

We are Gordon and Ann McBain and have worked in overseas mission for many years. We have spent time working with BMS World Mission in Zaire and Tunisia. For the last six years Gordon worked as Regional Team Leader for the Middle East, North Africa and Afghanistan for BMS and Ann worked in palliative care social work.

At the end of last year we felt that God was calling us on to something new. Having been involved in ministry we have seen the importance of good pastoral care and the need for those in Christian work to get away and be refreshed. It had been our dream to run a retreat centre to cater for people like you who need to get away. Now, in a miraculous way, God has given us Vicarage Farm.

Vicarage Farm is located in the centre of the Peak District National Park, deep in the heart of rural Derbyshire and is presently functioning as a holiday cottage letting business. We are in the process of developing a retreat and ministry alongside this.

What we have is:

- One large farm house that sleeps ten in four rooms (which will become our home in September this year)
- One cottage that sleeps 7 in 3 rooms (double, twin and double + single)
- One that sleeps 4 in 2 rooms (double and twin)
- One that sleeps 4 in 2 rooms (double and bunk beds)

At the moment we can sleep 25 sharing or 11 in single rooms.

After September we will be able to offer accommodation of 15 sharing or seven in single rooms, and possibly offer accommodation in our home as well. The large meeting room in the farmhouse will be available for group meetings.

The cottages can be rented individually or together depending on your needs.

The cottages are self catering if you are here on holiday and just need to get away.

We can cater for you if you want to have small groups for meetings, etc. We have a very large meeting room where people can work/eat. They can also break off into small groups around the cottages if they want.

Three of the cottages have saunas. We have a games room with table tennis and a pool table - and we have an all weather tennis court too!

The location around the farm is great for walking with the Pennine Bridleway and the Limestone Way right on the doorstep – so we cater for the complete person!

Tideswell is a mile away and can be reached by bus from all over the UK via Chesterfield, Sheffield and Manchester; local pick up can be arranged from there. Buxton and Bakewell are close by too.

We need to run Vicarage Farm commercially part of the time to pay the bills. However, we also appreciate that those in Christian ministry may struggle financially to stay in a place like this, so we can reduce our rates for people in that situation. We would also be open to a 'skills for bills' exchange – if you would like to offer some of your time & talents, painting, DIY, gardening, etc around the house and gardens in return for a holiday break, we're open to offers!

Please let us know if you have any other questions, or better still, come and see us for a few days. We have spaces and do great rates for ex-colleagues and their friends! We are particularly keen to offer mid-week breaks to people in ministry who can't get away on weekends.

Please continue to pray for us.

If we can help you in facilitating meetings or in getting away for a break, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours

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