

Garden project comes to final fruition



Before...

Five years ago this little corner of Chester, hidden away down an alley near the Cathedral, was, as you can see, “a tip”. Then, thanks to the Cathedral’s generosity, The Light Project took it over...

The aim was to make a place where anybody from anywhere could go and sit for some ‘restorative time’. As the bees buzzed around the poppies, and the smell of lavender wafted across the seating area with its brightly-painted benches, it wasn’t hard to understand why this has become a place used by God to bless people – not least the students, who have variously enjoyed getting their hands dirty, under the expert instruction of James Cox, ably supported by Pam Monti.



And after

The Light Collective: Inaugural gathering



Food and fellowship at Great Gransden

The Light Project (Registered charity no. 1084941) is a diverse group of people with a big heart to let others have a real experience of Jesus. We train people to share the Good News through the University of Chester-accredited Foundation Degree and the BA in Theology, Mission and Evangelism. We’d love to hear from you, by phone on 01244 400221, post to The Light Project, Abbey House, Abbey Green, Chester, CH1 2JH, or email to office@lightproject.org.uk

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Looking forwards, looking back...

The long summer holidays are often a time for reflection and growth, so in this issue we begin with a look forward to the joys and challenges of the new academic year, and conclude with a celebration of the blessings of the year now ending.



Team 2019-2020: our expanded group of lecturers meets to plan (L to R back row: Ali, Gareth, Matt, Glyn, Robert; front row: Gaz, Lesley, Josh, Chris, Rosie)

The exciting development of our new BA in Theology, Mission and Evangelism has meant we’ve increased our team of Lecturers. We are delighted to welcome Dr. Lesley Taylor, Dr. Robert Beamish and Mr Matt Banks. In addition, Ali Boston has also taken on the new role of Academic Assistant (Trainee Academic Manager). You can read extracts from interviews with all four of them over the page.

Looking ahead, our Co-Leaders summarised their hopes and prayers for 2019-20:

“My hope is that as we expand our tent

pegs and train more pioneers and evangelists, more people will come to know Jesus this year than we have seen in many decades of the recent past” - **Glyn Jones**

“As leaders we want to teach others about doing evangelism, and long to continue to share the good news of Jesus with those we meet. I long for the thousands of seeds that we have planted over the years to be fruitful. God has been telling me ‘It’s time to cash in those seeds!’. We want to see people come to know Jesus as their Lord left, right and centre!” - **Chris Duffett**

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Looking forward cont.

"I hope and pray that we have a real sense of God at work as we establish ourselves as an official college, and that our first-ever BA students are able to develop still further as disciples of Jesus, as evangelists and pio-

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neers. Also that the Light Collective continues to get off the ground, and that we see further growth and new creative ideas and initiatives emerging and developing" - **Gaz Thomas**

[Please join us in these prayers!](#)

New for 2019-20: Lecturers and other staff



Dr Lesley Taylor writes "I am so very blessed to have been invited to join The Light Project team as a tutor. And I am very excited to learn that there is a strong group of prayer warriors and supporters—YOU, who cheer us on and team with us to realise the vision of the project."

FACT FILE:

Married to David for 37 years, with 7 children and 7 grandchildren, who "make me laugh and keep life real."

Specialist subject: how to approach academic study and research successfully.

Signature dish: See my book, *Count Yourself In Let's Eat!* [Available from Amazon]

Please pray "that I learn to hear God more clearly so I am not just doing good things every day—I am doing His best!"

You can read more about Lesley on her website: www.DrLesleyTaylor.com



Dr Robert Beamish is Lead Minister of Prince's Drive Baptist Church in Colwyn Bay and also enjoys lecturing: "I love any opportunity to journey with people as we go deeper together into what God has for us—could there be anything better?"

FACT FILE:

Married, with children. Asked what makes him laugh, he says "My wife and children!"

Specialist subject: Practical Theology, with doctorate focusing on Homiletics (preaching) and Systematic Theology (doctrine).

Signature dish: "I am responsible for Saturday morning pancakes, amongst other things."

Please pray "for my preparation and delivery of what is a new module for me, 'Evangelistic communication and preaching' - also for the course and the students!"

New for 2019-20: Lecturers and other staff cont.

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The Light Project graduate **Matt Banks** is being 'recycled' as he returns to The Light Project as a lecturer, while continuing the post graduate studies that won him a University of Chester prize for Theology and Religious Studies

FACT FILE:

Married, with 4 children who "come out with some hilarious comments most days..."

Specialist subject: Christian Apologetics.

Signature dish: American pancakes

Please pray: "that I will be a Godly husband and father, while seeking to bring God glory in my lecturing and studies."

Looking back: End of year celebrations in Chester



Alumna Ali Boston has been working for The Light Project for some time. This year in addition to her new role as Academic Assistant she will be studying for the new BA.

FACT FILE:

Married with grown-up children.

Will have "responsibility for the academic aspect of the Foundation Degree of Arts in Theology, Mission and Evangelism".

Signature dish: "I only cook if I'm cooking for 30 at TLP"

Please pray "that I will recognise when I am trying to do the role in my strength and not trusting in God to enable me."

