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### Kindness or blindness

Recently, I travelled to Atlanta in the USA. I'd been invited to speak to some pastors and to preach in the church. I've always enjoyed travelling, but as my schedule was starting to take shape I realised there was one vital ingredient missing – sleep!

Yet again I had planned my itinerary as a task, not as a balanced journey. I remembered the Bible story of the 'Good Samaritan' of how many good, busy people passed by a distressed traveller before an attentive person reached out to help.

This came home to me when I was in Toronto Airport waiting for my return flight. I was tired, but with just enough energy to write some emails [task!]. A man, who seemed a little distressed, sat a few seats away from me. I felt the nudge of Jesus in my heart to speak to him, but I needed to finish my emails... A battle ensued in my mind. Who would win, my task [leadership role] or my nudge from Jesus?

Thank God that through some painful times I have begun to learn what is more important. I did speak to the man, who went on to share a very sad story about where his life was at and about all the loss he was experiencing. He shared he was on the run! I told him about someone he could run to and, like the Samaritan, I brought him some hope.

Let's never miss our opportunity to bring hope.

With love,  
**Gary & Helen**





## Hope Cafe news

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### Opening times:

8.00am – 3.30pm  
Monday to Friday

### Breakfast :: Lunch :: Daily specials

The cafe is kept very busy – as well as catering for our customers, we supply refreshments to conferences, the weekly Embrace and Cherish events, Mosaic 7 and the monthly Christian business men and women breakfasts.

There are exciting times ahead with the creation of the outside patio area. We'll soon be able to offer relaxed, al fresco dining!

I'm indebted to the dedicated volunteers who work very hard in the cafe. More volunteers are needed! If you could give just a couple of hours per week of your time that would be a great help. Do let me know. Many thanks.

**Mandy Sandhu**



## Get the 'Bin a tin' habit!

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If you're anything like me (who has a chaotic lifestyle) the word routine probably doesn't feature in your vocabulary. And that means it's hard to develop regular habits (apart from the bad ones, of course!). One of the good habits I keep meaning to get into is bringing along a tin or two for the food bank.

Yet it's often the smallest of gestures that have the biggest impact – giving to the 'Bin a tin' initiative is one such gesture. For someone in our local community, it could mean the difference between getting a dinner on the table for themselves and their family and skipping a meal for want of resources.

So why not join me and get into the 'bin a tin' habit. Be assured that this tiny gesture will make a big difference.

### A 'thank you' to John & Margaret Patterson

It was over 25 years ago when I first met John and Margaret at a Restoration conference. I remember John as the thoughtful and spiritual reflective leader, who, when he spoke, always had another slant of thought on that which was being discussed! This so often led to a prophetic leading.



Little did I know that some years later our paths would cross again. This time, along with our wives, we were both walking a path of brokenness, desperate for God to turn up and do something new in the city of Coventry.

I admire both John and Margaret for their courage and dedication to Hope Church, for their vision and tenacity to not quit but finish well! We have walked a journey together over the past year of seeing Mosaic Church established as a new church in Hope Centre. I thank both John and Margaret for their integrity and attitude in embracing all of the changes that have taken place over the past 12 months. Only a couple after God's own heart could have walked their walk with integrity. This season has seen loss of their dear son Daniel and the passing on of the baton of leadership in the church.

We look forward to see all that God has for them in this new season and know that for John and Margaret 'the best is yet to come'. John and Marg – thank you for being yourselves and we know a prophetic mould for church transition has been cast positively because of your courage!

**Gary Spicer**

Thank you to all who gave generous gifts to John and Marg and greatly blessed them. The total amount came to £4100.

## JUSTICE & ENVIRONMENT



### Striving for a fair world

When we see the world through God's eyes we recognise that there's an urgent need to change the world so that justice is done and peace is achieved in the way that God desires.

1.2 billion people worldwide have no access to clean drinking water. By an uncomfortable coincidence, the population of the UK buys and drinks 1.2 billion litres of bottled water per year. Every eight seconds a child in the developing world dies from diarrhoea because his or her community has dirty water. When you begin to see this through God's eyes, the difference is not just unfair; it is an outrage.

Striving for justice and working for peace, particularly for the world's poorest people, are at the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. The good news he came to announce was that suffering and oppression could be brought to an end. Seven centuries before Jesus these words (which he knew well) were written to guide people to make the most of their faith in God:

[God] has showed you, O people, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly, and to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God.      From Micah 6

The past hundred years have revealed the scale of injustice in the world to be greater than anyone had previously imagined. Global forces, seeped in injustice, determine the destiny of the world's poorest people and cause damage to the planet's environment. War and suffering follow.

For those who originally met Jesus face to face, his invitation was to sell everything they had, give it to the poor, and travel with him on his mission. For most present day followers of Jesus this can be translated in two ways:

- adopting a simple lifestyle so that the world's resources are not wasted, buying fairly-traded goods, and changing habits that damage the environment
- joining with organisations – Christian and secular – that seek to improve the conditions of the world's poorest people, to end conflicts, and to preserve the planet.

Many Christians speak of this focus of their lives giving them an unprecedented sense of fulfilment, because they know that their ways are becoming more like God's ways, and that they are making the experience of being alive better for *all* the people God has lovingly placed on the earth.

This is an extract from *Now a Christian*, Church Army's course for people who want to discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus. For five weeks a daily email gives practical advice for new Christians or those who want to be reminded of all that God can do for them. Written by Peter Graystone and reproduced by permission of Church Army. [www.nowachristian.org](http://www.nowachristian.org).

### CAP Coventry news

We are open and taking bookings for debt counselling (call free phone number 0800 328 0006). The great news is that June is already fully booked and serious advertising is only just starting. We are now busily networking with churches, housing associations, city council, radio, newspapers, doctors surgeries, neighbourhood action groups – so if you can connect us with any of these please let me know.

God is daily raising our expectations and excitement. I don't believe for one minute that God has brought us out of the wilderness to sit around and gaze at the promised land from a distance. CAP is simply one expression of a wide range of social evangelism that we must engage in if we are to be able to love and care for people coming into our church.

If you would like to give a little time to support CAP Coventry, please talk to me.

**Gavin**

## KIDS CORNER

### Children's Church Groups

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**Pre-school/Crèche: Children aged 6 months to 4 years:** downstairs in the nursery. Please note that children must be collected by their parents immediately the service is over.



**Glow: Key Stage 1:**  
ground floor nursery.

**Leap FROG: Key Stage 2:**  
ground floor Henley room

**Youth Alpha: school years  
7-10:** meet bi-weekly.

#### Kid's Summer Camp

Seven of our youngsters will be going with Gav & Viv to Leyburn in Wensleydale for five days in July. The camp is run by CPAS, a large church organisation which organises camps with a strong Christian message. If any can help out financially with this camp or the work of CPAS, then see Gav or Viv.



#### Prayer & planning for group workers

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Sunday, 11th July 7.00–9.00pm at Viv's house

**Contact: Children's Pastor: Viv Kibble**

**E-mail: [viv.kibble@sky.com](mailto:viv.kibble@sky.com)**

**Any concerns or comments please get in touch.**

**Picture competition – anyone under 12 can enter**

We are looking at being in God's presence this term so we would like a picture of any Bible story that shows God protecting his people when their lives were in danger. Ask the grown-ups for advice. You can do it using pens, crayons or paints, and in any style including collage, graphics or 3-D.

Please hand your entries in to Viv by Saturday, 19th June with your name and age on it and a special panel will select a winner from each Children's church group. Prizes will be awarded on Father's Day on June 20th. You can submit more than one entry if you get carried away!

**Youth Alpha Camp**

Thanks to Gav, Cath, Bill and Adam for running such a great Camp. They couldn't have picked a better weekend for weather.

**Here comes Summer...**

Watch out for news about Summer holiday activities. We will be running a basic team for children's church but have asked for volunteers throughout the summer Sundays. If you would like to join our team contact Viv or Helen who would be delighted to hear from you.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### God turns up in the children's church too!

*We are really expanding and urgently need more helpers. We would ask that all parents of under 11s get involved in the rotas. We also need help with the older teens. The more on the list of helpers the fewer sessions per term you'll be needed.*

So why not join the team and experience God's presence in children's church for yourself?  
Email [viv.kibble@sky.com](mailto:viv.kibble@sky.com)



It's a great privilege to be involved and it's particularly exciting to see the children developing in their faith. Here's a snapshot of what's been happening recently:

- We've been worshipping, praying and learning about being in God's presence.
- There's a lovely sense of God's peace in the crèche.
- Glow has been growing and relationships have been developing.
- Leap Frog has been really getting to grips with finding their way around the Bible, praying, and showing great care for, and affinity with, one another.
- On the Youth Alpha weekend away children were encouraging one another to overcome their fears.

Let us be role models to our young people as well as being willing to learn from them. I was 16 when I started doing Sunday school in my local Anglican church. When a 7-year-old boy asked me how to become a Christian I realised I didn't know and it started me on a quest to find the right way to God. That question was a real wake-up call and I truly believe God spoke to me through that boy.

### 'A Different Journey'

In the UK there are currently around 160,000 people aged under 50 who are single due to bereavement, most raising children by themselves. Their grief is the price they have paid for love.



Care for the Family, the national Christian Family Charity, runs 'A Different Journey', a project that supports those who have lost their partner through death at a young age. It does this through national day and weekend events, a website, a bi-monthly e-newsletter and a national telephone network of befrienders (who themselves have lost a partner through death).

The project aims to bring hope and encouragement to people who didn't expect to be on such a journey of bereavement and change at this point in their lives. I am a national telephone befriender and help lead on some of the day events.



A few weeks ago 'A Different Journey' Day took place at Hope Centre and folk from various parts of England came to it. We shared our stories and looked at a number of issues: the grief journey, loss and change, shattered dreams, managing children, labels other people put on the bereaved, and continuing bonds – how it's important to retain memories as you walk through grief.

I have just returned from another 'Different Journey' event in Falkirk, Scotland, which was another successful day.

The website [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/adj](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/adj) gives lots of useful advice on how to help people, whether young or old, who have been bereaved. You can also find my story on there too – look out for the dodgy photo!

## DATES TO NOTE

### Mosaic Outdoors

**27th June** Lazy Sunday afternoon, picnic and stroll in Warwick Park straight after church.

**10th July** Walking in the Cotswolds to the highest village in England!

**NB Please bring a packed lunch to these events.**

**Friday at the Flicks**  
**25th June & 23rd July**  
Film choices to be confirmed.

**Contact** Yvonne Perry:  
yvonneperry@yahoo.co.uk



### **Clothes swap shop**

Monday 14th June 7–8.30pm at Hope Centre.

### **Board and trustee meeting**

Tuesday 15th June  
**8pm at Hope Centre**

### **Support team meeting**

Wednesday 30th June  
**8pm at Gary & Helen's (tbc)**

### **Christian business men and women's breakfast**

Fridays: 25th June & 30th July 8.00am

### **Day of prayer 14th July**

Please sign up for this. Further details to be announced.

### **CAP Money Courses**

Mondays: 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> July, 12 noon for 12.15pm, Hope Centre

Tuesdays: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00pm, St Peters Centre, Charles Street, Coventry

For a full list of events and for information about other church gatherings please visit the Mosaic Church website:

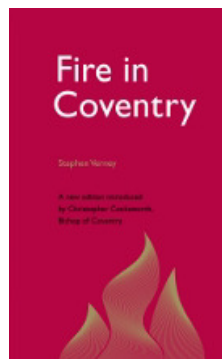
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**Special offer for Fathers' Day  
20th June**

Buy 'The Sixty Minute Father' for £7.99 from the Christian organisation Care for the Family and get 'The Sixty Second Father' AND 'The Sixty Second Mother' **FREE**.



Packed with quotations and snippets, these popular books are full of bite-sized wisdom that will inspire you and make you laugh. Order from: [www.careforthefamily.co.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.co.uk) (**please note that orders must be received by Tuesday 15th June**).



**Fire in Coventry** is the story of the amazing movement of the Holy Spirit throughout Coventry Diocese during the preparation for the consecration of the new cathedral in 1962.

It describes how Christians responded to God's call to be a consecrated *people* and how they gained a fresh understanding of what it means to keep love, prayer and the Holy Spirit at the heart of the Church.

Although written 50 years ago, this spiritual classic is incredibly relevant today. It's sure to inspire us and urge us to respond to God's call to become a consecrated people.

Republished with a substantial new introduction by Bishop Christopher Cocksworth, **Fire in Coventry** is available from Coventry Diocese (024 7652 1200) and via the Cathedral website: [www.coventrycathedral.org.uk](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk). £5.99 plus p&p.

**Database**

If you want to be added to the church database and be kept informed of everything going on at Mosaic, please fill in a data form available on the info desk in the cafe area every Sunday. 11



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info@mosaicchurch.co.uk  
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**Sunday services**                      10am for coffee                      10.30 start

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
20 June	Nevin Hird/Rob Grayson
27 June	Helen Spicer
4 July	Gary Spicer
11 July	Jeremy Parkes
18 July	Dan Oliver
25 July	Gary Spicer

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### **Taking care at Mosaic**

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As part of our 'safeguarding' policy can we ask everyone to be alert to any dangers for the children, young people and vulnerable adults of Mosaic Church. This applies to all areas of the premises, but especially the cafe, corridors and car park.

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### **Mosaic News – next issue**

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If you have any contributions for the newsletter please contact Amanda Kay: e-mail amanda@copsewood.net.

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