



Ordinary People Extraordinary Story

The Journey so Far.....



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A Kairos moment a change in season:

I feel we are living in a significant time in the life of our church at the moment. The bible refers to time in 2 ways:

- Chronological time: Hour by hour, day by day, year by year.
- Kairos time: A time of opportunity or appointed time.

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Transitioning from one season to another successfully:

How we transition from one season/circumstance to another is crucial as often the lessons of one season prepare us for success in the next.

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Transitioning from one season to another successfully:

Joshua: 4:19-5:1

<sup>19</sup> On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. <sup>20</sup> And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. <sup>21</sup> He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>22</sup> tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ <sup>23</sup> For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea<sup>[b]</sup> when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. <sup>24</sup> He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.”

**5** Now when all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings along the coast heard how the LORD had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until they<sup>[a]</sup> had crossed over, their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.

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Why 12 stones?

1. To celebrate the wonder and signs they witnessed and heard of the 10 plagues, the supernatural provision in the wilderness, the cloud by day, the pillar of fire by night, the crossing of the Red Sea and now the crossing of the river Jordon
2. To teach and instruct their children what God is like.
3. To tell their enemies what God is like, so they melt with fear.
4. To remind themselves that God, is mighty and powerful!

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Transitioning from one season to another successfully:

- The Promised Land wasn't given to Israel on a plate.
- We need to remind ourselves what has happened, 'The Journey so Far', so we can be empowered and full of faith for 'The Journey Ahead'.

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## Passionate:

- We devote time, energy, money and resources as an expression of our passion for God.
- Our passion is displayed through commitment and creativity.
- We celebrate what God has done for us and through us and this fuels our passion for God.



# The Journey Ahead: Passionate

**The Prayer Chapel Launch**  
**3 Days of Prayer from 6am-10pm 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Book you slot at [thecommunitychurch.online/the-prayer-chapel](http://thecommunitychurch.online/the-prayer-chapel)  
with Church supper on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm at the chapel**

**Sunday Night Prayer Meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> & last Sunday of the month**



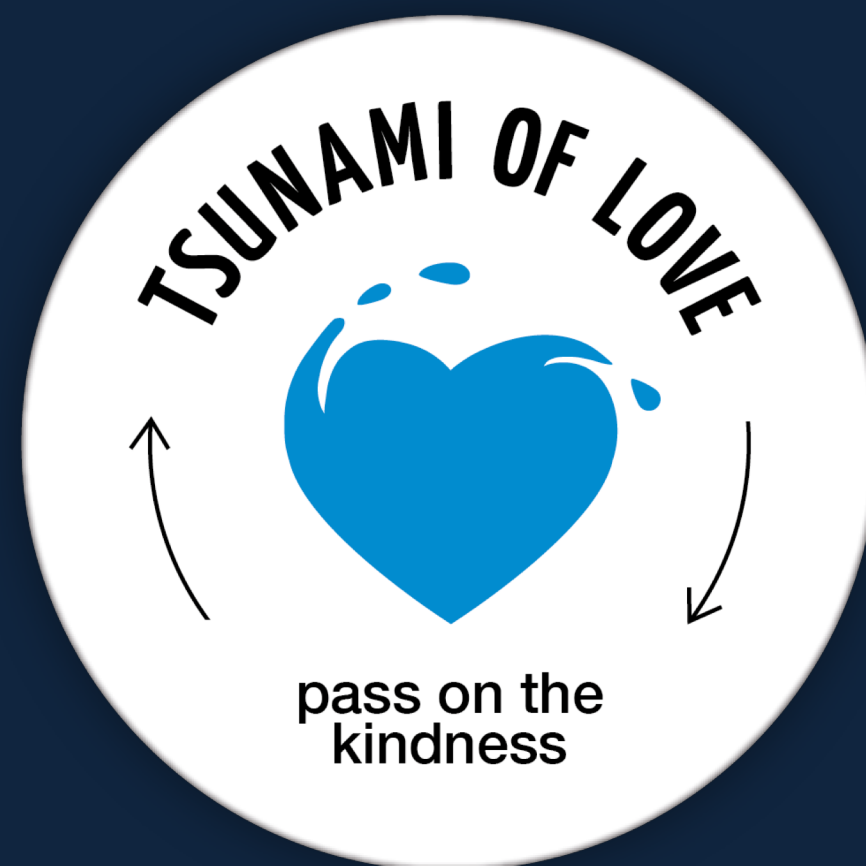
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Brave:

- We follow the Holy Spirit, being obedient and brave, taking risks of faith and stepping into “what is only possible with God” moments.
- God makes His appeal to an unbelieving world through us, we therefore choose to be adventurous in demonstrating the Kingdom of God and sharing the gospel.
- We choose reliance on God, embracing the mystery and fun of a supernatural life which flows from being a follower of Jesus.



# The Journey Ahead: Brave



**Pause Netflix Try Alpha**

**EXPLORE**  
life  
faith  
meaning

**Starting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January**  
**@ the Queen & Albert pub**  
**Wooburn Green**  
**7.30pm to 9.15pm**

**Alpha**

[thecommunitychurch.online/groups/](https://thecommunitychurch.online/groups/)

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

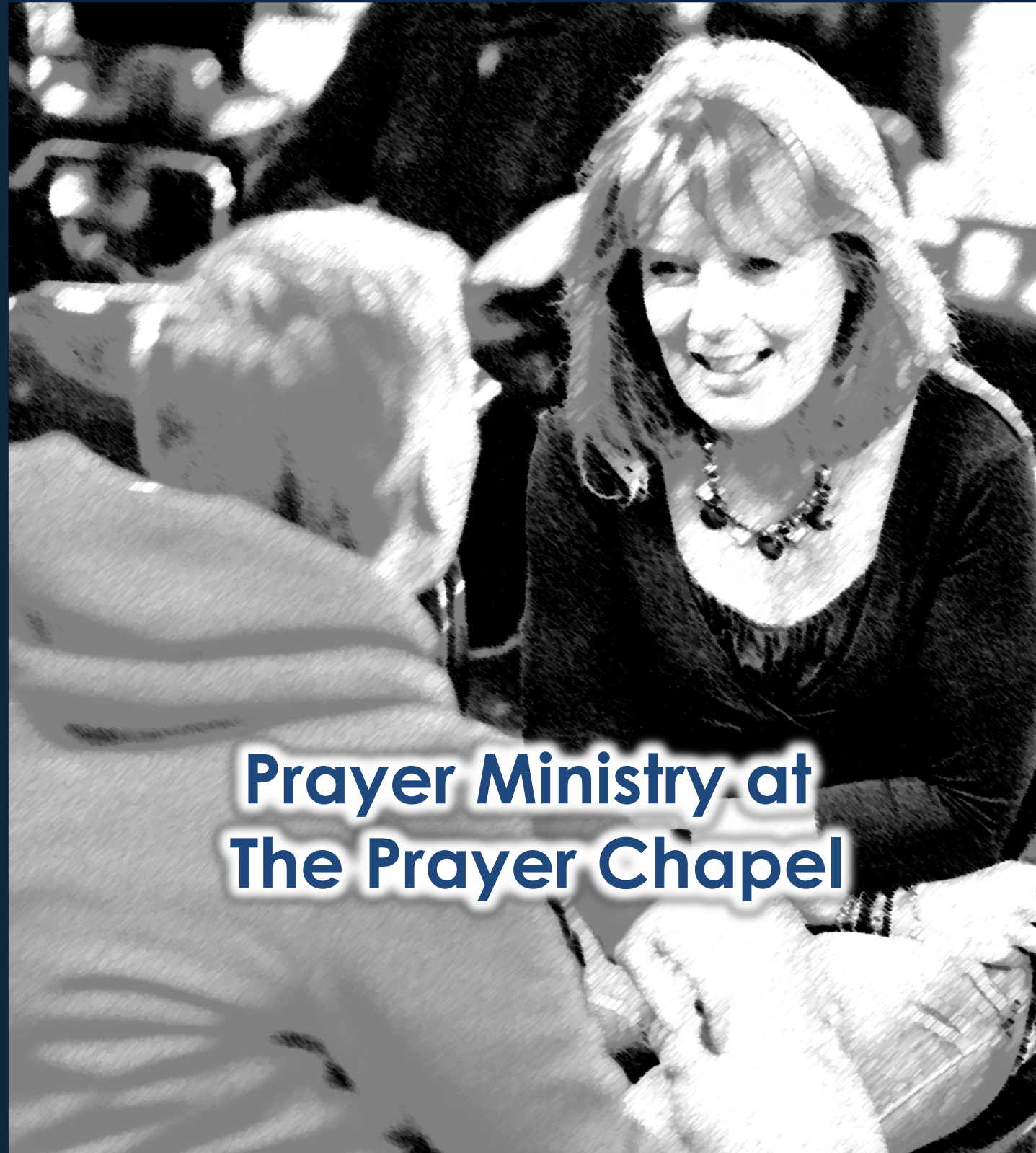


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Real:

- We communicate with honour, integrity and transparency.
- We create environments where people can be real and can safely express their: Achievements, successes, blessings and calling without being criticised or subjected to envy, as well as their vulnerabilities, brokenness, fears and failings without being subjected to punishment or shame. We know developing a culture where people are real releases freedom and free people are joyful.
- We promote excellence not perfection and cover error, mistakes and shortcomings in genuine love, affirming people in who they are in Christ.

# The Journey Ahead: Real



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## Family:

- Together we are a generous people with open hearts and hands. We make sacrifices for those in our community and operate with acceptance and compassion.
- We believe we all have a part to play in the Father's plans and seek to include people from every stage, age and walk of life in those plans.
- We celebrate diversity, recognising people's unique gifting and calling in God. We honour and accept people as they are without stumbling over who they are not.



# The Journey Ahead: Family



Youth Group Launching  
17<sup>th</sup> February

Termly Small Groups including  
Mission Groups, Interest Groups  
& Equip Groups

Sign-up via the website or  
Church Suite



# The Journey so Far.....

## Legacy:

- We invest all we can into each others lives to make disciples, refusing to sacrifice people's futures for present-day success or comfort.
- We think multi-generationally, empowering people of every age and stage of life.
- We operate with excellence knowing only that which is of worth will stand the test of time and be passed from one generation to another.



# The Journey Ahead: Legacy

Continuing to roll out our rebranding.

Assessing the best use of our buildings and rebranding them.

Developing/discipling people especially other leaders.



# The Journey Ahead

God has done amazing things in us and through us in 2018 as a church. Let's not forget to celebrate the wonders, the stories, the testimonies, the increasing outpouring of God's goodness and Spirit upon us.

Let's be a people who remember 'The Journey so Far' as we look to 'The Journey Ahead'.

There are giants in the Promised Land, they won't be moved easily. There will be battles. The Promises are often held captive by powers and principalities that are against Jesus and his church.

But let's not forget who we are, GOD is and what he has done for us and through us already!

As we cross over from 2018 to 2019 in this Kairos moment of opportunity let's be a people of Passion, Bravery, Being Real, Living as Family and building a Legacy together.