
There is a smell in the house!

It's amazing that whichever establishment we visit, be it a restaurant, hospital or anyone's home, there is always a specific smell that our senses are alerted to.

Just in the past few days our son Joshua returned home from a year out in South Africa. His very first comment when walking into the house was, 'this just smells like home.' To him it was a good smell, thank goodness!

In Mosaic Church there's not only a physical aroma, but more importantly, an atmosphere, which guests and visitors feel. So what are the aromas and atmospheres that should be present in Mosaic Church? Kindness, generosity, friendliness, hospitality, authenticity, and Christ-loving to name but a few.

Wherever we meet people we should each be carrying the aroma of Jesus. Carrying His characteristics help change people's lives. The early church in the New Testament had some incredible characteristics, so much so, that the Christians were known as 'little anointed ones'. They were more concerned as a community about displaying the characteristics of Christ, than being consumed by their own lives.

Every day God has prepared someone for us to touch and help. Let us be a community that is ready to smell like Jesus and not just be concerned with our own deoderants and perfumes!



With love, **Gary & Helen**

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WITH A TWIST OF FAITH
ON THE 1st SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH **is coming to Coventry!**



Don't miss the opening night
 Sunday 5th September 7pm
 Live music & entertainment
Costa Coffee
Coventry Precinct
 For further details
 contact Sandra Godley



Bin a tin – don't forget to put your contributions into the 'bin a tin' bins, which are placed in the cafe area every Sunday. They're distributed to those in need in the local area.

A thank you from John and Marg Patterson



This verse explains it all. It's not about us – it's about Him! However, God uses people and we want to thank you, our brothers and sisters in Mosaic Church, for your extreme generosity to us – the Patterson family.

John's face went a funny colour when Gary brought us your love gift ! We know that you have given sacrificially and we pray that God will provide for all your needs in return.

Getting to know you...

This is the first of a three-part series where we find out about those who serve Mosaic Church and the wider community, either in leadership or as members of staff at Hope Centre.

Gary & Helen Spicer – Senior Pastors of Mosaic Church

Gary & Helen have been leading Mosaic Church for the last two and half years, having pastored another Church in Bedworth for many years prior to that. Out of their own personal journey of brokenness and restoration, they have a real passion to see lost people found and broken people healed. They have a son, Joshua and two daughters, Alysha and Naomi, who is married to Scott.

Richard Blower – Hope Centre Manager

Since January 2010 Richard has been overseeing the day to day running of the centre, along with all bookings of the facilities. Prior to this Richard was the Centre Manager at Oakwood Court, our conference facility in Warwickshire. Richard's friendly and down to earth personality is frequently demonstrated by the love and concern he expresses to the many people who pass through Hope Centre.



Lisa Day – PA to Gary & Helen Spicer

Lisa has been Gary and Helen's PA for the last two years, managing their diary and offering support to them in their roles as senior pastors. Lisa also supports the church leadership team with the diverse administrative needs of running a large church.



In the next issue of Mosaic News, we'll be finding out about the leadership team who support Gary & Helen, hold the spiritual governance of the church, and make decisions, and we'll learn about members of the the board who are responsible for managing those decisions effectively.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Have you ever wondered if God sees the ordinary things we do in life as worship? Well the answer's 'Yes'.

The Bible says this: 'And whatever you do, whether by speech or action, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.' Col 3: 17

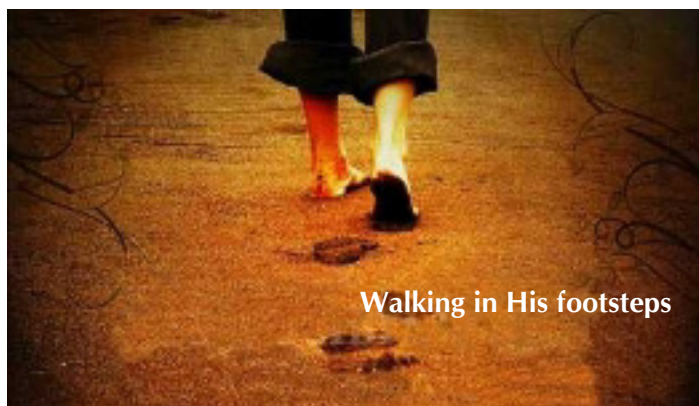
This means that as we submit our lives to God in regular prayer, we use his authority (his name) to carry out our daily lives. His authority helps us in the exciting, mundane, challenging parts of our lives. It's amazing to know that God wants to be involved in every aspect of our lives, even choosing a house!

Why not ask him what he's thinking about not just when you're about to make a decision, but during those ordinary times of life, say, when you're out walking? Ask him how you and he can work together to walk through your day?

It's easy to see worship as just music (that is a large part of it) but it's also about seeing the whole of our lives as an act of worship. Many of you have heard me say that the songs we sing should move us into action; we must become affected by what we sing.

So, as you go about your daily routines, remember ordinary things really do matter to God.

Sandra Godley



Congratulations... to Gabrielle Sandhu, who will be taking over as Hope Café Manager from 1st September and continuing this essential service to the community.

and a big 'thank you'... to Mandy Sandhu, who has been in the role over the past few months, for all her hard work in developing the café.

A different approach

I've decided to move my son out of the state education system and employ a Montessori tutor to professionally home school him in a dedicated classroom at my house in Brandon.



I'm looking for any parents who would be interested in joining me in this. Montessori teaching is a method of learning in a carefully structured environment in which experience allows the child to develop their abilities in a natural way. Teaching is done in an indirect way, one that engages with the child's whole personality and is geared towards the child's needs.

Please pray that we get enough interest to make this financially viable for the tutors as it will make a huge difference to the children, as well as to the tutor who is a close family friend.

For further information please contact me on 07957560231 or email mariaparker26@aol.com.

Maria Graham



Letters from Albania

The latest update from Richard, Linda and Jo, our missionaries in Albania, is available on the Mosaic church website: www.mosaicchurch.co.uk.

KIDS CORNER

Children's Church Groups

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.

Please note: during the Summer holidays we will be running a reduced programme of activities. The full Children's Church programme will resume once the school autumn term begins in September.

Help needed!

We really need more volunteers for the Children's Church rota. We have so many children that we have had to create a 4th group for next term. That means we need extra hands and with the necessity for CRBs Viv urgently needs to know if you can help her.

Please pray about it and ring her on 024 7627 2893 if you want to know more. The commitment is about one in every four weeks and one meeting per term.

Contact: Children's Pastor: Viv Kibble

E-mail: viv.kibble@sky.com

Any concerns or comments please get in touch.



Children's Church News

Gav & Viv went to Wensleydale with seven youngsters for a venture holiday run by CPAS. They went on river walks, tours of castles and had flan fights! In amongst all that there was a chance to look at being filled with the Holy Spirit and growing in God.

Thank you for all who prayed for us; the children had a great week and are keen to go next year.

Please continue to pray for the other Venture holidays run by CPAS which aim to share the gospel at 50 different camps this summer.

Photo from a previous venture with a slightly younger Hannah Lindley and Sam Monaghan in the background (from CCF days).



Soul Survivor

The youth (iDentity) will be going to Soul Survivor on 11th August. Pray for them too. There are so many of them that Gary has hired a coach! We all need a touch of God's Holy fire and this amazing camp will make a significant impact in the lives of those who go along.

iDentity

iDentity: *'The individual characteristics by which a person is recognised. The distinctive characteristics of a person's character or the character of a group which relate to who they are and what is meaningful to them.'*



Following our vision evening we have had a fantastic couple of months with the youth, otherwise known as 'iDentity'. As leaders we are enjoying watching them all grow in character and also spiritually! They are a fantastic group who keep us on our toes and give us plenty of laughs along the way.

Around 30 of us are heading to Soul Survivor in mid-August, which is fantastic. We are all so excited and hope the group will return with a BIGGER passion and fire for God.

From September we are doing the 'Freedom In Christ' course for young people and we are thoroughly looking forward to this. We have some new leaders joining our team who have a passion for young people and are joining with us in our vision for the youth.

iDentity continues to meet on Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm for school years 7–11. The programme, which is available on the information desk, gives full details. If you're interested in coming along we would love to see you there!

Laura McElvenny



A conundrum

What does Dominic Russell's father and C S Lewis's book *The Silver Chair* got in common? Find out by visiting www.mosaicchurch.co.uk!

As with all things student based we are enjoying a long summer of fun, festivals, part-time McJobs and preparing for the coming term. However, our purely student focus has been challenged and therefore these long summer breaks may prove to be a short-lived feature of Mosaic 7.

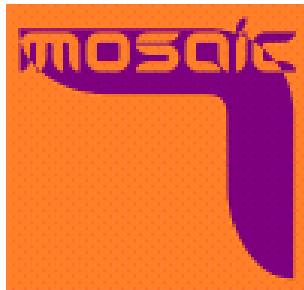
We plan to integrate with Sunday Night Live over the next year and hopefully the two expressions of God's Kingdom at work will benefit each other. We plan to meet on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday in each month at 7pm at Hope Centre as before but we are adapting the programme to give students, and others who feel this is their kind of church, more opportunity to bring friends along to something that is not 'too religious!'.

The more successful evenings were the film night and the music night – this is a photo of Stylus boy who played at one of the Mosaic 7 evenings last term – so we plan to build on those in the programme for next academic year.



Please pray that God's hand will be firmly guiding us as we flesh out the details of the programme for the coming terms.

Please also pray that as I and members of the team meet with the chaplaincy and other groups we will be able to communicate the vision we believe God has given us for Mosaic 7.



As we move forward into a new academic year and a new season, the basic elements of Mosaic 7 remain – Sustenance, Searching and Sacrament.

Mark Jarvis

DATES TO NOTE

Mosaic Outdoors

15th August Bosworth Battlefield

Lazy Sunday afternoon, picnic and stroll in woods, along the canal towpath and visit to Shenton steam railway. **Please bring a packed lunch.**



Friday at the Flicks

24th September Film choices to be confirmed.

Contact Yvonne Perry: yvonneperry@yahoo.co.uk

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 18th September 9–11.30am. Suggested donation: £4 per head. Please let Richard Blower know if you're coming and add your name to the sign-up sheet.

Board/trustees meeting

Tuesday 14th September
8pm at Hope Centre

Support team meeting

Wednesday 29th September
8pm at Gary & Helen's (tbc)

Christian business men and women's breakfast

Fridays: 27th August & 24th September 8.00am



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

NOTICEBOARD

We'll soon be running another Alpha course for anyone wishing to find out more about the Christian faith. The emphasis is upon exploration and discovery in a relaxed and informal environment.

When?: Thursday 16th September and every Thursday until 9th December (no meeting October half term), with a weekend away.

Time: 6–8pm **Venue:** Mosaic Church

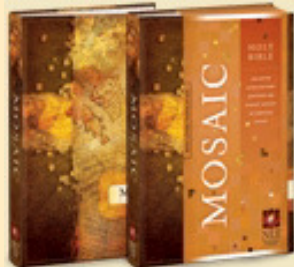


Alpha

For more information contact: John & Cally Lawrie on 024 76 44 3105 or 07788 715 632

Mosaic Currency of Favours

This is now up and running – to apply for your account and for more information, see Richard & Amanda Kay or visit <http://cof.mosaicchurch.co.uk>



Mosaic Holy Bible has been created to help readers encounter Christ in a deep and authentic way. It includes Scripture readings, historical and contemporary readings, a prayer, creed, hymn or quote, and space for reflection. Each week

follows a theme appropriate to the Church season (such as Advent, Easter, etc). You can buy the book through Amazon and other online retailers – see <http://www.holybiblemosaic.com/> for details.

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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Sunday services 10am for coffee 10.30 start

Date	Speaker
15 August	Mike Adkins
22 August	Gary Spicer
29 August (Communion)	Gary Spicer
5 September	Gary Spicer
12 September	Helen Spicer
19 September	Gary Spicer
26 September (Communion)	Brian Campbell

Taking care at Mosaic

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

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

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