
Flint, sponge or honeycomb?

Recently I went out for a meal with some work colleagues. The evening was relaxing and fun; then the moment arrived for the bill. We all agreed that I would collect the money and pay. As I counted the money I realised I'd pulled the short straw. Everyone had quickly disappeared off home, leaving me with the bill and not enough money. Why is it there is never enough?

When with friends, family or church there never seems to be enough. The Bible talks about generosity: 'Give and it shall be given unto you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you' [Luke 6:38].

There are three kinds of givers – the flint, the sponge and the honeycomb. To get anything out of a flint, you must hammer it. And then you only get chips and sparks. To get water out of a sponge you must squeeze it, and the more you use pressure, the more you will get. But the honeycomb just overflows with sweetness! Which kind of giver are you?

As God continues to bless Mosaic Church with God-given opportunities to reach broken people, then let our church culture be filled with people, just like you, who are looking for every moment to be generous and bless the church and its vision. If everyone of us in Mosaic were contributors of time, talent and tithes, there would be more than enough, and none of us would be left at the table paying other people's bills.

Keep believing!

Your friends, **Gary & Helen**



MOSAIC CHURCH – who's who



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Partnering with Mosaic

If you would like to apply to partner with Mosaic Church, forms are now available from the info desk. For more information about the partnership initiative please see page 10.

Welcome Packs

If you're new to Mosaic and would like to find out more about church life and about how you can be a part of the church please pick up a Welcome Pack.



The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

God has called each of us to be 'givers' in a 'take away' world. As we choose to give, to bless and to serve others, we will know the blessing and refreshing of God for ourselves.

An attitude of generosity leads to a reality of prosperity in all areas of our life. As we give out to those around us, we will know prosperity in our health, our marriages, our families, our school life and our work places. To prosper means so much more than to just to have lots of wealth or possessions – true prosperity starts in our hearts and stems from a life rooted in a revelation of God's amazing grace and love.

God's love can always be inwardly possessed in prosperous abundance, whatever our outward circumstances. It is this revelation of love that becomes our ultimate source of refreshing, both for ourselves and those we get to share it with. We should never be stingy with it once we know it is ours, but always generous in giving away what we have received.

Here at Mosaic@Grace God is clearly speaking to us about His transforming love. God has reminded us again and again how a 'glimpse' of His love can have an impact in our life. It's exciting to journey together in encountering the Father's heart for His people and discovering together that through this love we can welcome and embrace others into His kingdom.

We've been blessed to have a number of visitors over the past few weeks and continue to hear stories of the impact the Easter Service held at Grace Academy had on many students, staff and their families as well as those in the local area. As we move into this next season of building Mosaic@Grace we are excited to see how God will refresh us and others through the things he does in and through the community of Mosaic.

A SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY

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WARNING: reading this might seriously affect your view of God

When thinking about the earthly life of Jesus, most of us would think either about his teachings or his miracles, but few of us would consider Jesus as a *People Watcher* – especially when it comes to giving money. But two of the gospel writers so wanted us to know that at least on one occasion Jesus sat and watched how people give their offerings, they made sure it was recorded [Luke 21:1–4; Mark 12:41–44].

Commenting on how the rich gave out of their wealth, and the poor gave out of their poverty, Jesus made a learning moment out of how people gave money. As a poor widow placed her two small copper coins, known as 'mites', into the offering box, Jesus taught his disciples that giving had more to do with *motive*, than it did *measure*.



Mention the word 'generosity' and most people immediately think of 'money', but generosity is first and foremost an *attitude*, before it ever becomes an *action*.

Over the summer months we'll be looking at what it means to be generous in every aspect of our Christian life and considering such things as '*The Spirit of Poverty verses a Spirit of Generosity*', '*An Attitude of Gratitude*,' and '*Living Life with Leftovers*' – the Summer Sundays at Mosaic promise to be something you cannot afford to miss.

Chris Spicer

Smile awhile...

A boat crashed into rocks and began to sink.
'Does anyone know how to pray?' shouted the skipper.
'Yes, I do, said a zealous Christian, leaping to his feet.
'Good,' said the skipper. 'You pray. The rest of us will
put on life-jackets. We're one short.'

A SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY

All over the UK people are discovering the benefits of using their services and skills, and trading goods using a local currency. Within Mosaic we've created our own currency – the 'Grout' – and we now invite those on the church database to take part in what we are calling a 'Currency of Favours'.



Each person is given an account ID and states the skills and services they wish to trade. These details are published in a directory. When trading takes place the Grouts spent and earned are recorded in the online accounting system. Ten per cent of each transaction is tithed to Mosaic to enable the church to support those in need and to raise funds.

Want to know more? Pop along to one or more of the Currency of Favours workshops at Hope Centre (10, 17 and 24 June, 8pm to 9.30pm). Please let Richard and Amanda know if you plan to come along, but you're very welcome to just turn up.

Richard & Amanda Kay (rak@copsewood.net)



The last three months has seen on average thirty people getting involved in Mosaic's first ever leadership development programme. Having looked at such topics as *Self Leadership and Secure Leadership*, this course is fast becoming a great learning opportunity for all present and prospective leaders.

Commenting on the first half of this course Chris Spicer, who heads up the programme, said, 'These have been some of the most inspiring and responsive classes I've every had the privilege of running.'

Part two begins on 4th September. We shall be looking at the *Servant Leader, Student Leader* as well as the *Spiritual Leader*. There's still time to get involved so for more info please contact the church office or chris@chrisspicer.net.

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KIDS CORNER

Mosaic @ Hope 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:

This group meets bi-weekly.



Children's Summer fun activities

Rather than taking the children away to a camp we have decided to run a couple of fun- and adventure-packed days in August for all those aged 7 to 12. At present it looks like they might be Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd August.

Our intention is to run some wet and wild wide games, perhaps cycling round Draycote Water, boating on the Leam, barbeque and movie... other ideas are welcome.



We will charge for these events but the cost will be subsidised where possible and it will be substantially less than if we had gone camping. We will need young leaders and parents to help run these two days so please talk to Viv and let her know you are keen to help.

‘We do not conquer the mountains, we conquer ourselves.’

After a life-changing experience in Albania the iDentity team are back with many stories to tell. We had a fantastic time – the ten days we spent in Saranda and Tirana really opened our eyes to the country and how much we wanted to help the people there.



Our aim as a team was to go out and be a blessing but I’m sure if you ask anyone of us they will tell you that we were all blessed in so many ways by the people there and left with heart connections that will stay with us. We cannot thank Richard and Linda enough for sharing the fantastic work they do with us; it has left a lasting impression. We would like also to thank everyone who sponsored us to go to Albania and who supported our events leading up to the trip. The money you helped us raise and gave generously went to great use.

We met a boy called Eyeti; this was one person that the whole team made a heart connection with. He doesn’t have anything and was struggling for work. We decided we would pay for his work boots to help him find work and also to support him for a month so he could approach a possible employer as a trial and we would pay his wage.

Another family we were able to bless have a daughter called Anna. She was healthy at birth but at about 18 months she developed a very high temperature which left her brain-damaged and also physically disabled. She is a beautiful girl who is now 18 years old. A few of us met her and prayed with her and the family, which really stirred something within us. We are helping to pay for the things that they need to look after Anna, like nappies, which do not come cheap.

Thank you all once again for supporting us. Youth still runs 7.30 to 9.30pm on Fridays – pick up our exciting programme for the summer term on the information desk. See you there!

**Laura McElvenny
& the iDentity Youth Team** 7

OUTREACH

Since April we started weekly evangelism again on the streets of Hillfields and have had very fruitful times with about 14 people willingly and openly praying to accept Christ, plus others who agreed for us to pray that God would reveal himself to them.

We spoke to a man with a strong religious faith, whose wife was a Christian and had left him to go back to South Africa because she couldn't cope with his ungodly lifestyle. As we were talking to him about Jesus, he showed us a text from his wife telling him to go and get a bible! God gave us words of knowledge and revelation that really spoke into his life. He was in the middle of inviting Jesus into his life when his wife rang on his mobile. He answered and continued praying whilst his wife was listening! We then spoke to his wife and confirmed that he just accepted Christ and had said that he wanted to turn over a new leaf. Praise the Lord for touching people's lives.

If anyone is interested in evangelism on the streets of Hillfields, please speak to Seamus, Claude or Adegoke.



The Pentecost Celebration is the coming together of Christians in Coventry, of whatever language or culture, to express their love for Jesus and commitment to the city. It will include:

- a banner parade with 'Jesus is Lord!' displayed in a multitude of languages
- dynamic worship, including songs in different cultural styles
- short testimonies from people who have had a powerful and life-changing encounter with the Living God
- the official launch of the Coventry Central Foodbank. Bishop Christopher, who is the patron, will lead a prayer of blessing.

A WISE INVESTMENT

Investment in an ISA doesn't seem worth it these days; such a low rate of interest. I can offer you an exceptional return on your investment and it won't cost you a penny, just your time.

A few weeks ago I asked Gary and Helen to stand out the front and stood two youngsters behind them. Imagine the scene. Now turn the clock back 30 years and see the children that they once were. Thanks to people investing their time and love into Gary and Helen they grew to love the Lord and are the amazing people they are today.



Now look at the children you see around the church and picture where they could be in 30 years' time. You have a chance to invest God's love into their lives. So don't delay, join the children's church volunteer team today.



Contact Viv (07952 083 281 or viv.kibble@sky.com) for info.



Thanks to Wilma Melendez (See Genesis 6-8) 12-05-2008

NOAH BEGAN TO FEEL THE URGENCY OF HIS CALLING

NOTICEBOARD

Partnership

Partnership with Mosaic Church isn't about membership, it's about identifying with the vision and values of the church and working that out in the life of this church. It's about making a decision that this church is the family of Christians that we want to **belong to**. This is essential if we want to take this church forward as a relevant community, working together and not just as a congregation meeting once a week.

St Paul says, 'We were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves.' This speaks of friendship, fellowship, of joined lives and that is how we see partnership. The values are described in four talks called Masterpieces which were recently delivered to the church and are available to listen to on the Mosaic website or on CD (by request).

If you want to belong to, identify with and be part of building this church, in this community, in this city and beyond, if you want to be used by God to see *lost people found and broken people healed* then please complete a partnership form.



The **Coventry Central Foodbank** has recently been receiving wide media coverage, including features in the Coventry Evening Telegraph and on local BBC news. The word is spreading!

If you would like more info about the Foodbank or would like to get involved please see Andy Grizzle, Gavin Kibble or Paulina Thorpe. The next food collection will be taking place on Saturday 9th July 10am to 4pm at the Tesco Arena.



Don't forget that the newly established Traidcraft stall, run by Colin White, is available for you to stock up on fair trade goods and foodstuffs. Colin will be at Hope on 12th June and 10th July and at Grace at other weeks. Please support this initiative that aims to fight world poverty through trade.



Oasis Soaking Prayer & Prayer Ministry

Wednesday 15th June 7.30–9.30pm
Hope Centre

Oasis provides opportunities for you to position yourself in an atmosphere where you can experience a deeper intimacy with God. A place to experience divine exchange...

Any questions, see Mike & Jean Adkins or Richard & Olwen Blower. Please bring a blanket and pillow for your comfort!

Monthly prayer evening

14th June and 12th July 7.30pm to 8.30pm

We encourage you to join the church leadership in praying for Mosaic, its activities and outreach locally and globally.

'Extraordinary things happen when ordinary people pray!'

Grapevine Celebration

26th to 30th August 2011

Grapevine is for Christians from all backgrounds and denominations to gather to celebrate the Christian faith and for the Ground Level family of churches to have an annual focus.



It's a great event for all the family. Camp onsite or stay at the Hotel Ibis Lincoln (see www.ibishotels.com).

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

Mosaic Church – one church, two expressions



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Mosaic@Grace
Grace Academy
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Sunday services 10.00am for coffee 10.30am start



Mosaic Church info database

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

Tithes and offerings

The giving of our tithes and offerings is an important part of our worship at Mosaic. In March our giving was £10,507 against a budget of £10,620 and in April it was £6,406 against a budget of £11,620. If you would like more information on giving through standing order or gift aid please contact Jan Towell at info@mosaicchurch.co.uk.

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 both premises, but especially the cafe, corridors and car park.

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