



Chapel House

NEWS FROM THE CHAPEL—SPRING 2016 UPDATE

Through our newsletters we always hope to give you a taste of the incredible way your prayerful generosity is helping us to invest in so many lives at Chapel House. The extraordinary, life-changing moments we witness are a testimony, not only to God's faithfulness and provision, but to your unwavering commitment to our ministry. That's why we are thrilled to be able to share with you some fantastic news about our ambitious plans to transform the chapel...

Breathing life into our vision—Those of you that have journeyed with us since God led us to the doors of Chapel House will know that our vision has been to transform part of this sacred place into a comfortable, self-contained space for our guests to embrace our hospitality. Turning this into reality was always going to demand an enormous outpouring of generosity - but you were up for the challenge! Over the past few months the fund-raising has accelerated at a breathtaking pace and taken us beyond £35,000. This means we can now give the project the green light, with building work set to begin this month.



Between now and June our dear friend Nev Morrell will skilfully lead a team in installing a new downstairs toilet and kitchen, as well as a mezzanine floor that will sweep along one side of the chapel. This will create a flexible space where guests can enjoy a new breakout room/bedroom - complete with fold-down bed, shower and toilet - and a balcony area overlooking the ground floor. It will open up a whole new dimension to our ministry, without compromising the features of the chapel our guests treasure most.



Once building work is complete we will need to find a further £15,000 to damp proof the chapel, as well as invest in a new fireplace, main doors, two new windows, carpet and furniture. If you feel led to partner with us in raising these funds you can find out how to make a donation on our website [here](#). Every gift, no matter how large or small, will help equip us for the next stage of our ministry.

Giving thanks for the past as we look to the future...With building work set to get underway in earnest, no further activities will take place at Chapel House until the summer. But the past few months have already provided us with enough wonderful memories to fuel our expectations of what God has in store. Over the winter we've hosted a fabulous mix of retreats and prayer days for men, women, church leaders and Alpha guests. We've been humbled by the testimonies to emerge from these events and how Chapel House has repeatedly empowered people to 'drop their guard' and be completely vulnerable before God. As recently as last month we hosted a men's retreat which brought together a group of more than 20 guys from different corners of the country to explore what it means to 'guard our hearts.' They feasted on the encouragement brought to them through worship, prayer and sharing each other's stories - not to mention the sumptuous food served up by our talented chef Stuart Downward and his team of dedicated helpers. It's impossible for us to put into words just how special this retreat was, so instead can we encourage you to watch [this video](#) which features the testimonies of some of the men who embraced this weekend of "powerful fun with Jesus." We believe it will bless you and remind you that we are partners in something special.



We would also love you to sign up to our [48 Hours of Prayer for Chapel House from April 27 to 29](#). It's a great opportunity for you to join with us—wherever you are in the world—in praying for our ministry as we head into an exciting new chapter.

With our love and prayers

Paul and Jane