FRONTIER CHURCH
Liverpool

VISION · QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Every street. Every story. One family.

A pioneering church for Liverpool, the North & the Nations.



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Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.

ISAIAH 54:2-3 · ESV

Strong bases.
Long ropes.
One family.

We can do far more together than we can apart.

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01 — WELCOME

Questions & answers.

We believe God is calling us to plant a new church in the heart of Liverpool. As that call takes shape, people have been asking good questions, so we've tried to put some answers in one place.

This booklet is for everyone who might want to be part of the story: our Relational Mission family, churches and individuals who might partner and stand with us, and anyone wondering whether God might be calling them to join us in the adventure.

Some things we are clear on. Other aspects we are stepping into in faith. Where plans could change, we've tried to say so.



STILL HAVE A QUESTION?

If you have a question we haven't answered, we'd love to hear from you.

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Gordon & Natalie



02 — WHO WE ARE

fron•tier

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The leading edge of something new & full of possibility.

A frontier is only reached by stepping out in faith. For us, the word speaks of adventure, courage & momentum, and of a God who calls His people & leads them into new places. It also echoes our spiritual heritage from the Newfrontiers movement.

The arrows in our mark point north-west: a direction of travel & calling, & to the North West, the region we're called to.

Why Liverpool?

OUR VISION

Frontier: Making Jesus known across Liverpool, the North & the Nations

OUR MISSION

Establishing vibrant, Spirit-filled church communities that bring good news to the diverse people & places of Liverpool & Merseyside, making disciples, & pioneering new churches regionally & globally.

A city of a million stories.

Around half a million people live in the city and a million and a half across Merseyside, from lifelong locals to students and refugees from a multitude of nations. Young and old, from every background: a vast mission field.



"Liverpool – Threshold to the ends of the earth." MICHAEL O'MAHONEY, 1931

For generations, the world has passed through Liverpool.
Millions set sail from its docks for new lives across the oceans.
Today, from the River Mersey to John Lennon Airport, Liverpool remains a gateway to the world. We believe it can be a threshold through which the good news of Jesus is sent to the ends of the earth.

What we sense God saying.

During the summer of 2026, Gordon & Natalie felt God clearly calling them from Kent to the North West. They believe they are being sent with the blessing of the Relational Mission churches in Kent, with a part to play across the North and, in time, the Nations.

Isaiah 54 has become a key word for us: enlarge the tent, lengthen the cords, strengthen the stakes (the tent pegs). Strong bases, long ropes. Our stakes are driven deep in the churches that send us; our cords are the relationships that hold us. With both in place, we can stretch the tent as far as God leads.

THE DREAM

A church like Antioch: deeply rooted in its own city, and one day sending people out to serve the North & the Nations.

What Jesus has started in Liverpool.

Our first household is already there: Tim & Emma answered God's call to love and serve the people and district of Kensington.

We believe Kensington is a strategic place. Residential yet minutes from the city centre, it sits at the heart of a ring of distinct neighbourhoods, a natural crossroads for the wider city.

Early prophetic encouragements.

Some of the words and pictures God has given along the way. We hold them lightly, with open hands, weigh them together and let them stir our faith.

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A bow stretched along the south coast, from Kent to Hampshire, being drawn back towards the North. As the string is pulled across the nation, churches are planted, and the arrows are released into Europe and the nations.

First received by Terry Virgo in the early 1980s. Shared again by Terry at Gordon’s final Shepherd training on 13 June 2026, just as conversations about moving to Liverpool were beginning.

— TERRY VIRGO · EARLY 1980S



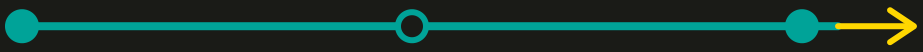
“I was in tears as Terry spoke. I knew God was dealing with me.”

— GORDON

Over 40 years on, the same picture is spoken again… →

Your territory is bigger.

Adrian Horner, a dear friend and trusted prophetic voice across Relational Mission and Newfrontiers, shared this with Gordon & Natalie on 10 September 2026.



WIDER THAN KENT

"It's much wider than Kent… not just being a local pastor, but **a local pastor with an international reach**. It's both, and somehow you'll need grace to live in that tension. You need a team, really, because I'm not going to be here all the time. I need **a team with freedom and autonomy to get on and do things**. I'm going to be in this nation, church planting, and **I see you moving up the country**."

NORTH, NORTH

"North — I don't just mean North London, but **north, North**. I just feel like God is giving you a call for wider, further up the country, up the UK… Is God going to give you **strategy for something up there**? I just feel like your territory is a bigger thing. It's a much bigger thing."

PLANTING ACROSS THE UK

"Gordon, I think there's **a call on you for the UK**. Don't get boxed in. Maybe there are stages; it doesn't all happen at once. What if God is wanting to fire your arrow across the UK, with churches planted — almost like **a church-planting school**?… I feel like He's wanting to give you **blueprints for church plants**… Gordon-shaped church plants… There'd be a mark in each one… What if you **write a curriculum for church planting**, with your flavour? God's given you that call to **write a book on church planting**, or a training manual with guidance, with others."

— ADRIAN HORNER · 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

What will it look like?

Every street / Every story / One family

A family of disciples, rooted in relationships, woven together as one church across the city.

Liverpool is a city of many nations: lifelong Scousers, students, refugees and people looking for a fresh start. We long to see a church made up of them, people who meet Jesus and then share Him with their own friends, families and colleagues.

Tim & Emma have spent six years building real friendships in Kensington. As others join, each household will be sent with purpose into the neighbourhoods God leads us to, and each community will carry its own flavour. Yet we're one family, with one aim: to reach Liverpool for Jesus. We can do far more together than we can apart.



01

Church scattered

Disciples living everyday life with a heart for the people around them. Gospel communities will grow out of everyday rhythms: intentional friendships, shared meals, strategic prayer and open homes and hospitable hearts.



02

Church gathered

In time, Sunday gatherings will begin, bringing the whole Frontier Church Liverpool family together to celebrate the transforming grace of Jesus. These moments may be less localised, though we can't say for certain yet. We're open to whatever God opens up.



EVERY STREET / EVERY STORY LIVERPOOL & MERSEYSIDE

04 — THE SHAPE OF THINGS

Starting well.

Sunday services aren't where we'll automatically focus our energies first, but they will emerge as momentum grows.

First, we want to get to know the city and put down roots. We'll prayer walk widely, look for where God is already at work and find the gaps where a Kingdom presence is needed. We'll aim to befriend and honour the many churches already serving faithfully, with a heart for the people and places of Liverpool.

We're here for good, in both senses: for the good of the people and places of Liverpool, and for good, giving the rest of our lives to building what the Lord has called us to in the North.

Who is going?

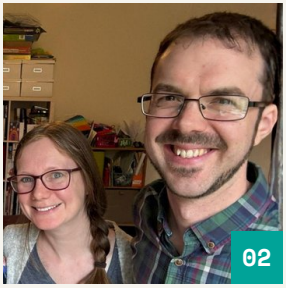
As of November 2026, the team is:



Gordon & Natalie

HOPE CHURCH SITTINGBOURNE

Leading the team, with 18 years of vocational church ministry experience, including 8 years of church planting. Natalie carries a mature prophetic gift, and they love serving the Lord together as a couple.



Tim & Emma

KENSINGTON, LIVERPOOL

Six years in, Tim, Emma and their family love the people and place of *'Kenny'*. Their pastoral heart reaches especially to the poor, the marginalised and families who have found refuge here from many nations.

Different gifts, one calling.

Like the pioneering teams of the New Testament, we're stronger together.

Sensing God might be calling you too? We'd love to talk.

What are the timeframes?

These dates are our current plans. House moves, jobs and other things may shift them, so please hold them lightly with us.

27 WED · JAN 2027

Our first in-person Prayer & Vision day in Liverpool



January 2027 onwards

Prayer & Vision days in Liverpool with the team, with more to follow through 2027.

March 2027

Sharing the vision at the Relational Mission prayer & fasting days in Ipswich.

August 2027

Sharing the Frontier story at the More Together Festival.

Late 2027 to early 2028

Gordon & Natalie are sent from Sittingbourne to Liverpool.

We'll share updates as more specific plans and details are confirmed.

07 — SENDING & OVERSIGHT

Who sends us & who oversees us?

SENT BY

Hope Church Sittingbourne

with the blessing of the Kent Relational Mission churches

OVERSEEN BY

Stef Liston & Revelation Church London

with Gordon & Natalie as plant leaders

KENT — LIVERPOOL

Hope Church Sittingbourne, the church Gordon & Natalie Watson planted in 2018, will send us to Liverpool.

Frontier Church Liverpool will be a church plant under the oversight of Stef Liston and the covering of Revelation Church London, with Gordon & Natalie leading the team. Gordon serves on the Relational Mission UK team alongside Stef, who has a particular relational and spiritual investment in both the Liverpool team and the plant.

We'd warmly welcome the support of churches across the Relational Mission family, in whatever ways they feel able to engage.

Who's who.

The people and partners behind Frontier Church Liverpool.

OUR SENDING CHURCH

Hope Church Sittingbourne

Planted by Gordon & Natalie in 2018, & the church sending us to Liverpool.

OUR WIDER FAMILY

Relational Mission

The family of churches we love being part of, & are sent from.

OUR OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY

Stef Liston & Revelation Church



Stef Liston, one of Relational Mission's apostles, will oversee our team. Revelation Church London, Stef's apostolic base and administrative hub, stewards Frontier's governance and finances until we are able to do so ourselves.

OUR TRAINING GROUND

UP: The Urban Planting School

Where Frontier began. Our whole team trained with UP, with Gordon as Course Director.

OUR HERITAGE

Newfrontiers

The historic movement Relational Mission was born out of, & a big part of our spiritual heritage.

Who can stand with us?

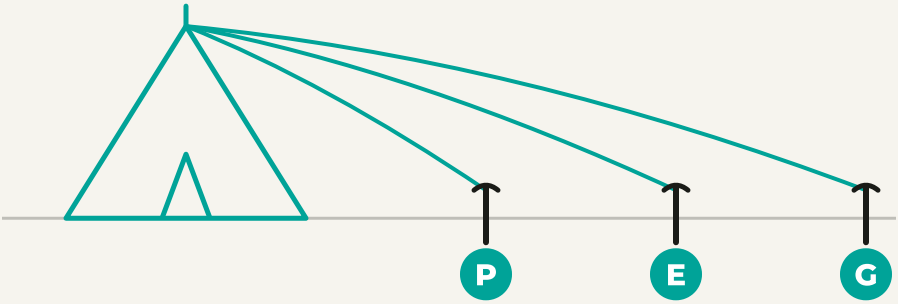
Whether you're an individual with a heart for Liverpool, a small group or a whole church, we'd love you to stand with us, especially while the new church is being established.

Staying connected matters. Here are some practical ways to help:

Adopt us	Could your small group or church adopt us for a season, praying for us and cheering us on?
Visit	Come up once a year for the first couple of years. If Sundays have started, come and get stuck in.
Keep in touch	Messages, calls and a coffee when we're nearby all make a real difference.
Open your home	Offer us somewhere to stay when we're travelling through your area.
Give for a season	Consider giving in faith for a season. Every gift helps make room for mission in Liverpool. See page 19.

Together, our partners are our **PEGs**, holding the tent firm while the cords stretch out. See page 17 to find out how to become one.

How can I get involved?



Be a PEG.

In Isaiah 54, the tent can stretch wide because the cords are long and the pegs hold firm. Our partners are our **PEG**s: wherever you are, you keep us rooted and strong.

P Pray

Join our WhatsApp prayer community, praying with & for us. Scan the QR code to join.

SCAN ME

E Engage

Come to a Prayer & Vision day (the first is Wednesday 27 January 2027), invite us to share with your church, and stay in touch.

G Give

Your generosity gives us time to make Jesus known among the people & places of Liverpool. See page 19.

NEAR / FAR LONG CORDS · STRONG PEGS



10 — PRAY WITH US

How can I pray?

Prayer is the most important way to stand with us.

For the team

Gordon & Natalie, Tim & Emma, and those yet to come: strength, unity and health for every family in the adventure ahead.

For homes & work

The right homes in the right places, and joyful work that complements and leaves room for mission.

For finances & resources

God's provision for every need along the way. Every one of us has stepped out in faith, saying yes before knowing how.

For the people & places of Liverpool

That people on every street, whatever their story, would meet Jesus, through open doors and open hearts.

For the churches of Liverpool

That in time we would forge meaningful relationships and gospel partnership with other churches, for the good of the city and its people.

For our sending church

Hope Church Sittingbourne: pray for blessing and strength as they send much-loved family.

How can I support financially?

Generosity fuels mission.

Planting a church takes time, and it costs money. We're inviting people to stand with us generously, especially during the first two years while the foundations are laid.

Your giving buys our team time: time to pray on the streets, time to open our homes with hospitable hearts, time to build meaningful new friendships, and time to be present in the places God is sending us, rather than being stretched thin from the start.

How does giving work?

All gifts for Liverpool go into a dedicated Liverpool account held by Revelation Church London, Stef Liston's apostolic base, not given directly to us as individuals or families. Those supporting and overseeing us will help decide where resources are best allocated, until Frontier is able to manage its own finances and governance.

GIVE BY BANK TRANSFER · ONE-OFF OR REGULAR

ACCOUNT NAME	Revelation Church London (Liverpool)
SORT CODE	40-02-03
ACCOUNT NUMBER	72191148
REFERENCE	YOUR NAME

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How do I know if I'm called to go?

A call is rarely a single moment. More often it's a growing sense of God's direction, illuminated through reading the Bible, fervent prayer, specific prophetic words, the counsel of others and a faith-filled stirring in your own heart.

If you're wondering whether God might be calling you to Liverpool, why not come and see? You can join us for a Prayer & Vision day. Walk the streets with us, pray together, and let's see what Jesus might do.

Afterwards, talk with Gordon & Natalie. They'll gladly help you weigh what God may be saying, in partnership with your local church leaders and those who know you well.

Different journeys, one calling.

What part will training play?

Every member of our team trained with UP: The Urban Planting School, with Gordon serving as Course Director.

Training pioneers and planters is a big part of who we are, and we'll build on that. In time, we want Frontier Church Liverpool to be a place where people learn by doing, growing in gospel confidence.



01 · PLACEMENTS

Hosting iD (Intentional Discipleship) interns for a year in Liverpool.



02 · TRAINING IN LIVERPOOL

Delivering pioneering training in the city, and possibly beyond our own family of churches, in partnership with others.



03 · EVERYDAY MISSION

Helping pioneers, planters and practitioners share Jesus in the places they already live, work, rest & play.

We'll share what we learn as we go, through teaching, training, social media and time spent alongside us.

Coming closer.

For anyone sensing God might be calling them to go.

Join the team

Explore joining our team permanently in Liverpool.
Chat with Gordon & Natalie.

Serve a year

Serve for a year as an iD (Intentional Discipleship) intern, immersed in the life and mission of Frontier Church Liverpool. iD also opens up opportunities with Relational Mission churches in the UK and abroad.
relationalmission.org/idyear

Train

Get equipped to plant in the city with UP: The Urban Planting School, where our whole team trained.
relationalmission.org/up

Called to Go

A year of excellent training in cross-cultural mission, mainly for those sensing a call overseas, and valuable for anyone discerning a call to go. Run by Relational Mission and led by Maurice & Rachel Nightingale.
relationalmission.org/calledtogo

NEXT STOP / LIVERPOOL LIVERPOOL & MERSEYSIDE

EVERY JOURNEY STARTS WITH A CONVERSATION

Near or far, we'd love to hear from you.

Whatever God is stirring in you, a call, a burden to pray or simple curiosity, we'd love to hear it. Let's grab a coffee, in person or on a call.

Gordon & Natalie

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