



# New Life Community Church

## July/August 2013 Newsletter

Welcome to New Life Community Church; we trust you will feel at home with us. Our Sunday Service starts at 10.30am with Young Church from about 11:15am. The first Sunday in the month is normally the Family Service.

Dear Family,

In this month's news letter from CARE, Lyndon Bowering shares some of the issues and perspectives he discussed with the new Archbishop of England, Justin Welby.

'If Wilberforce and the great evangelical reformers of the nineteenth century were to have a glimpse of London and Britain today, they would be forgiven for thinking that compared to conditions of their day, this was paradise! Our living environment, and the state provision and the things we sometimes take for granted, would astonish them. Streets well paved and well lit, food is wholesome and drinking water is safe. In today's Britain we have free education up to the age of eighteen, strict working conditions, pensions for older people, benefits for the most needy, local council housing, sanitation and clean water in every home, humane treatment of prisoners, a national police force and health service, and a wealth of other provisions!'

How easy it is to forget what has changed for good in our nation. The temptation at both a personal and national level is to focus on what we do not have or what is currently wrong with things as they now stand. This can lead us to having a very negative perspective about life.

One 'cure' for this and something I have again been personally challenged on, is the aspect of thanksgiving. Derek Prince, a respected Bible teacher, said this (when speaking about the victory of the cross) 'the more you thank God, the more you will believe what He has done for you. And the more you believe, the more you will want to thank Him. These two - believing and thanking, thanking and believing, are like a spiral staircase that will take you continually higher into the fullness of God's provision'.