



Chapel House

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A new season of ministry...

Excited and overwhelmed. Those two words perhaps best sum up the overriding emotions we have felt since moving into our family home adjoining Chapel House this summer.

It is hard to believe it was only just over a year ago that we first laid eyes on Chapel House and dared to dream it might become the place where we realised the vision for the ministry we have nurtured in our hearts for the past decade.

That it has become a reality is testament to the enormity of God's provision and the lavish generosity of you – our friends and supporters – who have been unerring in your prayers, encouragement and financial support.

We're also so thankful for the practical help in transforming the Manse into our family home. From moving or putting up furniture to decorating and gardening – no task has been beyond the many friends who have rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in. These acts of generosity have offered us an early glimpse of the teamwork and willingness to serve each other which we hope will characterise every aspect of ministry life at Chapel House.



Transforming the Chapel...



Having just returned from our summer break feeling refreshed, we are now ready to head full throttle into the first season of ministry at Chapel House. Dominating our prayers and planning over the next few months will be the transformation of the chapel into comfortable living quarters where our hospitality and the presence of God can thrive and minister to our guests. We'll be meeting with the trustees of the newly formed Chapel House Ministries charity in September to discuss how we can raise the estimated £50,000 to £70,000 needed to fund the facelift.

We already have an excellent builder and architect on board and our hope is that we would have the funding in place to begin building work next spring. It's an ambitious target but with your prayers and support it's one we believe we can achieve.

We'd love you to share Chapel House's vision with your own churches to see whether they might prayerfully consider supporting its ministry. Please direct them to our website www.chapelhouse.org.uk where they can learn more about the exciting plans we have in store.

In step with the Spirit...

With building work not set to begin until next year, our thoughts have already turned to how we might make use of the Chapel over the coming months. During the autumn we hope this sacred space will become a hive of spiritual activity with women's lunches, men's breakfasts and study groups, such as Freedom in Christ, already shaping the agenda. Most importantly we want to keep in step with the Spirit so that we can faithfully pursue all that God wants us to use the Chapel for during this season. Please pray for us as we try to do this.

Stories of encouragement...

While moving to the Chapel has filled us with joy and encouragement, the momentous changes and size of the task ahead of us has also left us feeling vulnerable. That's why we treasure your prayers and words of encouragement which remind us why we embarked upon this journey of faith. We've been particularly touched by the stories and testimonies that you have shared with us, a selection of which will soon be available to read on the website. Over the coming months we hope to add many more contributions to this as we share the stories of those who encounter Chapel House.

In the meantime, please do pray for us as we press into what promises to be another busy season of change in the life of our family and Chapel House Ministries.



With our love and prayers
Paul and Jane Wilcox