

connexity (n.) *connectedness, unity*

Psalm 133:1,3

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! ... For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life for evermore.

2 Chronicles 7:14

... if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

John 13:34-35

'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

John 17:22-23

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Ephesians 4:3

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Romans 12:2

... be transformed by the renewing of your mind.



Tim Harrold

Tim came to faith in Jesus Christ in 1987 and was baptised at Grays AOG Pentecostal Church (GPC).

An Expressive Arts graduate, he taught art in further and secondary education for 5 years, working with students of all ages and abilities, including special needs.

Tim led the Thurrock Technical College Christian Union in 1988-89, represented GPC at the Thurrock CARE Core Group, and in 1990 became Youth Ministries Co-ordinator there. He led the youth work until 2000, during which time he took the church youth group to summer camps and numerous other events. He developed a team and was a frequent assembly taker and CU speaker in local schools.

Between 1997 and 2000, Tim established and ran the monthly multimedia youth service, "x*plode".



He then took a similar role at Thurrock Christian Fellowship (TCF) for 4 years. While there, he introduced the concept of 24-7 Prayer to the TCF and the borough. In 2002, he co-founded and facilitated Grays Leaders' Prayer,

which continues to this day (now Thurrock Leaders' Prayer).

In 2004 Tim left youth work and began working towards the establishment of a cross-denominational 24-7 Prayer Boiler Room. He helped set up the local Bar'N'Bus outreach to young people on Thurrock's streets at night. He remained Thurrock Bar'N'Bus Teams' Co-ordinator until 2010.

He also facilitated 24-7 Prayer weeks across the denominations throughout the borough: in 2005 Tim oversaw The Turn Of The Tide '24-28' from the Estuary to the Source of the Thames, involving some 25 prayer creative prayer rooms.

In 2007 Tim helped to found the Stanford Boiler Room. That same year, he also set up the Grays Community Prayer House, and the vision for Transformation Thurrock began to become a reality.

Tim is an itinerant speaker around the borough and beyond and is also an exhibiting artist, leading creative workshops with his wife Vera. They have 3 grown up sons.

Transformation Thurrock

The name Transformation Thurrock (TT) was conceived from the Transformations videos of the early 2000s, highlighting communities around the world where God was blessing people groups and their lands as the result of united prayer.

At 24-7 Prayer weeks at that time there was often a 'Transformation Thurrock' room containing local themes.

From these factors came the vision for a cross-denominational, relationally connecting network facilitating and resourcing united prayer and united mission.

The vision for TT was made public by founder Tim Harrold in March 2008. A logo was designed and the website was launched in July of that year, and a Community Account set up.

The website exists to celebrate and promote united events and projects facilitated by TT or the local church, and to tell the stories of what God is doing in the community.

Here are just some of the major events and projects TT has facilitated or partnered in are:

- Youth and Schools - GSUS Live 2008/12; The After Party feat. LZ7 2012
- Equipping and Training - Firestarters 2015/16
- Outreach and Mission - Rock Thurrock 2011; Firestarters market stall (started 2015)
- Events - Thurrock Pentecost 2015/16/17
- Prayer - Thurrock Leaders Prayer (started 2002); Thurrock Watchmen 2017
- Community - Thurrock Faith Action Audit 2014-15; Faith Organisations Survey 2017
- Regional and National Activities - Thames Gateway Prayernet 2008 to now; Global Day of Prayer 2010/11; More Than Gold Olympics prayer 2011-12

In late 2016, TT became a charity. A body of Trustees were appointed. Tim Harrold has the freelance role of Creative Consultant, commissioned to continue the day-to-day work of creating unity and taking on specific projects along the way.

This reflects the changing dynamics of church life in Thurrock. God is doing a new thing. The Declaration of Unity made by 20 leaders of the Church of Thurrock at Thurrock Pentecost on 14 May 2016 is testament to that.

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What's the vision?

- to glorify God through unity across the Christian Faith Community
- to facilitate and resource joint prayer and worship, inter-church mission and training, and other activities that are open to all across the borough-wide church
- to network across denominations and cultures represented in the borough's Christian Faith Community
- to provide opportunities for those in church leadership to connect, befriend and build relationships with each other
- to build up the body as a whole from the grassroots up
- to establish new groups of followers of Jesus in new places around the borough
- to promote and be involved with social justice, social enterprise and change agencies from within and without the local church
- to create and support opportunities for outreach and evangelism
- to develop friendships with other faith groups and encourage community cohesion
- to love, bless and be speakers of life to our wonderful borough of Thurrock

Facilitating and Resourcing
United Prayer
and United Mission
across the Church of Thurrock



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