

PAGES OF *Hope*

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A MESSAGE FROM
PASTOR GERALD GYANE

ENCOURAGING
TESTIMONY

Exclusive Interview

REV MOSES YEBOAH
MENSAH

UPCOMING
EVENTS!





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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

This newsletter was not born in a meeting room or mapped out on a whiteboard. It was incubated in prayer - and everything conceived in prayer carries the fingerprint of eternity.

What you hold in your hands — or read upon your screen — is the fruit of obedience.

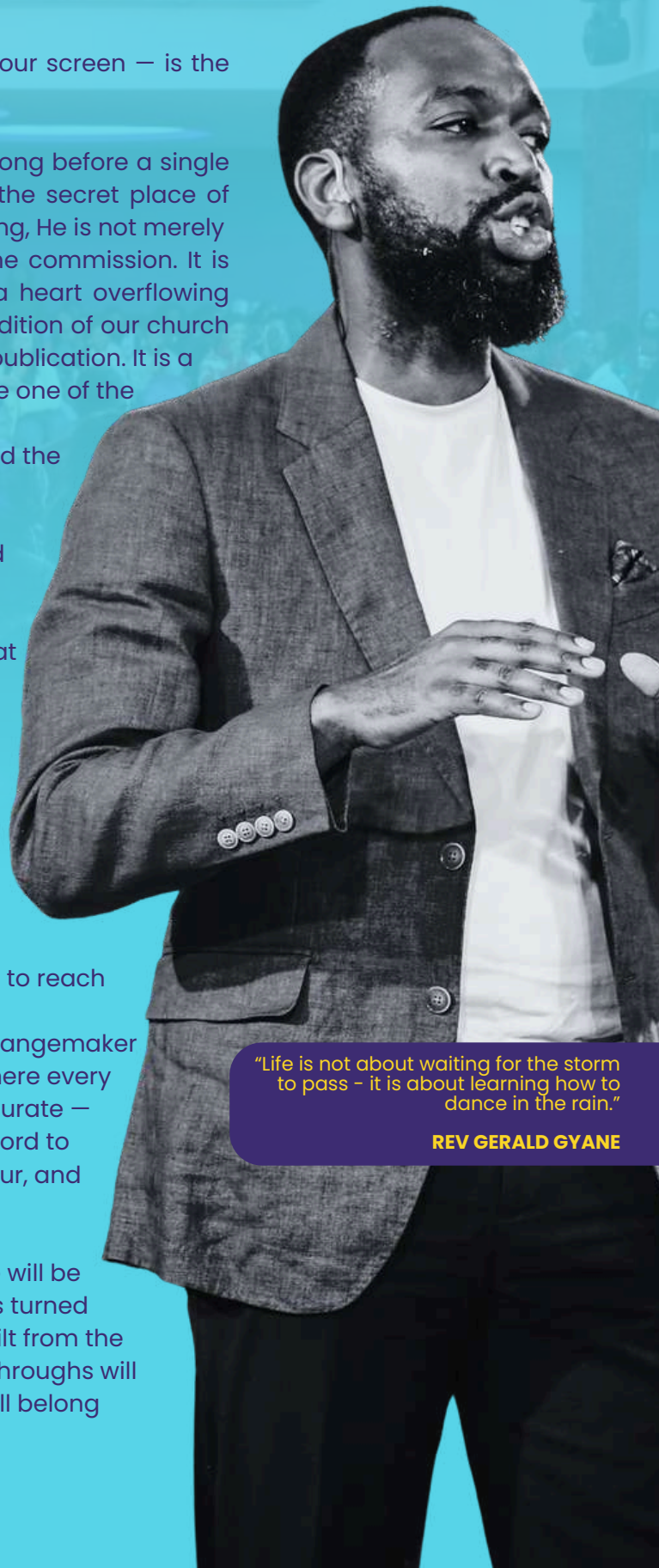
Long before an editorial team was assembled, long before a single word was drafted, this vision stirred quietly in the secret place of prayer. And when God breathes a vision into being, He is not merely suggesting a good idea — He is issuing a divine commission. It is therefore with great joy, deep reverence and a heart overflowing with faith, that I welcome you to the inaugural edition of our church and community newsletter. This is not simply a publication. It is a calling. It is a voice. And we believe it will become one of the most quietly powerful instruments of hope and transformation in the life of our church family and the wider community of Milton Keynes.

Our mandate is breathtaking in its simplicity and vast in its reach. We are here to influence life through the sacred art of creative writing — to inspire faith, to transform lives through words that breathe, that build, and that beautifully disrupt.

We are bridge builders and barrier breakers, champions for change and carriers of an unshakeable hope. We write to raise awareness of the issues that grip our society, and to hold every challenge up against the brilliant, unwavering light of Christ.

Through these pages, the achiever will be stirred to reach further, the student equipped to think deeper, the leader challenged to serve wider, and the changemaker emboldened to act bolder. For this is a space where every reader is invited not merely to consume, but to curate — to allow the transformative power of the living Word to reshape how they see themselves, their neighbour, and the world they are called to change.

I firmly believe the impact of what is written here will be measured not in circulation numbers, but in lives turned around, in hope recovered, in communities rebuilt from the inside out. The testimonies will come. The breakthroughs will be documented. And when they are, the glory will belong entirely to God.



"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass - it is about learning how to dance in the rain."

REV GERALD GYANE

But I must speak plainly to you, dear reader, wherever this finds you today. Trust God, even when you cannot see Him at work. Be patient with the process — for the process is not a detour around your destiny; it is the very road that leads to it. Until God opens the door, learn to praise Him in the corridor. And know this above all: sometimes we ask God to change our circumstances, not realising that He allowed those very circumstances to change us.

For trouble, you see, is a ruthless examiner. It will not only test what you know about the Bible, it will test what you believe about the Bible. Because there is a vast and consequential distance between knowing the Word and believing the Word. Trouble will test whether you truly believe that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. It will test whether you truly believe that they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. It will press hard against the conviction that my God shall supply all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. You may know it in your head. But trouble demands to know — do you carry it in your heart?

TROUBLE WILL TEST WHETHER YOU BELIEVE - *"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."* — **Psalm 30:5**

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles." — **Isaiah 40:31**

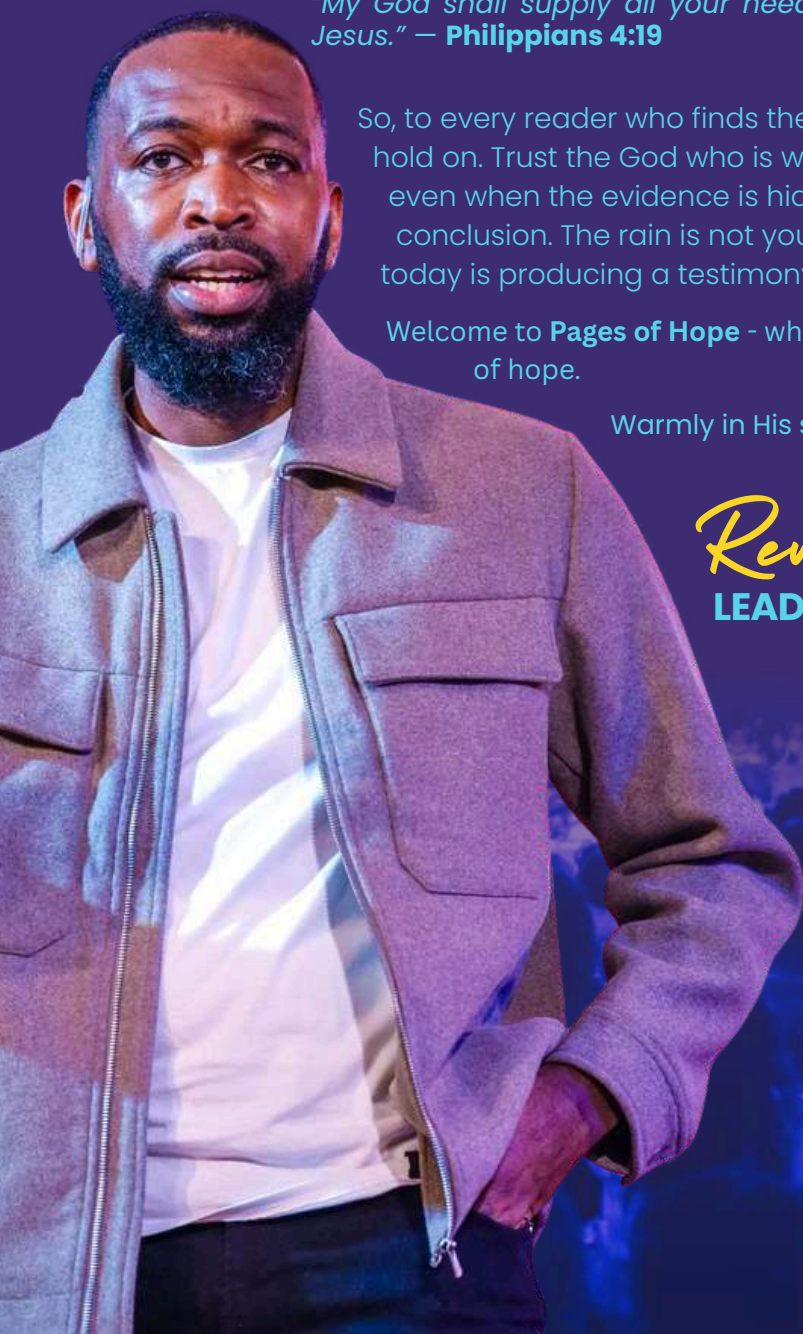
"My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." — **Philippians 4:19**

So, to every reader who finds themselves in the thick of a difficult season — hold on. Trust the God who is working all things together for your good, even when the evidence is hidden from your eyes. The corridor is not your conclusion. The rain is not your ruin. And the trouble that is testing you today is producing a testimony the world will need tomorrow.

Welcome to **Pages of Hope** - where we share stories of faith and messages of hope.

Warmly in His service,

Rev Gerald Gyane
LEAD PASTOR, HOPE CITY CHURCH



CHURCH Celebrations

GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH & FELLOWSHIP



CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

Pentecost Sunday is a reminder of the gift of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts 2. It occurs 50 days after Easter and is one of the most celebrated seasons in the Christian calendar.

Join us as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and recommit to being led and empowered by Him.

NATIONAL PROJECT DAY OFFERING

The Church of Pentecost UK National Project Day Offering, is a special annual sacrificial giving initiative that supports church development, missions, community impact, and the advancement of the Gospel across the United Kingdom and beyond.

Please see page 12 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pentecost Week

Friday 15th May - Sunday 24th May
10 Days Prayer and Fasting

Sunday 24th May - Pentecost
Sunday (The Outpouring)

Ministry Week

Monday 25th - Sunday 31st May

Join us as different teams lead us in powerful services each evening.

Sunday 31st May - National Project
Day Offering

Follow our [social media pages](#) for more information.



WOMEN'S *Ministry* HOLINESS

UNTO THE LORD
VIRTUOUS LADIES
WE LIVE FOR CHRIST!



Women Transform! A REFLECTION ON NATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK 2026

“Woman! Transform Society Through the Gospel and the Power of the Holy Spirit”

Acts 1:8; Luke 1:35–37; John 4:1–42

When we hear the word transformation, we often picture something grand and obvious, something that announces itself with certainty. Yet so often it begins quietly, building incrementally, in the routines of a life that from the outside, looks entirely unremarkable. Consider Mary, mother of Jesus. She was living an ordinary life when one encounter led her to say yes to God and become a carrier of the salvation of the world.

As a mum of 3 boys, serving in various roles and capacities, I am very aware of the pressure to pull so much together, with a smile and without burning out. And often you sacrifice taking care of yourself. But this week called us to reflect honestly on our own inner world as a start to enable transformation. We can't pour from an empty cup. We were also reminded, through a seminar on finance and wealth creation, that faithful stewardship extends beyond the home. We are called to engage, manage our finances, and to build with wisdom.

DCNS. ISABELLA SEFA OBENG
WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEADER -
HOPE CITY CHURCH



Yet after Mary's yes came nine months of pregnancy and years of what would have appeared to those around her, as ordinary life. So ordinary in fact, that when Jesus began His ministry, those in Nazareth could not see past it. "Is that not the carpenter's son? Can anything good come out of Nazareth"? They were looking directly at a miracle and missed it entirely.

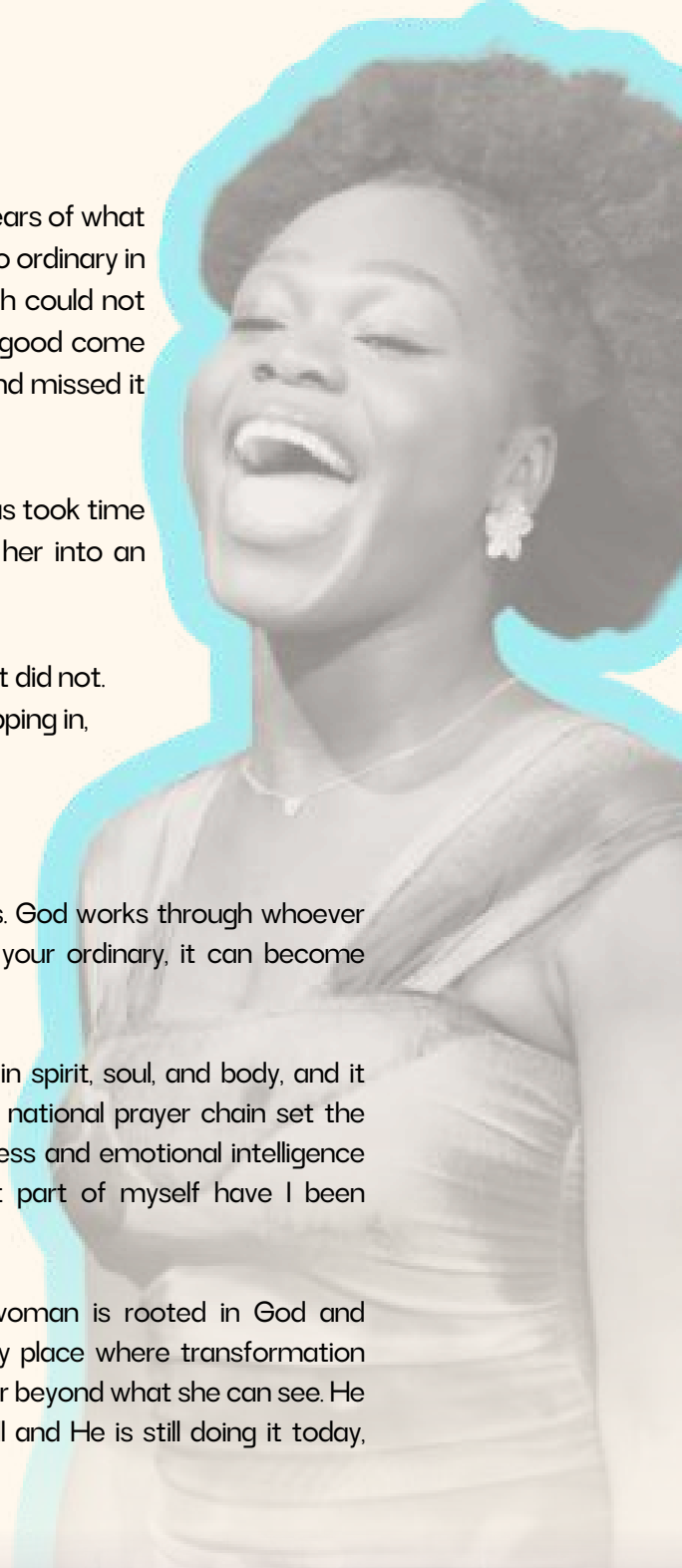
The woman at the well carried a complicated past, yet Jesus took time and spoke to her, and that conversation moved through her into an entire community.

Her history could so easily have defined and limited her, but it did not. In both women, an ordinary day was interrupted by God stepping in, and though life may have continued to look ordinary on the surface, something had shifted permanently both in them and in the lives of all those around them.

National Women's Week 2026 was a reminder of exactly this. God works through whoever surrenders to Him in the day to day. When He steps into your ordinary, it can become extraordinary.

The week was intentionally designed to build us as women in spirit, soul, and body, and it opened where everything must begin, with prayer. A 12-hour national prayer chain set the tone for the week and from there, a session on self-awareness and emotional intelligence challenged us to sit with a very important question: what part of myself have I been neglecting while chasing everything else?

Every session pointed back to the same truth. When a woman is rooted in God and surrendered to His Spirit, her everyday life becomes the very place where transformation happens, in her home, her relationships, her community, and far beyond what she can see. He did it through Mary, he did it through the woman at the well and He is still doing it today, through all of us.



INTERVIEW WITH

Tina W.

What does Mother's Day mean to you?

Mother's Day, for me is not only about celebrating myself as a mother, but also honouring my mum, sisters and close friends who have supported me through every stage from pregnancy until now. Having two young daughters (aged 2 and 4 months), I truly value the community of women around me who have helped and uplifted me along the way.



Share a lesson motherhood has taught you?

Motherhood has taught me not to take any moment for granted. Every stage is meaningful, even the challenging ones. It has also pushed me to become the best version of myself so I can provide above and beyond for my little ones.

Share a lesson motherhood has taught you?

Don't be afraid to ask for help. There are no medals for doing everything on your own. Reach out when you need support, whether it's from family, friends, or your community. Also give yourself grace. You are doing better than you think. In the difficult moments, remember that even small acts of love and care are planting seeds that will grow over time. And don't be afraid to lean on your faith.

Share something or someone who made Mother's Day 2026 special for you and how?

Mother's Day 2026 was special because of the intentional love shown by my family. Whether it was through kind words, thoughtful gestures or simply spending meaningful time together. It reminded me that the everyday sacrifices of motherhood are seen and appreciated. Additionally I'm now a mother of two!! This wasn't easy for me and that in itself feels like my greatest achievement. It was a beautiful reminder of how far God has brought me and the journey I'm on.



MEN'S MINISTRY

Men: The image and the glory of God

PEMEM: Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!

In March, the Hope City Church Men's Ministry hosted an impactful breakfast event that brought men together for a time of connection, learning and encouragement. It was a relaxed and friendly environment with

good food, impactful discussions and connection. There were a variety of talks and presentations addressing real, everyday topics. There were helpful discussions about health and wellbeing, with practical tips on looking after both

physical and mental health. Other sessions focused on finance and career progression, offering guidance on managing money wisely and growing professionally with purpose.



One of the highlights of the morning was an impactful presentation by Brother Malik, who shared his personal journey, background and career experiences. His story was both inspiring and relatable, offering valuable lessons on perseverance, growth and trusting God through different stages of life.

Throughout the morning, there was a strong emphasis on spiritual growth. The discussions encouraged men to stay grounded in their faith and continue building their relationship with God in the middle of life's responsibilities.

Overall, it was a meaningful and well received event. It not only provided useful insights but also strengthened the sense of brotherhood within the church. It was a great reminder of the value of coming together to support, learn from and encourage one another.



HOPE CITY
SPECIAL
Events



NATIONAL PROJECT DAY

The Church of Pentecost UK National Project Day Offering is a special annual sacrificial giving initiative that supports church development, missions, community impact, and the advancement of the Gospel across the United Kingdom and beyond. Rooted in the vision of “Possessing the Nations”, this offering reflects the unity, faith, and generosity of members who willingly give toward projects that strengthen both the Church and society. Through the grace of God and your faithful contributions, lives continue to be transformed, hope restored, and communities strengthened.

Our support for the National Project Day Offering through the Hope Fund made it possible to complete key projects including the drainage system, CCTV upgrade, garden improvements, car park markings, and the provision of First Aid boxes. Every gift, sacrifice, and act of generosity played a vital role in these achievements, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support and commitment to the work of God. As Scripture reminds us in Numbers 6:24-26, “The Lord bless you and keep you... and give you peace.” May His abundant blessings rest upon you always.



HOPE CITY SPECIAL EVENTS



APOSTLE JAMES & MRS. SOPHIE MCKEOWN
MEMBERS OF CHURCH OF THE GOSPEL

McKeown's MISSIONS WEEK

CALLED TO GO INTO ALL THE WORLD PREACHING THE GOSPEL

The annual McKeown's Missions Week is a special time that honours the church's missionary heritage, inspired by the life and ministry of Apostle James McKeown.

Throughout the week, we were encouraged not only to learn about missions, but also to pray, grow in understanding and respond to the call to actively participate in God's work across the world.

One simple yet meaningful act we were encouraged to take, was reaching out to missionaries through a call or text, offering words of encouragement and blessing. These moments reminded us that even from afar, we can strengthen those on the frontlines of ministry.

As a church family, we also came together in prayer, lifting up missionaries serving in different nations. We prayed for courage, provision and fruitfulness in their work. We interceded for persecuted believers, asking God to uphold them with His peace and strengthen their faith in the midst of challenging circumstances.

Missions Week did not end when prayer ended; it pointed us forward. We were challenged with a clear call: **to go**.

Whether across the street or across the world, each of us are invited to be part of God's mission. May we respond with willing hearts, ready to serve, give and go wherever He leads.

HOPE CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

2026

EASTER EXPERIENCE

JESUS SAVES

The Easter Experience was more than a conference! It was a weekend of encounters that brought deep revelation of who Jesus is, and who we are because of Him.

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

Jesus spoke wise words but He was much more than a wise teacher. He revealed the character of God in a relatable way that we can better understand what God our Father is truly like: loving, compassionate, powerful, and full of grace. Jesus met people where they were, showing us that we don't need to have it all together before we come to Him. He healed the sick, forgave sins, restored identity, and reminded people that God can heal and use them regardless of their story.

Even today, Jesus is not an idea to debate about or someone to keep at a distance. He is Almighty God to encounter personally. Millions of people across the world can testify that faith in Jesus has brought peace in difficult seasons, strength in weakness, comfort in grief, and hope when life felt uncertain. His name carries meaning and power. The name Jesus means "God saves". In the name of Jesus you can find healing, freedom, victory, and a new beginning. His name has been whispered in hospital rooms, prayed through tears, and called on in moments when people had nowhere else to turn. He answered. He showed up. He saved.

No matter who you are or what you are facing, the message of Jesus remains the same: you are not beyond hope, not beyond grace, and not beyond redemption. Jesus still changes lives. He still brings light into dark places.

Jesus still saves.



Are you ready to commit your life to Jesus?

If you're ready to accept Jesus today, we want to pray with you...

Say this prayer:

“Lord Jesus, I believe You died for my sins and rose again. I turn away from my old life and put my trust in You. Come into my heart, be my Lord and Saviour, and make me new. Amen.”

If you prayed this prayer today, please [click here](#) to contact the Hope City Church Local Minister so we can support you on your exciting new journey. You don't have to walk this path alone. Welcome to the family of God.

We are excited about your future!

HOPE CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

2026 EASTER EXPERIENCE

JESUS SAVES

Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega
Jesus Christ is the Father wrapped in flesh
Jesus Christ is sovereignty wrapped in skin
Jesus Christ is eternity clothed in time
Jesus Christ is the King disguised as a carpenter
Jesus Christ is deity with a DNA
Jesus Christ is the unseen God made seen
Jesus Christ is the Lord glorified in humanity
Jesus Christ is not an idea to be debated
Jesus Christ is God to be encountered
Jesus means God saves
There is power in the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus there is victory, healing and eternal life

The Easter Experience 2026 brought hope, encouragement, renewed commitment to Christ and 10 people baptised on Easter Sunday!

The key scripture for the weekend was Acts 4:12 which was a powerful reminder that in 2026, Jesus is still the only name that can save us.

We were reminded that as Christians we have been forgiven of our sins and saved from the penalty of sin by faith. This forgiveness and salvation is available to you today.

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HOPE CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

ECHOES OF *Hope*

ONE VOICE BEFORE HEAVEN, A DIVINE ENCOUNTER!

Echoes of Hope Sunday, April edition, at Hope City Church was a powerful and memorable service marked by the tangible presence of God from the beginning to the end.

From the first song, the atmosphere in the room shifted as the church came together in worship. The choir were Holy Spirit-led and drew the congregation into moments of both deep worship and reflection.

The Creative Arts team added a meaningful dimension through flag worship, offering a visual expression of honour and surrender that resonated with those present. A moment that spoke without words.

As the service continued, Minister Samuel Bella led the church into a time of intense worship. Voices rose together in prayer and song creating a potent sense of unity as the congregation stood together in faith.

Echoes of Hope was more than a service - it was a divine encounter! Many left uplifted and encouraged with a shared sense that something beyond themselves had taken place in that room.

The day served as a reminder that God is actively moving among His people at Hope City Church, meeting hearts just where they are and transforming lives one service at a time.

You are warmly invited to join Hope City Church and experience this for yourself. See you next week!

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STEPS OF

Hope

REACHING THE COMMUNITY IN FAITH AND ACTION

At Hope City Church we are passionate about connecting with the community outside of our church building. Steps of Hope is one of the ways we do that by going out into the surrounding neighbourhoods of our local church, not just for a brisk walk, but with a clear purpose to connect with people.

In March, Steps of Hope returned with great success. Members of the church walked, took time to speak with individuals and families in the community, having genuine conversations and sharing the heart of the church.

A key part of the mission was raising awareness of the different initiatives the church is currently running to support the local community.

One of our newest initiatives is the Make Lunch project, which helps provide well balanced meals for children and families

during half term and school holidays. Steps of Hope was a great opportunity to let people know about the practical support available to them through the church.

Alongside this, we also shared the message of the gospel, offering hope, encouragement and a reminder of God's love. The combination of practical help and spiritual outreach made the event especially impactful.

Steps of Hope was a great expression of faith in action. It not only encouraged church members to step out and engage with the community, but also helped strengthen connections with those around us.

It was a reminder that sometimes the simplest acts - like a walk and a conversation - can have impact and make a lasting difference.

HOPE CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

MAKE LUNCH

“LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME. DON'T STOP THEM! FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIKE THESE CHILDREN”. MARK 10:14

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) Make Lunch is a UK based charity initiative that partners with local churches to support families during school holidays. The programme addresses “holiday hunger” by providing free nutritious meals alongside activities for children and families.

The initiative was introduced at Hope City Church as its vision closely aligns with the church’s commitment to serving the city in practical ways.

Led by our Pastor Rev. Gerald Gyane and supported by the Community Engagement Team which is led by Dcns. Adwowa Larbi-Ntim, it forms part of a wider response to address local needs, particularly food poverty.

The aim of the partnership with TLG’s Make Lunch is threefold:

- to live out the church’s calling
- to meet a clear need
- to create opportunities for connection and outreach.

The most recent session welcomed three families and provided a relaxed and welcoming environment.

It created space for people to connect, share experiences and build relationships. The children in attendance had room to explore and engage alongside a shared meal. Feedback from those who attended reflected the value of the sessions. One parent expressed a desire to see more gatherings like this during the week, highlighting the impact it had on their family.



“
I am grateful to God for providing us with an opportunity to serve in our community. It’s my hope and prayer that we continue to remain obedient to be able to deliver more wonderful sessions and reach even more families.

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HOPE FUND



One of the ways we can continue to support the far reaching impact of the church, is through the financial support of members and friends of Hope City church.

The Hope Fund is a collective giving initiative designed to support the mission and activities of the church throughout the year. It provides a structured way for individuals to either make a one-off contribution or make a financial pledge, which can be fulfilled over an agreed period, helping to fund planned projects and essential commitments.

The fund complements regular giving by creating a reliable pool of resources that enables the church to operate effectively, respond to needs, and carry out both local and wider initiatives with confidence.

Through the Hope Fund, contributions are invested into key areas such as church projects, ministry activities, community outreach, and broader charitable efforts. This includes improving facilities, supporting church teams, assisting vulnerable individuals, and contributing to national and community-based programmes.

People can give by making a personal pledge and contributing towards it over time, either in one payment or in instalments during the year. This approach encourages consistent, voluntary generosity while making it accessible for individuals to participate in supporting the church's vision and impact.

We humbly appeal that you prayerfully consider supporting the Hope Fund.



TRENDSETTERS

M E E T I N G S



EVERY FRIDAY
@hopecitychurch

7PM

TRANSFORMERS YOUTH CORNER



OUR VISION

Our vision is to **NURTURE** a community of **RESILIENTLY DEVOTED** youth and young adults to **PARTNER WITH GOD** and be His **HEARTBEAT** in the **CHURCH** while positively **IMPACTING** every facet of **SOCIETY**.

THRIVE

To create a church environment that is welcoming and encourages growth for young people of all backgrounds.

CULTIVATE

To disciple young people and create opportunities for young people to become effective church leaders.

IMPACT

To spark revival across the nation and make maximum impact in our churches, our communities and on the next generation.



Exciting News!

The Pentecost Students and Associates (PENSA) recently expanded into Scotland, marking a significant milestone as PENSA is now active in 50 universities across the UK. This achievement is one to celebrate, creating greater opportunities for students to remain rooted in their faith while building strong Christ-centred communities throughout their university journey.



TRANSFORMERS TOUR 2026 MILTON KEYNES AREA

In April 2026, the Transformers Tour arrived in Milton Keynes for a powerful evening hosted by Transformers Youth. It was more than just a church service, the event was a divine encounter. An atmosphere where many young people were deeply impacted, empowered, and transformed by the Spirit of God

One of the most memorable takeaways from the evening's message was the call to be intentional about staying filled with the Holy Spirit. Using the analogy that no driver would fill a car's fuel tank once and expect it to last for two years, the preacher highlighted the importance of continual spiritual renewal. Just as an empty car becomes stagnant and unable to fulfil its purpose, we too must regularly seek the infilling of the Holy Spirit so we do not run on empty. The Holy Spirit desires to lead, empower, and use us effectively as bold witnesses for Jesus.

Ready for Action

Transformers youth are ready for action. We are raising Spirit filled youth for the unleashing agenda, making waves in schools, church and society.

Focus Scripture

'Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.'

Ephesians 5:18



HOPE PE CITIZENS

Hope City Citizens (Senior Citizens) Fellowship

The Hope City Citizens Fellowship exists to intentionally serve and engage individuals aged 55 and above by creating meaningful opportunities for connection, fellowship, and community. The aim is to cultivate a strong sense of belonging, where members feel valued, supported, and encouraged through shared experiences, conversations, and spiritually enriching activities.

Through carefully planned events and gatherings, the fellowship seeks to foster genuine relationships, promote well-being, and provide a safe and welcoming environment where senior citizens can thrive and continue to contribute meaningfully within the church community.

In addition, the fellowship will actively extend its reach beyond the church by partnering with the Community Engagement Team to host inclusive events for senior citizens within the wider community. These initiatives, such as coffee and tea sessions held on church premises, are designed to create accessible entry points for connection, build relationships, and warmly invite others into the life of the church.

Ultimately, the Hope City Citizens Fellowship is committed to honouring, uplifting and empowering senior citizens by ensuring they remain an integral and celebrated part of the Hope City family.

Reflection from one of our Hope City Citizens

Walking In Righteousness

The book of Daniel is full of wisdom, and one of the most important messages it gives us is to walk in righteousness. But what does that actually mean?

One of our Hope City Citizens shares her own 'Daniel Experience'...

"Before giving birth to one of my children, I was battling sickness and had to stay in the hospital. A man involved in the running of the hospital took a lamb, slaughtered it and sprinkled the blood across the ward, before cooking it and serving it to the patients. I stayed true to my faith and the Bible and refused to defile myself by eating food offered to false idols - which is exactly what Daniel and his friends did".

These experiences show us that living righteously means to abide by the word of God, no matter how desperate our circumstances are.

Daniel's friends refused to compromise their beliefs or values, even when it put their lives at risk. They chose to stay faithful to God and do what was right, no matter the cost. When they were thrown into the fiery furnace, God met them there in a miraculous way. They weren't alone in the fire — His presence was with them through it all.

We see the same kind of faithfulness in Daniel's life. In chapters 9 and 10, Daniel devoted himself to prayer and fasting, and he was described by God's angels as "highly esteemed". It's a powerful reminder that humility, integrity, and faithfulness matter to God. Daniel's relationship with God wasn't built on perfection, but on consistently seeking Him and trusting Him.

Psalms 34:17-19 reminds us that God hears the cries of those who call on Him and delivers them from their troubles. That doesn't mean life will always be easy, but it does mean we never walk through difficulties alone. Even when doing the right thing feels challenging, God sees our faithfulness, strengthens us in the process, and draws near to us in deeper ways.

Sometimes the hardest seasons become the very places where we experience God's presence most clearly. Keep going. Keep trusting. God is faithful, and He is with you every step of the way.



SPOT

Light

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH REV. MOSES YEBOAH MENSAH
YOUTH LEADER – HOPE CITY CHURCH

What's been the most impactful thing for you personally, being the HCC youth leader?

The most impactful aspect of serving as youth leader has undoubtedly been witnessing the transformation of our young people from passive attendees into active, committed contributors to the life of the church. Observing their involvement across the music ministry, media ministry and the men's and women's ministries has been deeply encouraging. This level of engagement reflects not merely participation, but a genuine sense of responsibility and belonging; qualities that will shape their Christian walk for years to come.

Of particular significance has been the work done to ensure the spiritual continuity of our university students. The transition from a home church environment to university is a critical juncture in the faith journey of any young person.

The deliberate effort made by our youth leaders to identify appropriate contacts and connect first-year students with our existing churches across the nation (CoPUK) or bible-believing churches in their respective university locations was, in my view, one of the most meaningful expressions of pastoral care this ministry has demonstrated.

What has also been notable is the response of our youth during the period of transition from Milton Keynes PIWC to Hope City Church.

Rather than a withdrawal in engagement, we witnessed the contrary - a marked increase in participation and a renewed vitality within the congregation.

This is, I believe, a testament to the spiritual depth that God has been cultivating among our young people. It is a privilege to serve in this capacity, and I remain grateful to God for the evidence of His grace at work in this generation.



SPOT

Light

What advice would you give to a young person struggling with their faith?

Psalm 34:19 puts it straight: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous." This is not a few, not sometimes, but many. So, if life has felt hard lately, if you've been questioning, doubting, feeling distant from God, that doesn't mean something has gone wrong with you. It might indicate that you are on the right path. Here's what I love about that verse though. It doesn't stop there. It goes on to say that God delivers us out of all of them. Not some. All. That's not a motivational quote, that's a promise. And God doesn't break His promises!

So here's what I'd say to you practically:

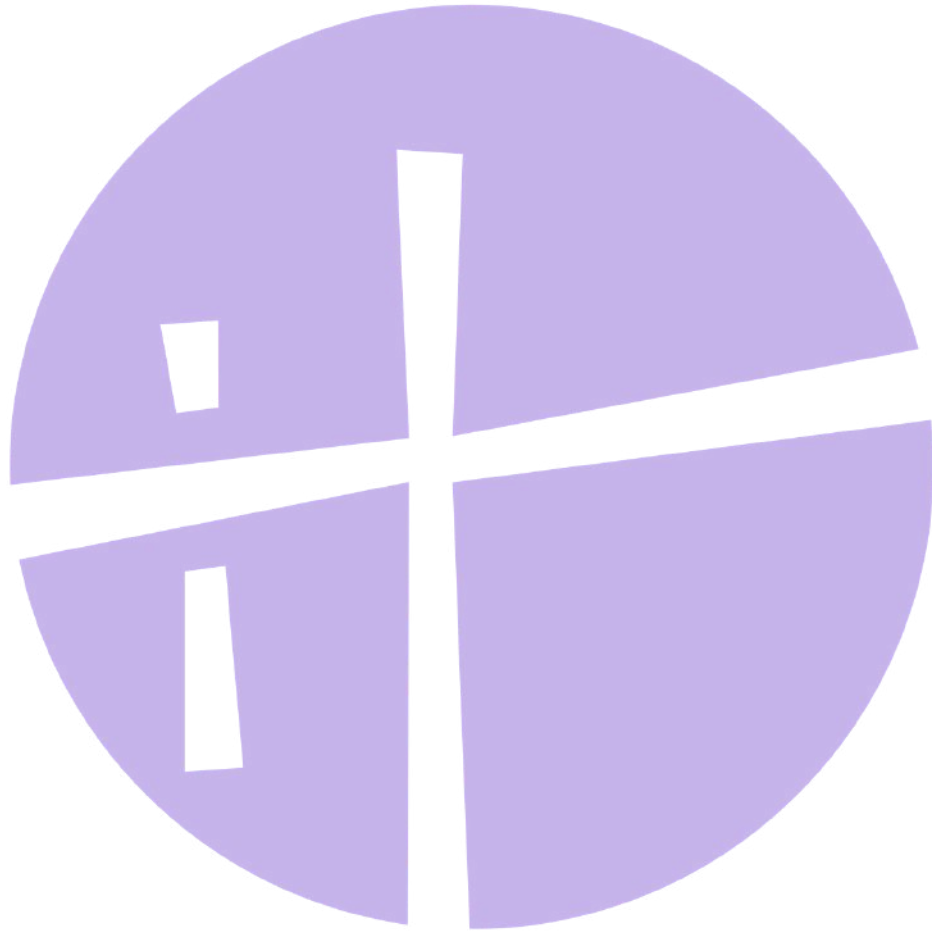
Stay connected. Don't disappear when things get hard. I know it's tempting to pull back, from church, from your friends, from God, but isolation is where doubt grows loudest. Stay in the room, even when you don't feel like it. Keep reading the Word. Your feelings will lie to you sometimes. Scripture won't. Let it remind you of what's true when everything feels uncertain. Be honest with God. He can handle your questions. He can handle your frustration. You don't have to perform for Him, just come as you are. Your struggle is not the end of your story. If anything, it's setting up the testimony.

Please share a scripture to encourage our youth and why you chose that scripture?

The scripture I want to share is Romans 8:28. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

I chose this scripture because, this has carried me through some tough times. I know how easy it is, especially as a young person, to look at your life and feel like things aren't adding up. Maybe a door closed that you really wanted to walk through. Maybe a situation didn't go the way you planned. Maybe you're in a season that just doesn't make sense right now. But notice the verse doesn't say all things are good. It says all things **work together** for good. There's a difference. Some things that happen to us are hard, painful even. But in the hands of God, nothing is wasted. So whatever you're going through, hold on. God is still working. Your story isn't finished yet.

God bless you
Rev. Moses Yeboah Mensah



Testimony

We celebrate with one of our sisters as God has blessed her with a job promotion. She says...

"I was always very grateful and content with my job and the level I was working at. However, during prayer sessions at church Pastor Gerald encouraged us to pray for job promotions and to enter rooms where we can have influence. I always thought, 'I'm content where I am' so although I would pray, I didn't think I needed to step outside my comfort zone yet.

In January, a senior position became available at work and I initially didn't receive the email so I had no idea. But it came up in conversation at work and I asked my colleague to send me the email. During this time we were fasting and praying at church, and I felt it strongly to submit my application. I felt very unqualified and thought I wouldn't get the job (also due to what other people had said about the culture at my workplace), but I proceeded.

Two weeks later, I was invited for an interview. I attended the interview and I was offered the job!

Every day I wonder.... HOW CAN THIS BE?"

Wendy D.

MEET THE *Editorial Team*

Hi! We're the team behind the words you read - whether that's in the newsletter, online devotionals or articles. But more than that, we're storytellers at heart with a passion for Jesus.

Our role is simple (yet impactful); we help share what God is doing in and through Hope City Church. From powerful testimonies to everyday moments, we love capturing the stories that reflect the life, growth, and impact of our church.



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We know that sometimes church can feel unfamiliar or even distant to some people. That's why we're passionate about communicating in a way that feels real, relatable and welcoming. We want our words to build bridges - helping you connect, feel included and see that church is a place where you truly belong.

Everything we write is with you in mind - whether you've been part of the church for years or you're just getting to know us. Our hope is that through every piece of content, you feel informed, encouraged and inspired to be part of what God is doing at Hope City Church.

We're happy you're here and we're excited about your future.



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