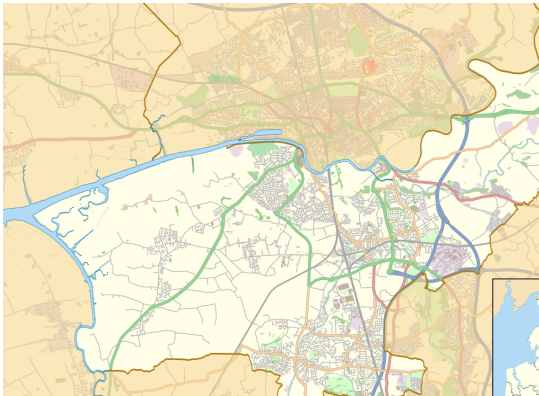




## New Day Church – A Summary



### Who we are

New Day Church (formerly Calvary Christian Fellowship) is based at the heart of South Ribble, a borough described in 2017 as the “best place in Britain to live” (based on ten metrics in a Channel 5 documentary). We are a family church with activities, ministries and services for people of all generations. In a significant period of growth for South Ribble, with many



new homes and businesses being developed as part of “City Deal”, we are taking active steps to adapt to the changes and needs all around us whilst remaining true to our historic Christian faith and values.



### Biblical

Our beliefs and practices are based on the Bible as God’s written Word, relevant to all. As an evangelical church (in a Biblical rather than a political sense), our core beliefs are encapsulated in our Statement of Faith. Jesus Christ’s divine incarnation, His life, teachings, ministry, miracles, substitutionary death, resurrection and promised return are central aspects of that foundational statement.

### Worship

We were all made to worship and whatever we worship can be recognised by the time we devote to it. Our worship of God our Father is centred on His Son, Jesus Christ, both in our public services and activities and also in private. We choose to style our worship services in ways that are informal, contemporary and relevant to the cultures of our day and our community. It is important to us to be real and to connect with people in both the joys and the sorrows of life. Authenticity is key.

We share communion together on at least one Sunday each month and on other occasions in large and small groups.

### Prayer

Prayer is integral to all we do as a freely given means of communication and relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We encourage all kinds of prayer: praise, intercession, thanksgiving, confession and for healing; spontaneous, written and led; in large meetings and small and in private. Nothing is achieved without prayer.



## Mission and Ministry

We believe that the church is called to serve and minister, not just to its own members but to the community beyond and ultimately to the whole world. We share, with all who will listen, the message of wholeness through Christ, forgiveness of sins and spiritual and physical wellbeing in this life and the next. We want people to know that each new day is an opportunity for a fresh start with Christ.

We recognise that Jesus came first to the poor and marginalised and His ministry was largely spent with ordinary people who were particularly responsive to Him. We seek to follow this example but also, as He did, take the Gospel to all people of all backgrounds including those in high positions of leadership and responsibility.



Locally, we run a weekly Foodbank delivery service to referred clients. We have also just opened a charity shop, New Day Homes and Hope, in Leyland, which will fund ministries for the homeless as well as taking the church to the high street, engaging with people outside of church and providing a neutral location for all kinds of group activities. e.g. parenting courses, money management, life skills, Alpha etc. There is a full list of our church's current ministries at the end of this document.

We share, in practical and relevant ways, both Christ's love and His teaching; these go hand in hand and are not mutually exclusive. We pursue new ventures with enthusiasm and faith whilst seeking to be wise so as to ensure that our ongoing support is sustainable over the longer term.

## International

Jesus commanded His followers to go to the whole world and this applies as much to us as to the first disciples. Therefore we value highly our international ministries. These have developed primarily on the basis of relationship, by supporting and sending out young people who have grown up in our church and trusting God's guidance in building new relationships of mutual support with others engaged in international mission. Much of our ministry supports children and young people and those most vulnerable in this world. See more details at the end of this document.



We recognise the special place in Scripture and in God's heart for the nation of Israel. The church did not replace Israel in Scripture and the Jewish people continue to play a key role in the future of the world and the prophetic fulfilment of God's purposes. We specifically choose to bless Israel as a key part of our international ministries, believing God's word that those who bless His people will in turn be blessed. In particular we seek to bless our Messianic Jewish brothers and sisters.

## Welcome and Belonging

We have always been a church of all generations and we welcome people of all backgrounds. We encourage people to join our small groups and ministry groups as places where they can belong in their journey towards faith in Christ. Belonging to our church family means that people can be involved with integrity in serving others in many practical ways as they move through stages of faith and belief towards God. We work to make our church “a safe place for a dangerous message”.



We do not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, age, gender or orientation in who can meet with us for worship and find a place of belonging in our church community. It is often said that we are all on a journey, and as a church that journey is all about becoming more like Christ, following His teaching and obeying His Word. This journey is for everyone who is willing to make it and it involves a willingness to change and be changed by the Gospel and the Holy Spirit in ways that are unique to each individual. Such changes involve a change of mind and heart, turning away from sin, commitment to Christ, being baptised in water, filled with the Spirit and seeking to live lives of holiness and good character.

We encourage people to a deeper level of commitment as church members and run membership courses to this end. Currently we have 88 members.

Leadership is open, by invitation, to those who are seen to be making this journey to spiritual maturity, whose vision and calling is being recognised and who are developing the relevant gifts to lead others.

## Vision

We aspire to be a church like a diamond with the characteristics of a diamond as described below:

### Diamond Vision

#### A Church like this:

- ❖ Multi-faceted ministries because every person matters to God
- ❖ Reflecting Christ's light to every face through every face
- ❖ Every face and facet embraces the cross
- ❖ People who are tough and resilient
- ❖ Activities with a cutting edge
- ❖ All shaped by God, the Master Craftsman



## Small Groups & Ministries

Jolly Tots (Wednesday toddler group)

Surf (5-11s club fortnightly Friday evening)

Youth (youth club fortnightly Friday evening)

Children's Holiday Club (week at Easter & Summer)

Men's activities (walking group-Thursday mornings, poss. snooker-occ. Sat evenings)

Foodbank (donations of food/ deliveries on Thursdays)

SALT (for older people, monthly Thursday lunch)

LAF (Ladies Afternoon Fellowship)

Mercy People (Community Choir for Justice)

Dance Class (Saturday evenings twice monthly)

New Dawn (supporting people with life-controlling issues)



and a range of Home Groups meeting for fellowship, Bible study, prayer etc.

## New Initiatives in planning:

Community teatime (bring and share food and get to know people in the community)

Weekly/Fortnightly cafe style drop-in (weekday morning)

## International Ministries

*Budget 2019/20: £14,000*

Fountain of Life Ministries, India [www.flmhope.org](http://www.flmhope.org)

Directors: Sundar & Sarah Pinninty [member of New Day Church]

Working with the Banjara tribe in central/south India.

Built and founded the Home of Hope, Bhongir, for orphaned children

Africa Greater Life Mission, Uganda (Pastor Joshua Magezi)

Kibuli Miracle Centre Church, Kampala and the Bulabakulu Children's Village, home for ~200 children and the widows who care for them.

World Horizons [www.worldhorizons.co.uk](http://www.worldhorizons.co.uk)

Name withheld – Japan, Steve & Mary Coates – Europe with a focus on Italy

[All are members of New Day Church]

Jennifer Hebson [member of New Day Church]

Youth Pastor, St George's Church, Barcelona

# Specific areas of controversy.

## Creation

As taught in Scripture and summarised in our Statement of Faith, we believe that God created the world and everything in it and gave us a responsibility to care for the environment. We recognise that Christians who have a high view of the inspiration of Scripture interpret the early chapters of Genesis in different ways. We choose not to be dogmatic over differing interpretations of the creation accounts about how God created the world, placing our emphasis on obeying His Word.

## Politics

As a charity, our purposes cannot be political, although engaging in some political activity in the pursuance of our aims may be legitimate. We recognise that our nation is seriously divided politically and the disagreements over e.g. Brexit, have become quite toxic, dividing churches, families and friends. We don't advocate any political party line. We recognise that people will have sharply different political views but believe that our unity is firstly and primarily **in Christ**.

We seek to maintain that unity despite our differences and welcome people of all political persuasions. However, much of what Christ taught did have a political dimension and we would always want to be fearless in speaking to people in power and communicating His message regardless of the left, right or centre-ground of politics.

## LGBT

We recognise and accept people who are same-sex attracted, and appreciate that this is not necessarily a matter of their own choosing. We acknowledge that many people today perceive themselves as being on a gender spectrum. We recognise that our government has legalised same-sex marriage and we respect the law whilst not being in agreement with it.

We believe that the Bible clearly teaches that marriage is ordained as the coming together, in mutual commitment, of a man and a woman and that God intends sexual relationships to be confined to this union. We believe in celibacy as an honourable and holy way of life for those who are not married in accordance with Biblical teaching.

LGBT people are welcome to be part of our church as freely as anyone else and we accept that they may hold views at variance with these, especially if they are married. However, as part of our church community, we would expect them to respect our beliefs and not seek to undermine them. All who hold positions of leadership will both respect and live according to Biblical teaching on these matters.

## In Conclusion

With respect to these and other possible areas of disagreement, we prefer to focus our attention on maintaining the unity of the Spirit, as commanded in Scripture, prioritising those areas where we can readily agree. We place the focus of our attention on the restoration of damaged relationships through Christ:- our relationship with Father God, our relationships with one another and our relationship with the environment, all of which were broken by man's sin at the Fall. We do all this by bringing Christ to a lost world, helping people address sin and find faith, hope and purpose in God so that together we play our part in ushering in the Kingdom of God.

Our **Statement of Faith** is foundational for our church. It lists those fundamental Christian beliefs of New Day Church which the Elders and Trustees are particularly and legally responsible for upholding, as referred to in our CIO foundational documents. It is consistent with the beliefs of most evangelical Christian churches in the UK and worldwide. We have a more “user-friendly” version of this statement written in less theological language.

## Statement of Faith

We believe in:

1. The full inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, their authority and sufficiency as not only containing but being in themselves, the word of God; the reliability of the New Testament in its testimony to the character and authorship of the Old Testament and the need of the teaching of the Holy Spirit to a true and spiritual understanding of the whole.
2. The unity of the Godhead and the divine co-equality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; the sovereignty of God in creation, providence and redemption.
3. The total depravity of human nature in consequence of the Fall, and the necessity for regeneration.
4. The true and proper Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His virgin birth, His real and perfect manhood; the authority of His teaching, and the infallibility of all His utterances; His work of atonement for sinners of mankind by His substitutionary sufferings and death; His bodily resurrection and His ascension into Heaven; and His present priestly intercession for His people at the right hand of the Father.
5. The justification of the sinner solely by faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
6. The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration, conversion, and sanctification; also in ministry and in worship.
7. The Universal Church, the body of which Christ is the Head, embracing all the redeemed, called by God through the gospel, born of the Spirit and justified by faith; the local Church comprising such believers as the expression of the Universal Church; and fellowship between such Churches, manifesting the unity of the body of Christ.
8. The ordinances of Believers' Baptism and the Lord's Supper as being instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, but not in baptism as conveying regeneration grace, nor in the Lord's Supper as being a sacrifice for sin nor involving any change in the substance of the bread and wine.
9. The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory.
10. The resurrection of the body; the judgement of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.