manchester	Wednesdays, 7pm
<b>Paul &amp; Jane Barrow</b>	Cheadle, Stockport	Thursdays, 7pm
<b>Tim &amp; Jacqui Nelson</b>	Old Trafford, Trafford	Thursdays, 7:45pm
<b>Jem &amp; Rachel Rongong</b>	Heaton Chapel, Stockport	Thursdays, 7:30pm
<b>Nathan &amp; Laura Whillans</b>	Withington, Manchester	Thursdays, 7:45pm

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