

The Gathering Fire

Background

It was in the mid-1980s (I don't have the exact date) and I was attending what I think was the inaugural meeting of Churches Together in Luton. I don't recall getting any pictures from God before this, so was both excited and unsure when it came.

At the time, Monica and I were living on the Luton/Dunstable border in Bedfordshire, England. For those people who don't know the area, the two towns merge into each other roughly separated by the M1 motorway.

This picture has stayed with me over the years, and I include it here as I see it as a promise God is still to fulfil, or maybe is in the process of fulfilling today.

The Picture

I saw myself stood on the downs overlooking the two towns. They had the appearance of a poor quality black and white photograph; everything was grainy and the whites had a grey look to them.

As I looked, I saw a number of flames and realised that each was where a church was located. Suddenly the flames rushed together and became a huge fire. In doing so, the picture became sharper, and the buildings were turned to a brilliant white.

I continued to watch, and my perspective changed so that I could see the whole country. I could see that there were many fires over a number of towns and cities. In turn these fires came together transforming the whole land into something pure and wonderful.

I saw this as meaning that God was going to unite the churches first locally and then nationally into something that was going to transform the whole nation.

Pete Bennett
Mid-1980s