



Chapel House

Chapel House Ministries Newsletter - Autumn 2015

Summer has been quickly overtaken by the excitement of an action-packed autumn at Chapel House and we are filled with anticipation as we press into another busy season of ministry.

Over the past few months we've delighted in the joyous mix of retreats and other gatherings which have attracted a steady stream of new and familiar faces to the chapel. Time and time again God has taken our simple offering of warm hospitality and used it in extraordinary ways to touch the lives of our guests. Although our newsletter cannot capture every special moment, we've picked out a couple of highlights to encourage you:

Art and Soul retreat - In June we invited a group of people united by their love of creative arts to use these gifts to give expression to their personal journeys of faith. For many it presented an all too rare opportunity to explore the creative side of their faith through photography, image-making, writing and poetry. By the end of the weekend there was barely a dry eye in the chapel as each person shared the personal stories which had inspired their creations. Please take a look at some of the wonderful art that was produced at the [Art and Soul Blog](#).



Breaktime - Teachers make such a precious contribution to our children's lives but often at great personal cost, in the face of an unrelenting workload. During the school holidays we invited people involved in education to find refreshment through a restful weekend of delicious meals, encouragement, walking and worship. Many of those present found that by simply slowing down and enjoying their own 'breaktime' God was able to breathe fresh life into their vision for teaching. Chris Taylor, a teacher from Worcester, summed up the

weekend with these words of gratitude: "Thank you for providing the time and space to hear God say 'Slow Down' - and helping me reaffirm my identity in Christ." You can read more testimonies [here](#)

An evolving vision for the chapel... Since moving into Chapel House just over a year ago we've tried to keep in step with God's vision for the redevelopment of the chapel. So we're excited to be able to offer you a first glimpse of the new blueprint that we feel God has revealed to us through the many different conversations we've had with visitors. What became clear was that the height of the chapel was a feature that our guests really valued. This has convinced us to scale back the size of the proposed mezzanine floor to preserve more of the roof space. Upstairs, visitors will still enjoy the benefits of a new breakout room, which can double as a bedroom. A new kitchen and toilet will also be installed downstairs. But before building work can begin we still need to raise between £40,000 to £50,000. We're exploring what funding streams may be available, so please pray this bears fruit. And if you feel led to support us please visit our [Giving Page](#).



With our love & thanks
Paul, Jane & Family

