First Wednesday Worship

It was 2007, our son and daughters were now grown up and I wasn't as busy with family life, so I asked the Lord what He would like me to do.



Well, I got an immediate answer:
I would like you to set up an Altar. It was to be Ecumenical and take place at the Methodist Church in West Hallam. It was to be called First Wednesday Worship. An easy title and reminder that the First Wednesday each month was to be set apart to concentrate on the things of God.

My first thought was to find out what an Altar would mean for today. It was literally a meeting place, set apart specifically to spend time in worship and praise to God.

Then I thought, you must have the wrong person Lord, I can't have heard right, I haven't been to Bible College, I just haven't got the qualifications to be leading any sort of meeting. So that was it as far as I was concerned...I carried on attending Holy Trinity and the Methodist Church as usual.

Occasionally I got a reminder "I want you to set up an Altar" and then I thought maybe God had someone else in mind, but no, over the months and next 3 years, I was beginning to get instructions on the next step.

I was to go to the Methodist Minister Dick Styles and tell him the request I had from the Lord, and then I was to ask the same of the Anglican Minister Rev Simon White. Well, that was the scariest part. I was a nobody in my opinion, yet I was to approach Ministers in the local churches and tell them what the Lord had asked me to do.
I would have liked to have done what Jonah did in the Bible and got on a cruise ship and hidden somewhere out of God's sight.

By 2010 the request was constantly on my mind, the moment I woke up, the last thing I thought about before I dropped off to sleep. I could not get it out of my mind. In August that year I went to see Dick. Well, surprise, surprise, he wanted it to start in September. I then approached Rev Simon White, and it was a Yes from Simon too.



So, the first meeting was held in September 2010 and still takes place on the First Wednesday of each month. Our leaders are from different churches and we meet twice a month for prayer and planning. We have songs, old and new, bible readings and testimonies.

It’s all about developing our relationship with Jesus....