



Chapel House

Christmas 2014— a time to reflect and give thanks for an incredible year

As we prepare to gather for our first family Christmas at Chapel House, we wanted to give you—our wonderful ministry partners—a taste of what has been a fruitful season.

Since we last wrote to you at the end of the summer, Chapel House has exploded into life with an intensity that has challenged us but also left us in little doubt that God is busy shaping the present and the future.

During the last few months Chapel House Ministries has started to take root in the local community in Hallow, thanks to events like our open house where more than 20 of our neighbours experienced the kind of generous hospitality that we hope will define our ministry here. Many others have sampled this same hospitality, including our church family and a group of local students who were treated to one of Jane's sumptuous roasts.



The autumn saw us host the first of our retreats, with nine of Paul's mentees huddling together around the warmth of the chapel's woodburner to worship, pray and share each other's stories. There has also been time for more peaceful reflection, including the visit of a ladies group from Malvern who spent a Quiet Day in the chapel.



One of our greatest pleasures has been welcoming a steady stream of our mentees to Hallow, to witness the fruit of a vision many of them have shared with us. Visiting Chapel House has fuelled their faith and opened their eyes to what God is doing in their own lives. Among them was Pete Oakley, one of Paul's mentees, who wrote after his visit: **"Chapel House will be an incredible place where God will renew a steadfast spirit in people, a place where peace rules and broken lives will be made new. I know this because when I**

visited God was there, the Holy Spirit was tangible and Jesus was powerfully present." To read more testimonies from Chapel House click [here](#)..

As we head towards the dawn of a new year we do so full of thankfulness for all that you have helped us achieve during this extraordinary year—but conscious that 2015 will present fresh challenges. The greatest of these will be raising the estimated £50,000 needed to transform the chapel into comfortable living quarters, featuring a mezzanine floor, meeting space and bedrooms. An excellent architect and builder are already in place, but we need you to pray for another lavish outpouring of God's provision so work can begin in earnest next summer. We'd also love you to share our vision with your own churches to see whether they might prayerfully consider partnering Chapel House Ministries.

In the meantime do pray for us as we try to discern the plans God has in store for Chapel House over the coming months. There are so many things that we could do, but only one thing that we want to do—stay in step with the Spirit.



*Wishing you a peaceful and
Happy Christmas
Paul, Jane & Family*

