

## Dates for your Diary...

**Friday 10th July 7pm - 9pm**

Leeds Civic Hall, West Room - entrance on Portland Crescent

An evening to discuss the possibility of forming a new Leeds FGBMFI group and to examine this and other ways of bringing the Leeds church and the business community together. The night will also pray for Leeds including the business and financial community. Further dates in Leeds to be confirmed are **Fri 14th August** (Prayer) and **Fri 25th September** (Launch Dinner)

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**Saturday 22nd August and Saturday 26th September**

*FGBMFI music and outreach in Piece Hall, Halifax (located in town centre). Enjoy an afternoon (11am - 3pm) of music in this historic and wonderful venue - visit the shops, market, café and enjoy the sunshine!*

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**Thursday 1st October - Mon 5th October**

Visit to this area by Mike Rabbolini. Mike was raised as a Catholic, after leaving school he went into the surfing industry and proved successful at surfboard riding. Having neglected his faith, he found himself caught up in the drug culture that went with surfing in those days. In 1981 his life changed Mike was healed from drugs and his failed marriage restored. Mike will share his life's journey - of near bankruptcy and financial ruin and of the Christian faith that gave him the strength to carry on... Mike is at: FGBMFI Halifax on Thu 1st Oct; a **Regional Breakfast in Selby on Sat 3rd October**; in Hull on Mon 5th October - more info available soon or on [www.fgbmfi.co.uk](http://www.fgbmfi.co.uk)

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**Friday 9th - Sunday 11th October**

*FGBMFI National Conference in Telford*

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**Saturday 21st November**

FGBMFI Regional Training Day at Hollybush

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**National Convention - Fulfil Your Potential in Christ**

*With Rick and Kathy Gillis - 9th - 11th October  
Telford International Centre*

All are welcome - children and young people's facilities  
Book now via [www.fgbmfi.org.uk](http://www.fgbmfi.org.uk)

*Moving into Leeds -  
a letter from Regional Director Trevor Bendrien...*

At a National directors meeting a prophecy came that God would move in Liverpool, Llanethly, London and Leeds. When Leeds was mentioned I thought I should wait on God for leading of what actions should be taken. Liverpool started through the University, Llanethly was launched and a word came at the national men's advance to say that Leeds was on God's heart. While praying about the word I heard North South East and West. It dawned on me that 40 minutes drive to the North is Ripon, East is Selby, South is Sheffield and West is Halifax. I contacted the 4 chapters and they were all keen to work together. We waited for the next instruction from God.

A few weeks later I attended a business conference in the Civic Centre of Leeds and as I sat looking at the pictures of the past and present Lord Mayors, God said we were to hold a prayer meeting there - the place where the major decisions affecting the city were made. The Building was available one Friday so with just a weeks notice we called a prayer meeting. Over 20 attended from the Chapters around the area and as the men arrived in Leeds, God had prepared a welcome. One group didn't know where they were going, they asked a Taxi driver for directions, he asked what they were doing in the Civic hall on a Friday they told him they were Christians coming to pray for the city, he got them into the taxi and gave them a free ride to the door. Another group met a young man and asked directions, he was a Christian and walked with them to the door. At the prayer meeting, very direct instructions were received:



1 - We should hold a series of meal meetings focusing on people who have been declared bankrupt and whom God has restored. This was specifically to reach business men as at the moment their world is been shaken. These meetings were to be advertised in the local Yorkshire Forward magazine and other business magazines such as Chamber of Commerce etc.

2 - We should set a working committee representing the local Chapters which consisted of: Rodney Harmes from Ripon, Jim Dooler Selby, Wayne Liegh

Sheffield, Paul Blakey Halifax and Steven Badger Doncaster.

3 - At the meeting we had the ex Mayor of Ripon, who spent some time explaining what went on in the civic chambers and after praying into the city we felt led to meet with the Bishop of Leeds and Ripon Rt Rev John Packer as part of the strategy. (Rodney Harms has since met with the Bishop who was in favour of FGB and our aim to reach the business community and very much links in with the Bishop's vision. The Bishop is praying for us and offers his support. The Bishop has also initiated an appointment of chaplain for the Business Community so we hope to work with this person as and when they are appointed).

The meeting finished with a time of prayer for members and it became apparent that most of us had wives who were suffering physical attacks at the moment - we were able to pray specifically into those situations.

The following Sunday I was preaching in a church in Leeds and I found myself scrapping my planned sermon and talking about what had happened on the Friday night in the Civic Hall. After a while a lady from Aglow spoke and said they had been told to take Leeds from the North, South, East and West and at the moment have groups meeting in the East South and West with plans to open the North group in the next year. On Tuesday the same week we were running a barn dance for a youth outreach group in Leeds which draws from all the different churches and sends young people out on missions. I feel God is leading us to try to call some of these groups together and to hold another prayer meeting in the Civic Hall (planned for Friday 10th July at 7pm)

Meanwhile the Stokesly, Selby and Ripon chapters have had joint prayer meetings for the region and we hope to get other chapters to join together in this way in the future.

This is an exciting time for FGB and I hope you will get behind and pray as we move forward with this challenge God has given us!

*Trevor*

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If you are unable to attend please spend some time where you are praying for Leeds, the business and financial community, and for FGBMFI as we look launching a new group in this city...