Finding our feet on new ground

Extended, 15-month Annual Review

January 2018 – March 2019

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Foreword

Like last year, this annual review has been extended to cover 15 months for two reasons:

• As the second stage in moving our AGM and annual report to April to match the timing of our financial year.

• To better reflect the second half of a season of significant transition for the Sanctuary, including moving base and changing model to hone previous growth, ready for more.

Starting from next year, annual reviews will return to 12 month reporting periods, running from March to April.
1. Daily prayer rhythm – the heart of everything we do
Praying with one heart

Building on from last year’s development of a daily email to resource people to join in with the daily rhythm Monday-Friday wherever they are – initially used just by the Sanctuary’s existing community...

... in June 2018, we launched this daily email publically as something anyone anywhere can receive freely, to pray with us live, day to day, as much – or as little – as they are able to.
Since then...

we’ve seen the number of people **praying with us**, as well as using our resources, gradually grow, with scores of new subscribers from all sorts of places...

But more importantly, we’ve received some wonderful feedback from the pray-ers themselves, many of whom are finding the emails deeply **life-giving** and **eye-opening** as they grow in interceding for the needs of others – and the world – from a worshipful perspective...
Here are just a few testimonies...

“I love receiving the emails! I read them prayerfully and my soul is stilled when I come into the Lord's presence. I particularly like praying for the nations. It expands my knowledge and takes my thoughts away from my own small life to the wonderful world the Lord has made. How he must grieve for it.” R

“I look forward to opening the emails’ treasures each day - I have always used daily Bible study notes. But your emails extend my reflections and prayer times; help me to be still and hold the daily topics before God. The result is richer and deeper times.” G

“I’m newly signed up and have still to explore the full extent of the resource you are supplying. I am dipping in now and then. I value the current content, the visuals, and the endless qualities of God’s character. These I get to register even when I don’t get to open the email!” J
“It is just great to start the day with prayers and wisdom and to know that we can all pray with one heart. One heart beating for God in all of us. It helps me stay in contemplation and love throughout the day and night. One heart beating in everything around us. Thank you!” M

“I really find the different worship songs suggested each day very helpful in leading me to sung worship, and on the days when other ways of worship are suggested instead, they are really inspiring too.” H

“I just love your Bible based thoughts which are all embracing, relevant, and lead us to pray for other people and countries, as well as encouraging us as individuals. The further suggested articles and music to explore are so good for our souls too.” K
They come from new members...

“I’m a recent part of Sanctuary's dispersed, praying community. I love the creative way you encourage us to pray, prayer that embraces a world of need as well as expanding my own heart-love for Jesus.

The links to YouTube, prayer for nations and connection with contemporary life make the Sanctuary’s dispersed praying community email an invaluable daily resource in my inbox.

Thank you!” N
and also from those who used to come to the public centre...

“Most recently, the poetry prayer day was particularly helpful and uplifting in my personal prayer time! I keep meaning to email you with delight but perhaps as you look back it's enough to know that the Sanctuary is still very much a source of joy and connection with God, even more remotely.” A

“I remain so thankful, blessed, encouraged, informed and challenged by the daily prayer emails. The fellowship of praying together when we are dispersed and the focus on current events relating to environmental and social justice enable me to follow Christ and serve others in a way that’s relevant to daily shared concerns and living.” R
“These emails are so thoughtful and thought provoking. I’ve loved the little and big connections that have come through them and the encouragements I’ve had when listening to God and how they’ve weaved into my everyday life. Also love the specials – like the wild worship and water specials. Thank you so much for them. Even when I’ve not been able to engage as much as I’ve wanted to, just seeing the characteristic in the inbox has always cheered and strengthened me. I know it might sound superficial, but it’s true!” 😊
The digital rhythm mostly contains the same combination of fresh each day stimuli that has been fuelling everything we do for more than 7 years now:

- a characteristic of God
- a verse
- a Psalm
- a nation

and brings these together with specially created call to worship, central intercession focus responding to the headlines and other topical issues, and pray for each other sections inspired by these stimuli.

But also sometimes picks up ‘specials’ weeks, where we take a slightly different approach to formatting the worship and intercession, in order to go deeper into one focus or topic across five days. Pray-ers speak with great fondness about many of these!
“The series on Leadership and Brexit was excellent and so encouraging to allow God to enter in to this situation; climate change and its impact was also moving and thought provoking.”

G
“It’s ALL good stuff but the New Year special particularly stands out – looking back over 2018 at the Lord's provision, and also the enriching experiences he opened up for me, proved both humbling and exciting. It has led to me learning to do this regularly and as a result I’m discovering so many answered prayers (including some big ones!) that had previously not all been acknowledged.”

“The emails help me to connect into the heart of God for world issues on a daily basis and inspire me to keep on going in my relationship with him. I especially like the "special edition" prayer emails which help us to reflect, refresh or deepen our relationship with him - for example the recent water focused emails.”
Either way, standard format or specials, the emails are written day to day – rather than in a large block a long way in advance – by one of our team, enabling:

• a timely response to the **headlines**, as well as the stimuli

• testimonies, further reflections and answered prayers to be shared by everyone praying with the email, as well as our team, through a special **treasures from the journey** section at the bottom of the email

• the wider rhythm – and the dispersed praying community using it – to function in a **living, vibrant way**, even in the digital resource that reflects it...
... with some beautiful results:

“I am always touched and full of awe at the ‘God-incidence' topics that arrive just when I need them; or the country or the world. I have also encouraged others to join in and I know they have gained immensely to. My sister now also receives the email and it’s wonderful to have the structure to share our thoughts, reflections and prayers.”

Our team continue to be especially thankful for the sense of God inspiring the emails, being present as people pray with them, and using them – as he sees fit – to underline what he is doing in the world by some really quite incredible connections, tie-ins and testimonies. **Here’s just one specific story...**
“After I read the sensitive focus inspired by our God being our Provider, I thought of a friend whose husband (in his mid 50s) was made redundant in December, has been unemployed since and is searching for jobs. Talking to her about it has been difficult. I have known she has been even more upset than him, but has not discussed it much with her own friends. So I decided to forward the email to her, and let her know I was thinking of and praying for them. This evening, I had an email back from her. She read the email, felt uplifted by it, then went out. When she got home, her husband told her that he'd been offered a job, for which he'd been interviewed two months ago but had subsequently been told that there was no funding available for. They are 'over the moon' and she writes that 'God does indeed provide'!

Thank you, from both of us, for providing me with the means to let her know that I have been thinking of her at a time when face to face talking has been very difficult for her.”
Behind the scenes...

... is a small dedicated team of (currently) three to four, faithfully leading the Monday-Friday digital resourcing of the prayer rhythm one or two times a week each.

They include our co-founder, Jill Andrews, who led on all the technical research and systems required to share the prayer rhythm so widely.

From GDPR and free-source photo copyright research, to pastoral and practical guidelines for the writing team, to communication systems, to the all-important sign-up form for new pray-ers to find and use!
Our God is our REFINER

Verse: 1 Peter 2:21 @Logos

Psalm: 5

Nation: Zimbabwe

Intercession: praying for Zimbabwe, especially for protection & restoration following Cyclone Idai

Find more detailed input in our daily email mailchi.mp/d09b13ed8388/o...

The rhythm stimuli – with a link to the email for those who want to refer to it – is also tweeted each day.

And some pray-ers find this briefer way to access the rhythm is the best way for them to pray with us:

“Twitter enriches my prayer life! Thanks @sanctuary centre” @liturgylady
2. Resourcing others in outward focused worship and intercession
Although we are still not quite back to pre-transition levels of creating and publishing new resources, we are beginning to gain momentum again. And we are starting to feel well on course for reaching the point where we can deliver:

- our desired level of new season pacing
- the return of our more immediately responsive approach of publishing same-day inspired material
- the ability to invest in more time-consuming resources such as new song recordings.
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Particularly helpful ones included:

- Top ten tips for praying with the headlines
- Wild worship field guide
- Creative prayer idea resources focusing on water; and on leadership and government
- A written prayer about Brexit, and how we pray, and speak about our leaders.
The prayer about Brexit was of course something we came back to again and again ourselves this year. But it was also one that others used in this same, repeated way. One of our dispersed, praying community has been using it at her church, most weeks, with it almost acting like a confession. She says:

“Having the written prayer to return to has been so helpful to help us examine our hearts each week. Having the set words cuts through the noise, and helps us measure the words of our speech, thoughts and prayers against their call to love, and remember our leaders are loved.”
As well as creating new resources, we continued hosting and curating our ever-growing online library of some 600 free outward focused worship and prayer resources; sent out some resource updates to our wider list (still at a reduced level due to transition); and responded to all sorts of queries about using or re-publishing our resources.

Particularly moving this year, given how much we had prayed for this city, was the Canon of Manchester Cathedral getting in touch to ask if they could use our prayer for the emergency services as part of a special service to honour their emergency services around the anniversary of the Ariane Grande concert.

But we also heard from individuals, churches, churches together groups, city-wide prayer groups as well as organisations our resources have frequently been re-published by, or re-promoted through, including our friends at Christian Concern for One World and Commitment for Life at the URC Church.
Of particular encouragement this year has been the developing relationship with UCB radio, and our co-founder Liz Baddaley’s numerous interviews with Paul Hammond for his *Talking Points* and *Life Issues* programmes on UCB1. Liz says:

“It’s been a real privilege to speak to listeners with Paul about topics such as how we can pray in response to the headlines; how prayer rhythms can help us grow in our love and worship of God, and our engagement with his world; and the vital importance of praying for our leaders with love.

“There’s so much shared perspective and mission in what Paul’s programmes, and the Sanctuary, are both trying to do. And I really appreciate the nuanced, gentle and kind way Paul communicates God’s heart to his listeners, and those he is interviewing.”
“It has been a pleasure to develop a relationship with the Sanctuary over the last year. The vision of Liz and the community dovetails with the goals of UCB News & Current Affairs, to encourage Christians to look beyond their immediate horizon and see how our rhythm of prayer can impact the world around us with the Lord’s power and glory.

Liz communicates this with a passion and clarity that draws you in and makes you feel that it is possible for you to be a part of something meaningful. The various initiatives that we have spoken about have not only made excellent content for the *Talking Point* and *Life Issues* programmes on UCB1, but also been of personal encouragement and inspiration to me.

It is no platitude when I say I have felt privileged to connect with the ministry of the Sanctuary and I trust that our relationship will continue to develop. I would also like to acknowledge the quality and accessibility of the resources that are produced and the positive response from our listeners when they access them following an interview. Thank you for all that you do and may the Lord richly bless and provide for your work in the future.”

Paul Hammond
Head of News & Current Affairs/
Presenter of *Talking Point*
and *Life Issues* on UCB1
3. Creative outreach and community engagement
At the start of this reporting year, due to the stage of transition we were at, we did not have capacity to carry out creative outreach. But we still wanted to show love around Valentine’s Day 2018. So we concentrated our efforts on sharing all our best loving secrets by creating and publishing our first ever “how to” resource to inspire others in similar expressions... something that is a key part of our vision in the future. (Though a couple of our team couldn’t resist sending some small gifts in the post, or leaving a special message while on holiday...)

But by Valentine’s Day 2019, we were ready to pull out all the stops again, with our first large-scale creative outreach initiative since transition. And what a special one it was!
Following months of particularly focused prayer for the UK’s leaders and MPs, we felt God prompting us to write to each one individually with a message of love and encouragement. So our co-founders prayerfully crafted a gift postcard and letter, and then gathered a number of our team together to hand address and sign all 650!

Dear

We wanted to write to you, and every MP, individually today to express our honest thanks and deep appreciation for all you are doing. And to tell you, in no uncertain terms, that you are seen, valued and loved.

None of us knows what it’s like to do your job, or to carry the weight of responsibility you do as you make decisions on behalf of your constituents and the UK.

But we do try to imagine what it might be like for you as we pray for you, and all the vital discussions, debates and votes taking place in the Houses of Parliament, especially at the moment. And we understand you’re trying to find the best way forward in incredibly challenging and pressurised circumstances. Which is why we want to say to you:

Thank you for your public service. Thank you for being prepared to stand up and be counted. Thank you for your courage and your perseverance. Thank you for the expertise and experience you bring. Thank you for the long hours and hard work you put in. Thank you for the sacrifices you make. Thank you for everything we can, and can’t, imagine that you are facing on a daily basis on our behalf at the moment. Please remember you are seen, valued and loved — by us. And, we believe, by God.

We hope our letter encourages you today. We hope it reassures you that there are many people in the UK, however divided we might be about the way forward, who deeply appreciate the people trying to find solutions. And we hope you’ll keep the postcard we’ve created for you somewhere you will see it often... to remind you, that whatever happens, you are loved.

With kind regards and continued prayers for you, Parliament, the UK, and Europe at this crucial time,

On behalf of the Sanctuary
(the Sanctuary is a dispersed, praying community of Christians from lots of different kinds of churches, who live all over the UK and beyond.)

PS. We’re not looking for any response — we don’t want to add anything extra to your to do list! But if you do want to contact us, you are of course welcome to email us at info@thesanctuarycentre.org
“I loved that we reached out to every MP, regardless of their, or our own, individual politics and the challenge this outreach then brought to our own hearts, for those of us who do have strong political views. The wording of the card and letter was excellent – crafted together with the same skill a painter would create a work of great art. The timing was so pertinent with all the current political difficulties our Government are facing. It also felt important (and good!) to acknowledge our MPs as the individual human beings they are – each known and loved by our Father in Heaven.”
“This was one of the most challenging pieces of writing we’ve ever done! It had to be true as well as affirming. And we really felt the weight of what we were doing at times; very aware of our own limitations; and the potential power of whatever words we sent. I think it’s the longest we’ve ever spent on so little text! At times we felt a bit daunted, but we were really encouraged by a few quite wonderful pointers from God during the process, which we felt confirmed we had found the right content and tone, and gave us the confidence to speak the words on our hearts.” Liz and Jill, the Sanctuary’s co-founders

“The LOVED initiative came at such a key time for our nation, when our elected representatives have faced more vitriol than ever before – it was a joy to be able to affirm them as human beings in such a simple and direct way. I personally was quite glad of the opportunity to thank my own MP (with whom I disagree profoundly on some issues) for his work in support of our local community.” P
“It was a privilege and a challenge to write to all of the MPs. Removing their political leanings and looking at the individuals as children of God – loved and accepted whatever they were doing!! It was amazing and very releasing to leave Brexit in the hands of God. I learned/relearned a valuable God-lesson.”

“I was so thankful to be part of something that felt constructive, and edifying, in the current political climate of hearing too many words that tear down rather than build up. It was great to work, write and laugh with the team on this. When I talked to other friends and family members about the mailing, there was a look of incredulity on some faces – which echoed how I felt signing some of the cards(!) – that, yes, God does love and value each of these MPs. His wisdom and love are so much more perfect than ours.”
“What a joyous enterprise from beginning to end.

To focus on sending love and blessing to our MPs at a time when they are not only going through so much turmoil at their work but also receiving so much negative backlash from every direction felt very resonant and urgently necessary.

It was also really fun to talk about what we were doing with friends and colleagues – people were really struck and challenged by the idea of doing something so actively loving to bless our MPs. It helped them notice the general negativity more.

And for myself too, since that mailing, I have noticed the critical conversations I've been involved in and refused to assume anything negative about them, or join in any abuse. But rather used those moments as opportunities to continue praying for our MPs to be blessed and to know that they are loved.

I'm so grateful to have been involved in such a wonderful campaign.” B
Just as love and prayer inspired the outreach, as our team’s reflections show, the outreach inspired more love and prayer... and so did the responses that came back from MPs, Parliamentary Assistants, and even one cabinet member.

Although we’d said we didn’t expect a response – we wanted to bless and encourage not create extra work – we received quite a number of replies. Many spoke of how touched they’d been, how uplifting the mailing was, and how much they’d appreciated it... but heartbreakingly they also shared just how much abuse – and how little encouragement – they usually receive. Fuel for more prayer!
This year was also about preparation...

... as artist and team-member Alison Helliwell-Hodson created two new ‘visual identities’ for key creative outreach projects.

The first was the development of new artwork for the new season of our existing project *sparrow song*, to improve the look and feel of the materials its singers have, and to resource solo and duo work both.

Alison said:

“This one was almost like a song to paint – it really did just sort of fly onto the canvas!”
Alison worked to a brief from Liz, who also then sought help from external illustrative designer Verity Moon – and associate, Chassy Caligraphy - to create special lettering, and establish a range of approaches to use...

**sparrow song** themselves continued their general rest period due to maternity, moves etc. But they couldn’t keep completely silent! They led worship as a duo at a special service in York Minster. And as a solo act, took acapella carol singing underground in local show caves on three dates around Christmas – to beautiful effect!
The second, new project, is something we are very excited about, and just about to start using for the first time in April 2019, the first month of next year’s reporting period...

Meet the Angel of Yorkshire – introduced to you here on his first print item – calling cards! Perfect for attaching to secretly placed gifts or leaving encouraging messages for people to find...
When our more local creative outreach projects first began to be inspired out of the prayer rhythm, we had a public centre, with an address and building people knew they could tangibly find, and visit if they wanted to. This created an important element of safety, which in turn enabled freedom.

As we sought the shape of our new season we knew God was stressing an increase of emphasis in exploring creative evangelism, and beginning to spread the heart and skills for others to do so too... but we were asking God where that safety was going to come from in multiple locations?

One day, in prayer about this, the idea of having a locationally-linked ‘angel’ – and perhaps in the future *multiple* locationally-linked angels – was received. The ‘angel’ device provides a playful but meaningful, relatable and traceable ‘face’ for the Sanctuary’s gift-giving, message sending and allegorical work. We can’t wait to start using him!
We’re starting small as we adapt to using him, but he’s good to go this Easter, and ready to start playing and blessing in person and on Twitter – and with his own follow on website – www.angelofyorkshire – itself, in turn, linked to the brilliant, existing www.christianity.org

This latter website was developed by the Church Army’s gifted writer, Peter Graystone – an amazing further resource to be able to direct intrigued angel enquirers to! The trail is complete 😊
We gave Alison one of the trickiest briefs imaginable for this first angel’s artwork, saying it had to be... not religious or churchy, but not new-age either; not girly so it could appeal to men as well as women; and clearly locationally-linked. And we threw in all sorts of tonal words like “playful; fun; whimsical; winsome; intriguing; safe; approachable...” – what she achieved exceeded even our wildest expectations!

As the **Angel of Yorkshire** will not carry a credit to Alison or the Sanctuary almost everywhere he appears, we wanted to use this report to really honour the time, beauty, prayer and skill Alison has poured into this project and to thank her, and the other team members who have worked so hard on creating the initial elements of a project we are sure is going to just fly! So we asked Alison to tell us a bit about her creative process on the Angel’s artwork... and what she’s most excited about him doing as he begins his special heavenly assignments...
About the art: “I started from a place of asking what says Yorkshire rather than what says angels... and I thought abbeys – we have a lot of abbeys here, and these naturally gave me a sense of what the wing shape should be. Then other elements of the natural landscape came through... the huge amount of water we have here, the beauty of the snowdrops etc.

“Then I started thinking about what might define the appearance of a Yorkshire man, and cyclists came to mind too... and the angel began to take shape in re-imagined cycling gear, with his helmet replaced with a flat cap... he seemed like he needed to be younger to match the sense of fun and play in the brief, so I used my younger son in his cycling gear as my model!

“On the day I sketched him, he was wearing a top with a geometric design and this suggested the rocks at Brimham, in Nidderdale, where the Sanctuary is based... so they went in too! And then by the time he had the flat cap on, well, I thought he must have a dog. And so I gave him a whippet!”
About what lies ahead for the Angel to do: “At first I didn’t fully understand what he was going to do! It’s a completely new approach and so we all have to get our heads round it! But now I’ve started to see the application, I’m really excited about his potential…

“It’s like guerrilla tactics to do something kind, real and transformative. They may be just little things but they have a huge impact. There’s so much negativity around, but these acts have extraordinary potential to change the atmosphere in a place, and the attitude of its people…

“I love the beautiful, teasing, secretive and playful way in which these types of acts of love beckon to people. It’s the kind of thing Jesus was all about – intriguing people, enticing them, speaking to the heart.

“It’s like with the rich young ruler... there’s the invitation given to see differently, to respond, and then it’s down to them whether to take a step closer, or whether to turn and walk away for now...”
“If you live anywhere in Yorkshire, look out for me as Lustrous and I start showing up to bless all sorts of people and places...

“... and if you’re based elsewhere, and you’re interested in exploring having your own angel heaven-sent to help you spread messages of God’s love in your community, please email me direct at angelofyorkshire@gmail.com so we can chat about how that could work.”

The Angel of Yorkshire
4. Funding and provision
We’re celebrating with grateful hearts...

Because all that we have needed through this last season was always provided by God through the continuing generosity of:

• the Sanctuary’s team – who gave all their time for free
• our wider praying community – who gave the necessary finance.

And we’re left with a healthy balance for next year’s projects...

(Please note that we have included the summary accounts for the last two financial years due to this review overlapping with both time periods – the first period therefore includes some months where we were still operating the public centre, and both several months of storage costs.)
Annual accounts: financial year April 2017 to March 2018

Total income = £3,342
Total expenditure = £4,441

Income: general donations, CD donations and gift aid;
Expenditure: utilities, rates, insurance, licences, storage costs, monthly mailbox, web hosting, creative give-aways, printing, window displays, art supplies, training, stationery, and many many tea bags!
Total income = £4,127
Total expenditure = £2,914

Income: general donations, CD donations and gift aid;
Expenditure: storage costs, monthly mailbox, web hosting, new artwork, creative give-aways, printing, training, stationery, and refreshments for meetings!
5. Steps towards building our team’s new prayer space
Behind the scenes…

... the second half of our transition season has involved:

- two more members of our team moving to Nidderdale and all of our team going through lots of adjustment to new places and new ways of working, as well as still investing in preparing for new season projects to launch

- everything (from the public centre) in our storage unit in Leeds being emptied and moved to the Sanctuary’s new base in Nidderdale

- listening prayer about the exact dimensions and specifications of how our team’s new prayer space should be built, in which we felt strong leadings over shape, aspect, materials and – crucially – that the space was not to be publicly fundraised for, but truly and purely given by those who longed to see it raised.

- and so, in response... sacrificial giving and saving by our team – supported by a small invitation list of some of the Sanctuary’s closest pray-ers, long-term friends and family – to a private fund in order to build the new prayer space at our team’s new base, on private property owned by one of our team.
And to tell you that the ground for the space is ready and waiting to receive the building, thanks to the hard work of seven members of the same group.

So we’re especially thrilled to be able to report that to date 15 donors have given £11,045 towards the £12-13K our preferred contractors have estimated for the beautiful, bespoke wood and glass octagon they are going to construct for us... with two of these donors offering any long-term interest free-loan that ends up being required to cover the balance by final payment stage so work begin!
Pretty much our final act in this reporting period was getting in touch to confirm go-ahead with our chosen company…
And almost our first act in the next reporting period, which we’re starting as we write, is going to be a site visit with them to firm up final details and access arrangements on 8 April!
This also means we’re expecting:

• Our artists Barbara Macnish and Alison Helliwell-Hodson to begin working with our co-founders on discerning how to visually express the original vision received for the Sanctuary’s space in its new incarnation in early summer.

• The building to go up, and be painted (inside for worship, and outside for weather!) this summer.

• to be able to have a special, dedicated space of prayer after God’s design, and for the ongoing inspiration of everything we do, ready for our team’s use by this autumn.

• Can we have a whoop, even in an annual review?!
So, some big thank you’s to...

• **Our brilliant God** for too many things to list, but especially – this year – for so faithfully carrying the Sanctuary and its team through such huge changes, and for so often redeeming even the painful parts of transition to make ‘everything beautiful in its time’... and just, as always, for calling us onto this adventure and for leading us every single step of the way. It’s all for you!

• **Our team and closest community of pray-ers, friends and family** for their love, hard slog, generosity, encouragement, patience, perseverance and faithful, constant prayer.

• **Everyone – new and old – in our dispersed praying community** for praying with us day to day... and most especially those who so kindly sent in their feedback and testimonies for this review/

• **Everyone else at partner organisations we have worked with** for speaking encouragement, sharing our heart, re-publishing or re-promoting our messages or resources, and just generally journeying with us in what are, after all, kingdom, rather than Sanctuary, goals...
• **Our whole Management Group** for all their dedication, wisdom prayer work and wonderful digital worship leading of the prayer-rhythm, resource creation and creative outreach formation – plus a big thank you to **Kevin Macnish** for leading this group in our “going deeper” theological discussion sessions.

**And most especially this year, Fiona Schneider** as she steps down from leadership – but definitely not involvement! – in the Sanctuary, after seven years of serving on the Management Group:
  - initially as a representative for All Saints Church, Ilkley, when we were first using their building as our public centre
  - but very soon after, in her own right, as a trustee

We’re delighted we won’t have to ‘miss Fiona’ beyond this official role and her presence at termly Management Group meetings. And we wholeheartedly release her leadership time and focus to pioneer her own new project: **Bright Star**. Thank you for everything behind, and still to come, Fiona!
He has made everything beautiful in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11