



2019-2020

A REVIEW OF OUR FIRST FULL YEAR IN ORRELL

AND A LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR



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Dear family & friends,

We have completed our first full year in the new church buildings at Orrell and what a year it's been! There's so much to reflect on and thank God for. Here we can share only a few of the many great memories that we have. As we reflect with thanks for what God has done in our lives, let's also look forward with faith and expectation.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
(Colossians 4:2)

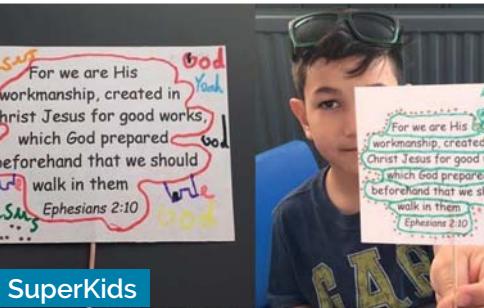
JANUARY

Launch of Independent review on Christian persecution by foreign secretary Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP at Foreign and Commonwealth Office London.

Living Faith Church member and TICCN leader Bishop Nadeem along with his son Roekh Bhinder, went to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office through an invitation from the Foreign Secretary the Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt and Rt. Revd. Philip Mountstephen, the Bishop of Truro. The Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt and Rt. Rev. Bishop Philip were well informed and showed compassionate concern for persecuted Christians Worldwide. The meeting was an important occasion and all participants expressed deep love and empathy for suffering Christians and other religious minorities throughout the World.



Independent Review Of FCO Support For Persecuted Christians



SuperKids



Coffee Morning



Equip

FEBRUARY

Ruth Houghton

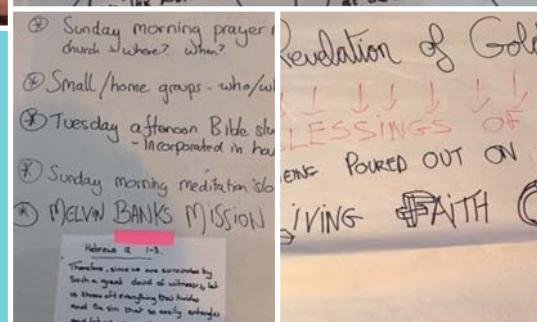
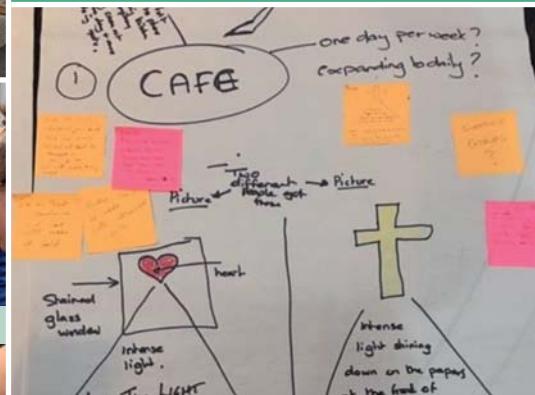
As a keen trustee, I have helped to structure and organise the different ministries in the church enabling them to constitute as separate groups.

God has been so good to provide the time to apply for grants and has also given me the opportunity to continue to play in the worship team; developing more recently into a gift of writing simple worship songs.

I have been gifted with the ability to study the bible and have often shared the word of God and what he has been revealing to me. This has also developed within the leadership of a Small Group where myself and Liz co-lead on a Wednesday evening.

MARCH

During Lent the church had a special time of prayer. Throughout Lent daily prayer took place within the church and people were encouraged to write down prayer requests, thoughts, and directions on prayer charts. We also had an emphasis on the words that we speak and confessional verses were available and spoken out by many who took part. Looking back, this 40 day of prayer emphasis really did help and direct us.





Bishop Steven, the Presiding Bishop of The International Christian Church Network, assisted by Revd. Phillip Ingram, ordained Michael Fleming on 24th March 2019 at Living Hope Church in Pendle. Michael had been a violent man, an alcoholic night club owner and debt collector, he once used his fists to make his violent way through life. Michael came to faith in Jesus Christ many years ago now and his Christian walk has been a journey of radical transformation. Once he was dyslexic but following his conversion, his ability to read and write grew, to such an extent that he now has a theological degree from Manchester University.

The ordination took place in front of a packed church, including Andrew Stephenson MP, The Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle James and Janet Starkie, The Mayor and Mayoress of Burnley Charlie Briggs and Patricia Lunt and Councillor Pauline McCormick.



APRIL

Bishop Steven Evans was selected by the local Conservative Party as their candidate for the Orrell election in May. He went on to win the election allowing the Conservatives to make a clean sweep of the Orrell ward's three seats

Bishop Steven was reported in the local press saying that for him standing for an election is another way of serving the community.

This year saw a clear move into politics for the church leader who also attended the Conservative Party Conference and was graciously thanked for doing so by the leader of the House of Commons Jacob Rees-Mogg.

MAY

Crowds flock to church to see famous healer on a visit to Wigan. After three full-house services over one weekend, more than 400 worshippers heard from world-renowned evangelists, Rev Melvin Banks at Living Faith Church in Orrell. People came from all over as word got about that the 84-year-old preacher was back in Wigan 40 years after his last visit...



...Bishop Steven said: "We are delighted and thrilled that Melvin chose Living Faith to make his return to Wigan. I first met him in London at meetings held there, and I knew I had to have him return to Wigan."

Rev Banks said: "The weekend has been tremendous, not only for the new souls won for the Lord but that 140 received healing too is just thrilling."

Pastors Denis and Bev Bradley ran an Alpha Course, following Melvin's meetings, to disciple new Christians who attended the healing services.

The coffee morning team has been serving the community of Orrell since taking over the community coffee morning in May, providing a safe place for residents (particularly the elderly) to build friendships and experience the love of Jesus.



Our Small Groups started running in May, they are a great way to build relationships within the church family, and provide an opportunity for growth and encouragement, with a focus on prayer, worship, and word during the evening.



JUNE

Louise Swadkins

We have had another wonderful year at Superkids both on a Sunday morning and on Tuesday evenings after school club. Not only have we had fun playing games and doing crafts we have been learning the importance of supporting one another and encouraging others. We have also been praising God and reading the scriptures and learning about how God created each one of us with a purpose and a plan. Every person is told how valuable they are and gifts and abilities are celebrated.

It's been wonderful seeing the children grow with them volunteering each week to get involved, some are able to pray and share testimonies of what God is doing in their lives. The leaders are excited about the good seeds sown into young lives at Superkids.

Crowds flock to church to see famous healer

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After three full-house services over one weekend, more than 140 worshippers received the touch of world-renowned evangelist, Rev Melvin Banks at Living Faith Church in Orrell. People came from all over as well as from abroad as the 84-year-old US preacher was back in Wigan 40 years after his last visit.

Hosted by the pastoral team at Living Faith church, which is led by Bishop Steven Vans, the event was a huge success and Rev Banks will return on June 1.

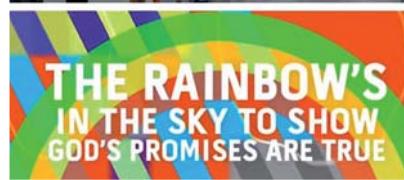
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Warrington Holiday Club



Bishop Steven and Revd. Melvin Banks presented certificates to the children. In total, around 50 children attended the week organized by Raj.



JULY

Throughout the year our chaplaincy team has been continuing its ongoing ministry into the nursing homes of Wigan. The team of volunteers have continued with their remarkable ministry bringing the joy of worship services into the communities where the residents live. There has, just like previous years, been a tremendous response from the residents, family members, and staff. Consequently, the Chaplaincy Ministries team is in great demand. In the photograph on the right, we can see Revd. Denis Bradley with Wigan Mayor Councillor Stephen Dawber from July, taken at the Mahogany Care Home's

Open Day.

Superkids had their end of year BBQ. The children from Living Faith Church also created their first book called 'Joy', they then took part in Orrell and Upholland book find, and hid them around the community to be found by local children. What a fantastic way to get the message of the gospel out there.



Prayer



Worship



Fellowship



Evangelism



Testimonies



Encouragement



Isabella celebrated her 1st birthday and was dedicated to the Lord.

AUGUST

Living Faith Church hosted a celebration service for one of their affiliated ministers on Sunday 4th August. Revd. Wendy Williams, also an ordained Anglican priest, celebrated 50 years of ordained Christian ministry in the Wigan area. She is currently in her 58th year of ordained ministry.

The service was supported by ministers from various denominations and the Mayor of Wigan, Councillor Stephen Dawber. Bishop Steven commented that "It has been my pleasure and privilege to know and work alongside Revd. Wendy Williams during recent times, her excellent and ongoing ministry is an inspiration to us all."



Coverdale Puppets returned to bring another excellent holiday club for 1 week.



SEPTEMBER

The Macmillan community coffee morning was a great success and the team of volunteers at Living Faith Church were able to raise several hundred pounds towards the charity.

Hannah and Mark started Sunday Breakfast, a chance for fellowship over toast and coffee, in the hall from 10.30am before Sunday services. Genesis also helps serve in this ministry.

Our bible college courses began, in partnership with Life Christian University. It was also the month Bishop Steven's book 'Word of Faith' was published.

Rebecca has been led by the Lord to lead the choir. She is really enjoying it and believes it is a blessing to all who attend. She has also used her musical talent to write her own song and shared it when in Tenby and for the church.



Steven and Mikah were invited to hand out awards at the Fuchsia Society's flower show held in the Connect Centre



OCTOBER

During the TICCN (The International Church Network) Conference which took place at Living Faith Church between 9-11th October 2019, Living Faith Church unveiled a plaque in memory of Rev John Holgate. Rev Holgate was the first minister at the site on Church Street and ministered here between 1820 to 1850.

Bishop Evans said: "He was very renowned in the community and we think it is a good and honourable thing to honour him in this way.

He loved the people very much".

The room will be used for small group meetings and includes access to baby changing facilities and a disabled toilet.

The plaque was unveiled by Rev Wendy Williams and Archbishop Doyle Valentine, who was visiting from Louisiana, USA for the TICCN conference.



Celebrating Shirley's 70th Birthday



FROM FAITH TO FAITH

2nd November 2019 / Greater Manchester



Session 1 Dr. Joar Haugland ICFM European Director	11am	Session 2 Dr. Steven Lyn Evans ICFM England Director	1pm	Session 3 Andrew Prescott Kenneth Copeland Ministries Europe	2:30pm
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* Worship, Prayer, Q&A Session, Buffet Lunch, Teas & Coffees



NOVEMBER

Living Faith Church hosted the ICFM (International Convention of Faith Ministries) Conference with Dr. Joar Haugland, the ICFM European Director, Bishop Steven Lyn Evans, ICFM England Director, and Andrew Prescott from Kenneth Copeland Ministries Europe.

All spoke on aspects of faith, if you didn't manage to make it to the meetings, you can listen to the three sessions on the church website, they are well worth the listen.

Coverdale Puppets joined us for a second time this year to host a Light the Night party, it took place on the week of Halloween to celebrate the light of the world, in a week when lots are celebrating what's dark.

Creation Ministries visited Living Faith Church for a Day Conference giving an excellent presentation, presenting the facts that prove the Biblical account of creation is accurate.

Sasra also came to share about their work over the past year and give testimony of how God is working in the lives of our servicemen and women...



...The Chaplaincy Ministry team organized a Christmas Party at Living Faith Church, it was a very happy occasion and once again the volunteers did a tremendous job in bringing the whole day together.



DECEMBER

Bishop Steven was invited to attend a service of celebration in Litchfield for two Old Catholic Church Archbishops.

Raj organized a Christmas service in Warrington with the Warrington Prayer Fellowship, many people attended and the church was full.

We had a few Carol services, including one with the children from SuperKids and debut of Living Faith Choir. Shoebox collections for various groups including local children's charities and woman's refuge, were handed over during the Carol services as well.



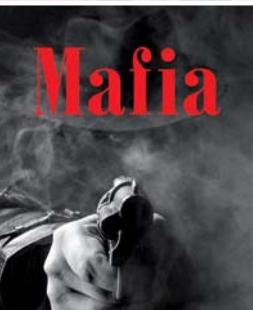
Equip have been learning about evangelism and the armour of God this year. Equip's aim is to disciple the church youth about living for Christ. They had a stall at the Christmas Fayre to help raise funding.



2020

Our first year is finished, we continue our walk from faith to faith, into this new decade.

'Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith'. (Hebrews 12:12).



So far this year Bishop Steven dedicated a new church with Andrew Stephenson and Revd. Phillip Ingram. The 'From Mafia To Minister' meetings were a great blessing to the church and the Post Office has started running in the Connect Centre every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

