

***'If we are together nothing is impossible.'*** Winston Churchill

Ever played that word association game where someone mentions a word and you have to respond with the first word that comes into your head? Imagine, then, playing the game with a classmate or work colleague and the first word you mention is 'church'. Besides the unmentionable, you might hear words like *'cold, boring, irrelevant, archaic'*.

Words are powerful; they're *couriers* that carry a personal perception, *channels* through which a train of thought flows and *coins* with which we do relational business. So it's vital in our next stage of the Mosaic journey we all understand what we mean by the word **'Partnership'**.

**Partnership** is our choice to: journey with others in the purpose of God, move from attending to belonging, walk with others in honest and open friendship, recognise that **Together Each of us Achieves More**, and see Mosaic Church as our spiritual home in this season of our lives.

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit enjoy a relational partnership that is based on mutual love and respect and endorses their individual role and responsibility. Beginning in the month of March we're going to look at this concept of partnering together in the vision, values and purpose of Mosaic Church.

So let me take this opportunity to encourage you not to miss one of these four talks as together we take the next step in the Mosaic Church journey.

Your friends and Pastors,  
**Gary & Helen**



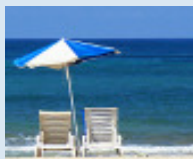
## NEW BEGINNINGS

### **Mosaic @ Grace**

As you will be aware, we will shortly be starting our second church expression at Grace Academy in north-east Coventry.

Preparations are now well under way for our first Sunday morning meeting which will be March 6th and a number of people have already signed up to help pioneer this exciting new venture.

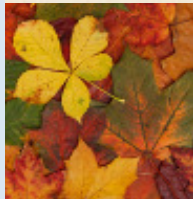
If you are interested in getting involved in our new expression please see Dave and Leah Boden.



### **What season are you in?**

A time to laugh and a time to cry

A time to live, a time to let things die



A time to sow and then a time to reap

A time to know when not to speak

A time to build up and then break down



A time to move on and forgive

To everything there is a season

Lord, help me know which one I'm in

***Sandra Godley***



As we move into the next exciting phase of this church, let's recognise what role we should play and how we can involve God along the way.

### The Leadership Team and Trustees

The Leadership Team support Gary and Helen, hold the spiritual governance of the church and make decisions. Trustees are responsible for managing those decisions effectively.

**Andy & Alison Edmiston (Leadership Team & Trustees)** Andy and Alison have been attending Mosaic Church from its beginning, along with their 5 children. They met in their church youth group in the mid-1980s and have been committed to 'building church,' wherever God has led them, ever since. Andy manages a business involved in cars, finance and property, and Alison manages everything else!



**Richard & Olwen Blower (Leadership Team & Trustees)** Richard was born in Coventry, Olwen in Wales. They have 2 adult children (a daughter and a son), a 15-year-old grandson and a 12-year-old granddaughter. Richard works for Mosaic Church, Olwen at a local specialist school.



**Gavin & Viv Kibble (Leadership Team & Trustees)** Gav and Viv grew up in London and came to work in Coventry in the 1980s, joined CCF where they met, moved to Potters Green church in 1990s and returned to CCF (by then re-named Hope) in 2005. They have 3 sons Matt (19), Adam (17) and Ben (16).



**Paul & Sandra Godley (Leadership Team & Trustees)** Paul and Sandra met in 1991 while performing in an outreach 'panto' production to a local prison (no, they weren't inmates!). Their surname proves that God has a sense of humour! They have 2 children, Eliot (15) and Francesca (9).



## WHO'S WHO @MOSAIC

**Bill Watt (Leadership Team & Trustee)** Bill and his wife Trish became Christians together 12 years ago. They feel that being a part of our church has not only given them many new friends, but has given them a sense of belonging and purpose. They have 7 children, the oldest being 43 and the youngest, 24, and 10 grandchildren.



**Garry Williams (Trustee)** Garry is married to Mandy and they have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. He became a Christian when he was about 22 years old. He started working down the coal mine when he was 15, was made redundant in 1992 and now works as a maintenance technician for Coventry and Solihull Waste (the tip).



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### Exciting news from David and Sue Jones!

We are delighted to announce that our daughter Rachel gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on Jan 14th. Elianna is a real answer to prayer. No one knew if Rachel could conceive because of her history or that she could then carry the baby.



It was a difficult pregnancy and the last couple weeks were quite traumatic. However Rachel had a natural birth and she and Ellie are doing even better than we could have imagined. Ellie's name means 'my God has answered' and that is Rachel's testimony.

We have been overwhelmed by God's grace and love to us all at this time and Rachel and her husband Andy have asked us to say a huge thank you to those who have prayed for her and her baby. Please continue to ask God for complete recovery for Rachel and Andy – he has a tough time too! Verses 20 & 21 from Ephesians 3 have been particularly meaningful to us.

## A VISION OF COVENTRY based on Revelation 21

It was 8 o'clock on Monday morning. I was standing at Coventry Pool Meadow Bus station.

And I saw a (re)new(ed) Coventry coming down from the heavens. I saw a teenager leaping out of bed with joy, laughing with the freshness of the morning. I saw elderly ladies skipping down Sky Blue Way. I saw a football match in the Memorial Park and the teams included every people group: asylum seekers and taxi drivers, policemen and prisoners, pensioners and politicians. People from every race and class playing and laughing in the sun. I saw a street party where the people were eating and dancing because there was hope again. And I looked across the community of Coventry: a community of hope, a community of grace, a community of warmth.

And, in the clearness of the morning, I looked at Hillfields and there was no more prostitution, no more unwanted pregnancies, no more debt, no more violence, no more used needles and condoms in Primrose Hill Park. No more sorrow of family breakdown. No more poverty. No more hunger. No more need. No more unemployment or mind-numbing jobs. No more hopelessness. No more sadness and tears, only joy and laughter. No more discrimination. No more drunken clubbing in the city centre. No threats, no fears. Families and neighbours were restored. There was no more rubbish, no dealers, no guns, no knives, no racial tensions, just one harmonious mix in technicolour. I saw homes without locks on the doors, where a welcome was always guaranteed.

I saw a Coventry where neighbours shared favours and returned them without pressure or obligation. I saw a Coventry where hearts were unbroken, partnerships were lasting, peaceful and happy. I saw a Coventry where families ate and played together. I saw a Coventry where every tear was wiped away.

Want to be a part of what God's up to in this city? CAP ... Coventry Central Food Bank ... Cherish ... it's just the start! Talk to Andy Grizzle, Helen Spicer or Gavin Kibble.

## 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.

### **CPAS Children's Summer Camp** **Wensleydale, Yorkshire 31st July to 3rd August** **For ages 8–11 (years 4, 5 & 6). Cost £109**

The children sleep in cabins for 6 children and 2 adults. There are activities throughout the day, including archery, wide games, hill walks, castle visits, football, craft, etc and then in the evening there is a meeting with worship, drama, games and a message.

Last year we took 5 children from Mosaic and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

You might be interested in coming as a leader. If finance is an issue we might be able to help you get a bursary towards the cost.

**Contact viv: [viv.kibble@sky.com](mailto:viv.kibble@sky.com)**



### **Child Protection Training**

**Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances the February training session has had to be postponed.** It will now take place in June; date to be confirmed.



### Oasis – a place of refreshing

Oasis meetings provide opportunities to soak in God's presence and to receive refreshing and a sense of deeper intimacy with Him who loves us and gave Himself for us. Prayer ministry can also be received at the meetings.

We welcomed 25 people to our first Oasis meeting. Some didn't know what to expect, some had already experienced something similar. What we do know is that people went away knowing that they had met with God.

'"Soaking" in God's presence was a new experience for me, but one I can now highly recommend! It was great just to "rest" and spend quality time with God in a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere. I felt thoroughly blessed and refreshed.'

**Angie Grayson**

'I realised that God was taking me on a journey about my life, relaying and relating scripture to my past, present and future. It was truly an awesome experience and one I don't think I'll ever forget.'

**Andy Grizzle**

Read the full account of Andy's experience of Oasis on the website: [www.mosaicchurch.co.uk](http://www.mosaicchurch.co.uk). We encourage you to join us at the Hope Centre for the next Oasis meeting on Weds 16th Feb and Weds 16th March. 7.30–8.30pm: Soaking Prayer; 8.30–9.30pm: Prayer Ministry.

**'Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.' 2 Cor 9:7**

The giving of our tithes and offerings is an important part of our worship at Mosaic. In December the amount given was £7,286 (against a budget of £11,000).

## iDentity

We have a very exciting year ahead for us this year. We have begun a social called RAID for young people in year 11 and above. We meet every other Sunday evening and 'RAID' the homes of willing members of the church from 6 to 8pm.

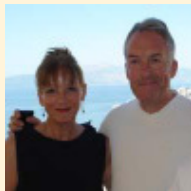


We interview our hosts to get to know a bit more about them, play games and chat. We keep the location a secret from the youth and pile them all in the minibus to take them there! This has been great fun so far and we thank the couples/families who have welcomed us. If you want to know more or get involved then speak to one of the youth team.

One especially exciting event coming up is a mission to Albania from 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April. 12 of us, including leaders, will join Richard and Linda who have lived in Albania for the last 12 years. The trip is going to challenge us in many ways and take our faith to the next level as we offer help and support within this community. We believe the mission is going to be a life-changing experience for all of us. We really want to make a difference in the lives of people in Albania for Jesus!

We are holding fundraising events to pay for the trip. We are holding a quiz night, with entertainment from the youth, in February and climbing Mount Snowdon on 12<sup>th</sup> March. We would really love to see you there supporting us! If you want any information on these events please speak to one of the youth team. iDentity still meet every Friday at the Hope Centre 7.30 to 9.30pm unless the programme (available on the information desk) states otherwise.

**Laura McElvenny**



We were delighted to welcome Richard to Mosaic Church a few weeks back and to learn more of the valuable work he and Linda are doing in Albania. We were sad that Linda was unable to join us and we wish her good health.

### **Pride of Coventry & Warwickshire Community Awards**

We have been nominated in two categories and have reached the top five finalists in both:

**Community project of the year:**

The Hope Centre

**Caring hero:** Helen Spicer



On Friday 18th February at a special lunch at the Ricoh the winners will be announced. Please pray that whatever the outcome God will be glorified!

### **Fairtrade Fortnight 28th February to 13th March**



**Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York talks about the importance of Fairtrade:**

'Fairtrade is a great example of the power of ordinary people to be "good news to the poor". As a Christian, I want trade to be an expression of the reality that all men and women are my brothers and sisters, to whom I owe justice, respect, and the best possible future.

'Fair trade really took off more than 20 years ago because the churches took it up. There has been fantastic progress – even some multinationals now have their Fairtrade products. But there is much more to do.'

To read out more about what John Sentamu has to say about Fairtrade and to find out about what *you* can do to show your support for Fairtrade visit [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)



## NOTICEBOARD

### Mosaic Church training events 2011

#### COMING SOON! *He gave some to teach* training programme

Giving an overview of those biblical characteristics that we believe are crucial for anyone involved in Bible teaching, *He Gave Some To Teach* is a must for teachers and would-be teachers at Mosaic Church.

Taught over a Friday evening and Saturday morning, the programme is aimed at people with a burning passion to teach and will prove an invaluable asset in the process of perfecting the most glorious of gifts – the call to teach.

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LEADING EDGE

March to May &  
September to November

Want to become a person of influence? Do you long to live on the 'leading' rather than the 'trailing' edge of life? Are you someone who likes to 'make things happen' rather than 'watch things happen'? Then maybe you should consider Mosaic's new leadership development programme, *Leading Edge*.

Covering various aspects of leadership, this six-session course will equip you to be influential for Christ in the places where God has positioned you. It begins on Saturday 5 March 2011.

For further information about these training events contact  
Chris Spicer: [chrisspicer@mosaicchurch.co.uk](mailto:chrisspicer@mosaicchurch.co.uk)

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**SUNDAY NIGHT** LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WITH A TWIST OF FAITH  
**LIVE** ON THE 1st SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Costa Coffee, The Precinct,  
Coventry Doors open 7pm



**6th March** We welcome musician and songwriter **Adam Kibble** whose newly released CD *Spread my Wings*, will be on sale for £3 (profits to CAP), and **Gavin Kibble** who will be talking about the Coventry Food Bank.



**LIVE** out your new identity in Christ  
**BREAK** through to spiritual maturity  
**UNCOVER** strongholds & deception  
**RESOLVE** issues from the past  
**BECOME** a genuinely fruitful disciple

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A 12 week Discipleship Course starting on Thursdays, 7.30pm, from 3rd March to 9th June 2011, with breaks for half term and Easter holidays. Places are limited. For further information and to reserve a place, please contact Seamus or Mee Lee personally or by e-mail: [meeleecas@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:meeleecas@yahoo.co.uk)

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### Monthly prayer evening

**Coventry Prayer House 3 Priory Row (next to Holy Trinity)**

28th February and 21st March 7.30–8.30pm

Join us for an hour in this amazing, anointed place of prayer.

**'Extraordinary things happen when ordinary people pray!'**

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**Women's Breakfast** Saturday 19th March 9.00–11.00am

**Women's Weekend Away** July (dates/venue tbc)

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### Helping out at Hope Cafe

We are looking for people with a servant heart. If you have a couple of hours spare over lunchtime to come and help serve at the counter or to wash up, Claire and Nicky would reward you with a nice cup of tea and cake and the pleasure of working with them.



Please come in and see us or contact us on the cafe telephone number: 024 7623 8325.

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### Mosaic information database

If you'd like your contact details to be added to the church database so you're kept informed of what's going on at Mosaic, please fill in a form available at the info desk on Sundays.



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**Sunday services**    **10am for coffee**    **10.30am start**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker (Hope)</b>	<b>Speaker (Grace)</b>
<b>13 Feb</b>	<b>Gary Spicer</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>20 Feb</b>	<b>Chris Spicer</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>27 Feb</b> Communion	<b>Gary Spicer</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>6 Mar</b>	<b>Chris Spicer</b>	<b>tbc</b>
<b>13 Mar</b>	<b>Chris Spicer</b>	<b>Dave Boden</b>
<b>20 Mar</b>	<b>Gary Spicer</b>	<b>Chris Spicer</b>
<b>27 Mar</b> Communion	<b>Chris Spicer</b>	<b>Dave Boden</b>
<b>3 April</b> Mother's Day	<b>Gary Spicer</b>	<b>Dave Boden</b>

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### **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.

### **Acknowledgements**

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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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