

Kettle & Fish News – Jan 2015

Another year gets underway. *Kettle & Fish* is entering its tenth year. Some of the original 'movers & shakers' are still moving and shaking, and that's a great blessing – I pray that they may feel blessed themselves for what they have gained personally from their times in St Peter's, Thursday by Thursday. Those of us who joined the team a bit further down the line are eternally grateful to them, for their commitment and loyalty, to their dedication, to their faith in ensuring that the project continues to grow. We honestly believe that *Kettle & Fish* has a great deal to offer our town and especially all those who come to join us week by week.

Apart from the excellent refreshments, space to sit and move about in, we offer more discrete facilities – a tranquil environment, peace and quiet, opportunities to talk to our volunteers. But even more than that, we attempt to provide an atmosphere of prayer, of being able to draw close to God in a place where nobody judges you, where nobody interrupts you. There is our prayer tower near the font, with candles to light in memory of a dear one or to highlight what is deep in your heart, with cards to write a prayer on, which we honour by taking them to our next Prayer Breakfast where they will be read out and prayed for (if you want). Personally I just love being in *Kettle & Fish* with my Christian and non-Christian friends, but above all I feel so much closer to my heavenly Father, the God who means everything to me. My hope for 2015 would be that all of you who visit us would also feel that loving touch from the God who loves you more than you can ever know.

Malcolm

Our Resolution Prayers for Jan 2015

After celebrating Jesus' birth in December, to help compile your resolutions there are 'Prayer Prompts' etc on the 'white table'. Do take them. **We pray they will bless you in 2015**

When Mary and Joseph reached Bethlehem their world was in turmoil, both personally and internationally. The media reminds us constantly that life in the UK is just as uncertain. Let us ask earnestly **that our nation might once again be 'great' in its faith in the one true God.**

Pray regularly for our dear Queen – her strong faith equipped her to speak out so clearly of Jesus in her Christmas message. **Lord may we be as outspoken and sure of You, our Almighty God.**

Bombarded as we are by our politicians, let us bombard heaven on their behalf; that truth may prevail, that agendas might really be to the good of the country, that each individual will be honest before God and us and that each party will change its method and stance and stand upright before God the Creator of everything Good. **Please Lord!**

Let us pray that we may be clear-minded enough to read between the lines of the reports on our NHS, our Police, our Ambulance staff, etc. **Lord help us to know the difference between what is fact and what is truth and then stand up for it.**

Pray that this New Year leads each of us closer to the Real Truth – Jesus. May His Spirit touch every part of our lives; our loves; our work; our families and friends. **Will You, Lord, become truly Real in thought word and deed – to Your Glory.**

Eleanor