

Houses of Light, Igniting the Fires of Revival

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Rebekah Brettle, founder of Houses of Light, shares the vision for reaching out to our neighbours through prayer, practical care, and sharing Jesus.

WHAT ARE HOUSES OF LIGHT?

A House of Light is an individual or household – PRAYING for their neighbours, CARING for their neighbours and SHARING Jesus with their neighbours. Christians across the UK, of all mainstream denominations, take part and the vision has already become a catalyst for unity in some villages and towns. It aims to mobilise the whole church, so that every street in the UK covered in prayer, with five new disciples of Jesus on every street. It costs nothing other than your time; it ignites enthusiasm for prayer, and it works! Our neighbour across the road from us – for whom we have PRAYED and CARED, and with whom we have SHARED Jesus - was baptised two weeks ago!

PRAYING

We ask you to pray every Friday for your street, starting with five homes: the houses to the left and right, and three over the road. Through our weekly newsletter, we provide a scripture and a prayer to use each week, often linked to news stories or events. Prayer walking your street every time you leave the house – or, if you cannot leave your home, praying a blessing over the street – is powerful. On the last Saturday of September, we ask Christians everywhere to prayer walk as many streets as possible.

CARING

Get to know your neighbours. Offer to prepare a meal when they are unwell or going through difficult circumstances; help with shopping if they need assistance; or invite them for food or tea. Love your neighbour as yourself!

SHARING JESUS

Invite your neighbours to church events or an Alpha course. Share stories of how Jesus has changed your life, or the lives of others.

We also encourage prayer triplets called Beacon of Light: three people praying once a week for half an hour over, three streets. They spend ten minutes praying for each of the three streets, ten minutes praying for the postcode area and ten minutes praying for all the streets in the UK.

We have several free digital resources. 'Beyond the Letterbox' is a six-week course that can be used individually or by a group to get started. 'Through the Lens of the Street' is a popular 40-day prayer guide with scriptures and suggested actions, which many people use during Lent.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism and a personal hero of mine, prayed for at least four hours a day, rising at 4 am to pray for two hours. He also fasted following the evening meal on Tuesday until 3 pm Wednesday, repeating the fast from Thursday into Friday. His prayer life, together with those he led, ignited a Christian spiritual and social transformation in the UK!

As a child, I attended both an Anglican and a Methodist church. Our office is in the Neath Methodist Church vestry, and my Dad continues to volunteer proudly in Altrincham Methodist Church. I would love Methodists to take the lead in igniting, shaping and accelerating this vision across the UK. Combined with the foundations of Methodism, the fires of revival will surely follow. Will you join us?

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