The VandenHurks

Jonathan, Natalie, and Laura

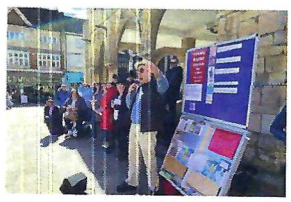
Dear Pastors and praying friends, **1 May 2026**

The Lord has graciously allowed us to abound in His work these past months, reminding us that our *"labour is not in vain in the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 15:58, KJV).

We have been greatly encouraged by the fellowship of faithful labourers. Colin and Rosalind Pavitt visited us in Peterborough, which was a special blessing given Colin's ongoing health challenges—please continue to pray for his recovery following another cancer operation. We were also thankful for visits from Natalio Ortiz and his family, and from Johnny, our missionary to Kenya, who was able to assist in preaching, youth work, and evangelism while back in the UK. Ross was sent from us for several months to Moldova, and we recently attended the funeral of missionary Keith Cashner, reminding us of the brevity of life. It has also been a joy to see Emanuel graduate, give his testimony, and preach his first sermon.

The ministry of the Word continues to be central. I had the opportunity to preach in Sunderland, and following a recent trip to biblical Macedonia (Thessalonica, Philippi, Berea, and Neapolis), we have been studying those passages together as a church through a series entitled "The Macedonian Call."

We are thankful for open doors in evangelism. Our new magnetic board has already been used in city centre outreach, particularly at Easter, with many involved in singing and witnessing. We also have a large supply of tracts and John and Romans ready to distribute. New outreach efforts, including a Scrabble club and chess club between Afternoon Sunday School and the evening service, hopefully will bear fruit. Please pray especially for Harry my barber who recently bought a Bible, and Cyrus, a Muslim friend, two young men who seem close to salvation.



Within the church, the afternoon Sunday School continues to grow, and we have added a mobile classroom to accommodate three classes. Youth rallies and care home services have been encouraging. One of our members, Mac, who was expected to pass away, has made a remarkable and unexplained recovery after praying for more time, for which we thank the Lord.

Resurrection Sunday was well attended with visitors throughout the day and a testimony service in the evening. The Ladies Tea and Mother's Day outreach brought many guests, including some who heard the Gospel for the first time, including a Muslim lady and family. Our regular fellowships continue to strengthen the church.

We were disappointed that an opportunity to purchase a empty nearby Methodist building did not come to pass. They also would not rent to us due to our biblical convictions, and it may now be demolished. Nevertheless, we trust the Lord to guide/provide.

Please continue to pray for Colin Pavitt's health and for those under conviction of the Gospel. We are grateful for your faithful prayers and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jonathan, Natalie, & Laura V.
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BIRTHDAYS
Jonathan, 3rd December
Natalie, 2nd June
Laura, 11th March
Anniversary, 27th July

GOALS
- To glorify God in all we do.
- To follow Christ in evangelism and discipleship.
- To plant / replant New Testament Churches.