

# For such a time as this

Investing in the future of Scargill



**Scargill Movement**

Lives shared, lives transformed

# A very warm welcome to 'For such a time as this.'

Di and I have now been here ten years and it's been an amazing adventure. At times it has been difficult, left us awake at night - when the phrase 'hold your nerve' has kept us going - to truly unexpected experiences of grace and generosity that have filled us with wonder and praise. There have been plenty of laughter and tears, and a deep growing of the values of community during this time.



**Phil Stone**

I am reminded of those words in Ephesians Chapter 3 from Paul's wonderful prayer: 'Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we ask or imagine.' Through all the challenges, highs and lows, this verse has so clearly been the narrative.

We are so grateful to our gracious God, who has resurrected the life of Scargill to be a community of generous hospitality and a resource to bring renewal and hope to the church in the North.

The renewing of many of the buildings has been key to enable this ministry to grow. We can only look back with gratitude to people's generosity that has enabled us to improve guest experience through the buildings and the estate. It is wonderful isn't it, that we have a restored Three Peaks and, throughout the house, there are new beds and pillows with stuff in them! A Biomass boiler (called Baldwin because he is a friend in many ways) a Chapel lift (called Lazarus - obviously!), and a resurrected Walled Garden, which fills us with wonder and hope, just to mention some of the significant changes.

The adventure continues and, as you read on, we pray and hope that you will get caught up with the vision that we believe that God has given us to redevelop some of our buildings so that the ministry of Scargill can continue to flourish in the years to come.

Thank you so much for your love, support and encouragement since Scargill was resurrected and we look forward to your continued support as we step out again.  
With love and prayers,

*Phil*

A large, leafless tree stands prominently in the center of a grassy field. In the background, several people are walking along a path. The sky is clear and blue.

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# Thanks to one and all

From Jacquie Dorling

When I joined the Scargill Community with my husband Philip and our two children in October 2019, I agreed to take on the role of Fundraising here after Paul leaves this year. So, right at the start of this document, I would like to thank all of you who have supported Scargill up until now. We value your ongoing prayers for the ministry of Scargill, recognizing that this is God's work.



**Jacquie & Philip Dorling**

So many of you have given time and energy to help the work here, as friends, working friends and companions. You have been a vital part of the Scargill family, and without your generosity and effort, this would be a very different place. Many of you have also given financially, in the form of regular giving and one-off donations, and we are extremely grateful to you for your contribution to the development of Scargill and for making our mission and vision possible. Thank you also to those of you who have made a will through the Free Wills Scheme. We will be running this again in 2020, in March, April and May. If you would like to know more about this scheme, or indeed, if you know of anyone who would be interested in supporting Scargill, please do email me: [jacquie.dorling@scargillmovement.org](mailto:jacquie.dorling@scargillmovement.org)

I would like to say that my first impressions of Scargill have been extremely positive. From my first encounter with this place just over a year ago, I have become convinced that our mission here is to build the Kingdom of God. When we were trying to discern whether we were called to join community, one of our friends (who knows Scargill) told us that he thought it was a bit like 'heaven'! That really did stick with me, and this image has helped me when it comes to fundraising, because there is nothing more important than building the Kingdom. I am looking forward to getting to know you all in the coming years, and to being part of the exciting story of this place.

# In summary...

The essence of Scargill could be captured by distilling many ingredients, but perhaps the single most important one is 'generous hospitality'. When people experience hospitality, they feel relaxed and at home. They are then open to what God wants to do for them and in their lives. It gives space for God to work!

Different parts of Scargill affect people at different times: an appropriate programme event, or prayer; beautiful surroundings and good food; clean beds and a loving Community; space 'to just be' with the option of a variety of activities. All these contribute to the whole ministry and are founded upon the three themes of Quality, Simplicity and Beauty. But the essence is still summed up by 'generous hospitality', and the space that this gives God. This is no different with the Development Plan: we don't want to get in the way of what God might be doing.

This leaflet describes where we are at the moment: 'for such a time as this'. It gives:

- Our thanks to God and his people for what has already been achieved
- An outline of the vision
- How that vision has come to pass in the last ten years
- How we think it will be worked out as we go into the future
- What the next phase of work will be in more detail
- What you, as our friends, need to know about what we are doing so that you can appropriately pray for and support us.

This next phase is a part of the 'new' planning permission. It has been a while in coming for a number of reasons, but we are thrilled that this building work will take place in Spring 2021. Maybe you feel called to be a part of this new venture, and that you can support it too. This leaflet invites you to do just that, if this is the right time for you.

In the words of some of our recent guests: 'We want you all to know that Scargill has sustained us and our ministry since the reopening. The effect of your ministry is undoubtable in our lives and unmeasurable in terms of all of the thousands of lives touched by all that you do and are. You support, encourage, inspire and delight us. Thank you Lord for your people at Scargill!'

# How can I help?

Hearing about the next building phase at Scargill leaves many of us with the question: 'What can I do to help?' In a sense, the answer depends upon who we are, how we feel we should give our support, to whom, and to what extent. But it also depends upon the needs of Scargill. You are our friends and supporters, and it's important that you should know that the estimate for the work in Phase 7 is £1.5 million.

We already have £440k in the Project Development Fund, which is nearly a third of the total. We would anticipate receiving from our friends' existing regular giving about £200k each year. So, this leaves about an additional £660k that we need to find by the end of 2021. Clearly, with the phrase 'at such a time as this...' in mind, we are looking for God to touch the hearts of his people, and for the generosity that we have known so often in the past, to be seen again. We are hoping that this might come about in many different ways.

## Regular giving

This is so important to us, as the figure for regular giving already mentioned, clearly shows. It is also very important, because it means that people are 'connected' to the ministry at Scargill: in a very real sense it is as much **their work** as anyone else's. They support by their presence, prayers and money. We often say that if people give £1 per day (less than half of a cup of coffee or half the price of a quality newspaper), that is £30 per month, £360 per year. Two thousand people doing that gives us £0.75 million per year! This can be a sign of their ongoing concern and involvement. For some, of course, that is far too much; for others it might be too little. We ask God to touch people's hearts, as he will. Perhaps if you do not already support Scargill in this way, you might consider it.

## One-off gifts

Many of our friends and supporters are able to save for a 'rainy day'. In fact, I had someone the other day say to me that Scargill had not asked for money for ages! Well, Phase 7 is that rainy day! If you have been blessed with a deposit that you are waiting for the right moment to use, then this could be it. One-off gifts, whether they are large or small, whether they represent a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary or just saving for a 'rainy day', all these are most welcome and help us to achieve our aim.

## The giving of people who are blessed by abundance

Some people have been so blessed by the amount that they have that giving it away can be a large part of what they do. If that is you, or you know people like that, then the extra support given is very helpful to us. Do let us know.

## Free Wills

We are members of the National Free Wills Network (NFWN). Many of you know this, not least because you have already availed yourself of it! The scheme works like this. People decide that they want to make a will and so speak to us; we notify NFWN of their contact details; NFWN send the information about six local participating solicitors to them; the person makes an appointment with the solicitor they decide on; they have a face to face interview with them and make their will (of course, they need to have decided who will be their executor, as well as knowing what they want to do with their estate); they receive a draft from the solicitor, and once they have approved that, they can arrange to sign it.

This method has so many advantages over postal and internet wills, not least because of the personal approach that comes with it. We meet all the solicitor's expenses, so the person making the will has no costs at all. If they leave a legacy to Scargill, they know that it will make a difference. It will enable the next generation to meet God as they have done, and it costs them nothing now. The person knows that they have done something – written their will – that we all know that we should do! The value of legacies, although to us they are a medium to long term method of fundraising, cannot be overestimated. This free will scheme will operate in March, April and May 2020. As long as we have referred you in that period, (you do not have to complete your will by then) you will be part of the scheme.

## Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer and pay sufficient tax to cover the amount that we reclaim from the Revenue on your gift, this costs you nothing. If you are not a part of Gift Aid, and are able to participate, let us know, and we can talk to you more fully. Again, it costs you nothing, but increases the value of your gift to us.

## Other areas

Recycling inkjet printer cartridges helps both our stewardship of the planet and raises money for Scargill. Contact us if you want to know more about this.

## The Spirituality of Fundraising

Behind all this, we are indebted to the thoughts of Henri Nouwen. He says that fundraising is not about manipulation and making people feel 'obliged'; rather it is about 'a casting of a vision of the Kingdom of God' and inviting people to consider whether they feel God is asking them to be involved. That makes so much more sense! If a person feels that this resonates with how they can build the Kingdom, then they might be involved. If that is not the case, then they can walk away with no difficult feelings. This seems to have so much more integrity than some other approaches that we are aware of.

# *The story so far*

My old school song (too many years ago to remember accurately) had some lines in it about the school not being about buildings 'hoary', but rather about the lives of the pupils themselves. In so many ways that has echoes with Scargill. The story of the last ten years could focus on the different phases of building that have been accomplished (and we will briefly remind you of that later on) but it is the stories of 'lives transformed' that we are really about! It is that 'generous hospitality' that leads to people being relaxed and open to what God wants to do in their lives. And then the transforming grace of God that brings about real change.

Of course, there are many stories that we do not know, and many difficulties that people have experienced that are too great to mention now. But there are also encouragements to share along the way that we can all rejoice in. One working friend stopped for a coffee in Skipton, and got into conversation with the person there about where he was going. When the coffee seller realised that this person was coming to Scargill, he commented: 'I see many people going there and then coming back - and they are always different when they come back!' It was a real 'wow' moment. The comment was unbidden, and was made by someone totally outside, who indeed may not make any claims to faith, but he saw that there was a work of positive change in people's lives!

That theme of transformation is common. Many families with a variety of personal circumstances come through our doors: some full of joy, others in a very difficult place, perhaps all too aware of the pain of one loss or another. One family tell us of the 'homecoming' they sense when they come to Scargill. Perhaps it's the welcome, but that sense of belonging doesn't depend upon status, but all on God's grace. Then there is the work of healing: tears that are changed into joy. The human pathway, as we all know, can be hard at times, a road of real sorrow. We have accompanied many on that pathway and, for them, meeting God at Scargill has been quite pivotal in knowing his healing and restoring power in their lives. That is not just the case for guests, but also for many a working friend and Community member too.

God's work is never unsurprising, and no one on Community is ever left unchanged by God's presence in their lives. The stories are manifold; but seeing the change, the confidence, the purpose and the hope in people's lives is a real privilege. We often reflect, that what makes the difference between Community and staff, is the way there is a concern about Jesus being more formed in a person's life when they leave, compared to when they arrived.



Perhaps the words of one recent guest sum up so much of what has happened: 'It's absolutely b\*\*\* brilliant!' Whatever language one chooses to use (!), it's the celebration of God's grace, the sitting back and watching him work, which is so awe inspiring. And that is what the Lord has called us all to be a part of.

And then, there are the buildings. Quality, Simplicity and Beauty are the watchwords on which we base all our work. So, whether it is the achievements of the foundation stage (which included fire alarms and electrics), or the en suite rooms built in the Cragdale wing, or the environmentally friendly biomass boiler, or the chapel approach lift, or the rooms for Community and showers and flush loos for campers in Pent, or the refurbishment of Three Peaks, all these have as their foundation a sense of building for God's glory, and making Scargill more of the place where people can meet with God.



# The Vision

Scargill's strapline or motto is 'lives shared, lives transformed' with Christ in the centre. We also speak of a 'generous hospitality', which is such a central part of what we are about. It means that people 'feel at home', and that so often gives the opening for God to work for and in them.

There are common themes in the vision, but they all come down to that meeting with God. When I was younger, I saw this in terms of something that was so scary. Now that I am older, I realise that, whilst the Holy Spirit can be likened to a honking goose (and you would certainly know about it if one of them flew through your kitchen), there is a gentleness and appropriateness in the way that God meets with us. He loves us so much, and wants us to be like him, and that is what we want so much to make possible.

Many of us have been involved in church building projects, and we know (sometimes to our cost) how that can be damaging for God's people, as our attention gets shifted to the buildings rather than the people. **We want to be about building the church people, before we build the church buildings.** The building project is merely a means to an end: it is there so that we are able to meet with God and be transformed by him.



# Why? How? What? Where? When? Who?

If you have ever spent some time with a four year old, you will know just how full of questions they can be. Well, hopefully here we can answer some of the questions of your "inner four year old"!! ...

## Why...?

Our buildings hold the space in which Scargill as a community carries out its ministry to those who come through our doors. There is much that works well with the buildings at Scargill, things that we would want to keep or perhaps improve upon. However, there are some significant shortcomings, in design and construction, with some of our buildings that will need fundamental solutions. We want to plan the development of the buildings, so Scargill can continue to be fruitful for the next 60 years.

The main objectives of our long term development plans are:

- Step-free access to all public meeting spaces and the majority of bedrooms
- Increased number of en suite bedrooms
- More disabled accessible bedrooms
- A multi-purpose area combining accommodation with its own meeting rooms that can be used for youth / school groups as well as families and adults
- A larger and more comfortable dining space
- Relocated kitchen with upgraded equipment
- Improved meeting rooms and other gathering spaces
- Improved entrance and reception area together with a staircase you can actually find!
- Better and more flexible community accommodation
- More car parking space

## How...?

The overall philosophy of the scheme is to use the existing footprint of the complex of buildings and to improve and integrate these into a cohesive whole, whilst addressing the identified shortcomings. This will involve the selective demolition and re-building of certain parts of the building and major change and renovation to other areas.

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## *Why? How? What? Where? When? Who? (continued)*

One of the key values we want to maintain is for all our guests, working friends and community to be able to pray and worship together and to eat together. The overall scale of the scheme has been centred around the size and capacity of the chapel, and all the other elements of the building have been designed to match and balance with this scale.

We have divided the development into five phases of work over the next 15 years or so. These continue on from the phases already completed and so start with Phase 7:

- Phase 7 - This phase is described in detail in the next section below.
- Phase 8 - Three Peaks demolition and re-building - this includes a main step-free floor with en suite and disabled accessible bedrooms, new working friend bedrooms, new extended set of meeting rooms and level courtyard garden.
- Phase 9 - Aysgarth demolition and re-building - this includes new kitchen in Lower Aysgarth, new centralised office area in Upper Aysgarth, covering over the middle courtyard and installing a second main passenger lift which will access four levels.
- Phase 10 - Dining Room demolition and re-building - this includes a new entrance, re-modelling the Sun Lounge and a new staircase up to the Old House bedrooms. There will also be new bedrooms in Old House that are currently office spaces.
- Phase 11 - "The Morph" Community Accommodation block - this will replace the existing Pent, Pentex and Jubilee accommodation. It will provide more accommodation but based in smaller "family" style units of 4 to 6 bedrooms. These will be very flexible in how they can be used and are suitable for single folks, couples and small families.

### **What...? Where...? When...?**

We are working on the detailed designs for our next block of work, Phase 7. We are hoping to include 5 main elements of work in this phase:

- i. Marsh Lounge refurbishment - this includes removing the wooden columns, opening out the back wall with a sliding partition, new windows and a new zinc roof covering. In future, you'll have to go outside to experience the joys of Yorkshire rain!
- ii. New community house - with the increasing numbers of guests visiting Scargill, the community needs to be bigger than the existing community accommodation allows. The major re-development of community accommodation is phase 11, so in the meantime, we are looking to build an additional community house to give us some additional capacity and flexibility.
- iii. Woodland car park - this will ease the pressure on the existing guest and community car parks.

- iv. New sewage treatment system - some of our existing system is over 60 years old, and the main part is coming up to 30 years old. We are looking to install a single modern system serving the main house and all the community accommodation. The system is located where the woodland car park is being built, so it makes sense to replace it at the same time.
- v. Barn workshop extension and refurbishment - this is in preparation of the demolition of the existing Three Peaks workshop in phase 8.

We will be starting Phase 7 in Spring 2021. The cost estimates from our Quantity Surveyor for this work is about £1.5 million.

### **Who...?**

In the words of the response we make to our Community Pathway Promises, "With God's help and with the encouragement and guidance of the brothers and sisters who share this pathway..." We are so thankful to God for His help on this pathway so far, and we trust in His goodness and faithfulness, as we look to the pathway ahead. We are equally grateful to you, our brothers and sisters, for walking this pathway with us and for the generosity of your prayers, finance and time to help us get to where we are now. We look forward to continuing with you on this exciting pathway, as we embark upon this new adventure together.



**How the Marsh Lounge will look with the wooden pillars removed.**

# Ten years after...

From our chair of Trustees, Bishop Chris Edmondson

As some of you - of a certain age! - may remember, this is the name of a British blues rock band - still going today - but originally formed in the mid 1960's. They were particularly popular between 1968 and 1973, the era when both at school and university, yours truly was also playing in rock bands! For those of you who've never heard of 'Ten years after', or have never been into this kind of music, it's struck me that 'ten years after' Scargill's 'resurrection', three of the band's best known tracks speak of some of the ways it has impacted the lives of those who've come through our doors.



## **'I'm going home.'**

As well as being home to our ever-changing and wonderful resident international community, many guests speak of Scargill either as being their second home, or of it being a place where they've 'come home' to God for the first time, or in this welcoming space, been able to 'come back home' to Him.

## **'Hear me calling.'**

For some who've come over the cattle grid, feeling desperate or at their wits end, Scargill has provided a safe place to be real, to cry out and begin a journey of healing and restoration. For others, whether community, working friends or guests, it's been a place where a fresh and often surprising call to serve the Lord, has been heard and responded to.

## **'I'd love to change the world.'**

'Come on Chris', some of you may be thinking; Scargill is certainly making an impact these days, but...changing the world? Isn't that a bit OTT?! Let me put it another way by asking the question: 'How does the kingdom of God advance?' To which I think the answer is 'one life at a time'. I believe that through the changed lives of individuals, and the - albeit imperfect- modelling of community in an increasingly fragmented and fractious world, Scargill stands as a beacon of hope, and potential change in our world.

## Ten years after...

All of the above of course, wouldn't have been possible, without the grace and goodness of God, along with the prayers and immense generosity, financially and in many other ways, of those of you reading this. From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much!

And now, as you will have read - unless you're a 'turn to the back page first' person! - we need to go again with 'Phase Seven.' Not developing our buildings for the sake of it, but in order that we are fit for purpose in every sense: enabling even more people to come and be 'at home', 'hear God calling', and be part of His plan, begun with Jesus to 'change the world'.

Thank you, in anticipation, for continuing to stand with us, and we look forward to seeing, once again, how God will provide...for such a time as this!



Sharing communion on a 'Band of Brothers' weekend.

# Our Identity and Values

## Identity

- We are a Christian movement with its home in the Yorkshire Dales where an intentional community representing many nationalities and Christian traditions is committed to a common rule of life and service.
- We believe that lives are transformed by the love and joy of God that is found in Jesus Christ. We are willing to be caught up in the ingenious creativity and adventurous life of the Holy Spirit.

## Values

- Being a resident community with Jesus at the heart in which prayer, eating together and chewing over the Bible are integral to our daily rhythm. We offer time and space for individuals and groups to encounter God and each other in a homely, peaceful and cherishing setting where God may be heard.
- Holding a safe and open space through sharing lives based on generous hospitality and welcome to all. Following the example of Jesus, we seek to encourage individuals and groups, including those who feel marginalised within society and the church.
- Helping guests and Community to gain and be enriched by a vision for Community where creativity, vulnerability and laughter are embraced in an individualistic world.
- Being a place of resourcing, training and equipping for guests and Community members alike. We seek to send our guests back with new vision and purpose. For Community members we provide a rich and broad apprenticeship style training for Christian mission and service.
- Entrusted with a beautiful part of the environment, we aspire to be responsible stewards of God's creation. We provide thought provoking programmes and outdoor activities for all ages with scope for creativity and personal development.
- Quality, Simplicity and Beauty are gospel values. They reflect how we aspire to care for our buildings and capture the essence of our life together as a Community.

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