

PREPARE A PEOPLE FOR THE LORD

We seek to **'prepare a people for the Lord'** through our life and teaching, emphasising relationship with Jesus, prayer, the Word of God as revealed in the Bible, and being filled daily with the Holy Spirit, who the Lord Jesus sent to guide and empower us.

STEPPING STONES

Early in the life of the Fellowship we felt that the Lord emphasised to us 4 'stepping stones' which would help people to cross the tide of ever decreasing moral values, to establish the values of Gods kingdom.

The 4 stepping stones were: -

Men – True manhood, masculinity & fatherhood

Marriage – Healthy, holy marriages

Parenting – Sound loving parenting

Church Family – The reality of church family

ONLY PART OF THE CHURCH

We firmly believe that we are only part of the one Christian Church in Harlow, which in turn is part of the Christian Church throughout the nation and the world.

In recognition of this our heart is to work in unity with other Fellowships in Harlow, and elsewhere, for only together can we truly operate as a genuine expression of Jesus our Lord.

LET THE RIVER FLOW

On many occasions throughout our history the Lord has spoken to us from the vision of the river recorded in Ezekiel 47. We are called to flow as a river; this means that we must continue to receive from the Lord (For the source of the river is the throne of God). We must be ready to go deeper in our walk with God. We must flow out to others bringing the life and healing of the presence of God.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

Freshwaters Christian Fellowship meets for worship on a Sunday Morning at St Johns Arts and Recreation Centre, Old Harlow at 10.30am. You are most welcome just to turn up & join us.

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HOW TO FIND US

ST JOHNS ARTS & RECREATION CENTRE



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Vision and Purpose



FOUNDATION

Freshwaters Christian Fellowship was founded in 1992 as a small community of believers committed to loving and serving the Lord Jesus Christ, one another, and the people of Harlow.

WHY 'FRESHWATERS'



During the period that we were praying about the name for the Fellowship, Phil & Steph Jones (The first leaders of

Freshwaters) were looking for a home. One of the houses they looked at was on the 'Freshwaters' estate in Harlow.

Although they did not buy this house, the name appeared to be such a good picture of all we intended to be as a Fellowship – fresh, lively, refreshing, and forever flowing with the love of God into the community of Harlow and beyond.

During the same period the Lord had also begun to speak to us about the river of life described in Ezekiel 47 (see below)

We felt it was the name the Lord had for us – so we became Freshwaters Christian Fellowship.

IN THE SPIRIT & THE POWER OF ELIJAH

In the early days of Freshwaters the Lord confirmed to us through 2 independent prophetic words, one given to Phil Jones and the other to Freshwaters, that we were founded to fulfil the calling expressed in Luke 1:17.

“And he will go on before the Lord in the spirit and the power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous-to make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (NIV)

This verse in the New Testament comes from a quote taken from the very end of the Old Testament (Malachi 4:5-6)

“See I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.” (NIV)

We continue to seek to work out this vision through who we are, what we say and what we do, as individuals and as a community of believers.

GO ON BEFORE THE LORD

We seek to **'go on before the Lord'** – by continually pointing to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, through our Worship, our teaching, and our testimony. Our desire will always be that, in the words of John the Baptist, **“He must become greater; I must become less.” (John 3:30 NIV)**

IN THE SPIRIT & POWER OF ELIJAH

We seek to operate **'in the spirit and power of Elijah'** by being a prophetic people (i.e. those ready & willing to hear Gods word and speak it wherever we are sent) and a people ready to stand and fight against the work of our enemy and Gods enemy, satan, as Elijah did at mount Carmel (see 1 Kings 11:19-40).

TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS TO THEIR CHILDREN



We seek to **'turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the children to their fathers'** through working to break down

the generational barriers.

Within the Fellowship this has led us to seek forms of worship, fellowship and teaching that encourage cross-generational relationships to grow and develop. Our firm belief is that all ages are equally valuable to the Lord, and can therefore contribute to the life of the Fellowship.

Outside of the Fellowship we have sought to break 'the curse' upon our nation caused by the breakdown in relationships between fathers & children, by setting up, and along with other Christians in Harlow running, a Child Contact Centre. (Where dads, and in some cases mums, can meet with their children following a family breakdown)
