
Prayer still works!

I had just returned after a ministry trip to Malaysia and Australia, a wonderful time of God's grace, new experiences and much fun.

I stepped off the plane after a 30 hour journey, switched on my phone and there were the texts. I thought the messages would be 'Welcome home Gary'; 'Good to have you back'; 'Can't wait to see you'. I guess my own personal desires had overtaken me again! Instead: 'Gary, we've some bad news for you'; 'We need to speak to you urgently'; 'Please pray'.

'Sometimes all I want is a peaceful life!' I can hear you cry. Challenges – don't we just love them! But where there are challenges there's an opportunity for God to turn up.

As many of us are aware, this last month has brought many challenges, especially health difficulties, within the church. Yet we have heard remarkable stories of where God has healed in supernatural ways and turned up with answered prayers. We have much to give God thanks.

I believe this is a time where God is asking each of us 'to press in, so we can press on'. We need not be casual in our praying, but consistent and intentional. This often will cost each of us time, prayer and financial giving. May each of us catch this exciting moment in time and show God through our actions and commitment how serious we are about seeing Him made famous in our church and city.



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.

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.




LOVE IS THE GREATEST BREAKTHROUGH

The love of God is an incredible, heavenly, life-changing reality that lasts forever. His love is so overwhelming; it covers us, hides us, follows us and leads us so that we can become like Him. As the Bible says so poignantly, 'We love Him because he first loved us.' It all starts with Him.

The problem we have is that we are not always good receptors of His love. Sometimes this struggle can come from a wrong idea of who our wonderful God is, or perhaps from an obscure concept of *love* itself, because our earthly relationships have so often been imperfect and broken.

Recently, one of our teenagers at Mosaic@Grace preached and gave this mind-blowing quote: '*God doesn't want to give us a TO DO list, he wants to give us a TO BE list*'. Pro-found isn't it? We are called to 'BE' loved by him before we 'DO' anything for him.



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1 John
4:9-10

However, almost ironically, it is when we catch hold of this truth about 'being, not doing' that we find ourselves at our most productive, useful and fruitful.

A friend of ours, Fiona, recently responded to the Holy Spirit out of a time of personal prayer and closeness with Jesus. She was simply allowing God to love her when he prompted her to drive to a Walsgrave supermarket and share the gospel with a stranger at the customer services desk! The girl behind the counter was amazed as she had spent the previous two weeks praying for a sign from God for her future... *Fruitfulness came from intimacy.*

As a result of Fiona's obedience, Mosaic@Grace has been brimming with at least six new believers, all on fire for Jesus. Friends and family have heard afresh of the amazing love of Jesus through this one encounter and have ended up experiencing it for themselves.

TARIK'S STORY

This story and countless others like it across the whole of Mosaic Church is paving the way for a new generation of believers who act as 'lovers of God' and are destined to see breakthrough happen in the city!

Dave and Leah Boden

Tarik's story*

Tarik and Nabila* are both educated Libyans. Tarik is now studying for a PhD at Coventry University and his wife is studying mechanical engineering. They are part of a community of 155 Libyan students in the city. Nabila recently gave birth to their fifth child (a baby girl).

It is, and always has been, their intention to return home once their education is completed. Their income comes from a Libyan sponsor, but since the conflict started, getting money out of the country has become increasingly difficult, frequently delayed and sometimes not received at all. Then add into this mix that Tarik is from Misrata and Nabila is from Benghazi, both cities at the heart of the current conflict, contact with family members is difficult in the extreme. And... their Coventry landlord is trying to evict them!



Tarik is embarrassed to have got to the point where he has had to turn to the Foodbank. He is deeply moved by the fact that the Christian community would step in and help a Muslim family!

Jesus said, 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink? 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' The King will answer and say,

WOMEN'S WEEKEND AWAY

'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even the least of them*, you did it to Me.'

There are no caveats here, no legal position about whether it is right or wrong to feed someone. But there is a warning if you turn you back on those in need. Just read on in Matthew 25:41.

If you would like more info about the Foodbank or would like to get involved please see Andy Grizzle, Gavin Kibble or Paulina Thorpe.

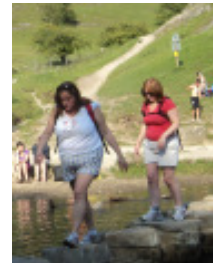
Gavin Kibble

*Individual names have been changed to maintain anonymity.
For the full story visit www.mosaicchurch.co.uk.



**Women's
Weekend
2011**

"We had such an amazing time. Ilam Hall is in the most beautiful of settings. This, mixed with the great teaching, wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit and the great company, made it such a fab weekend. I loved getting to know people more and the fun we had. Can't wait to go again next year!" **Lisa Day**



"The opportunity to worship God with amazing women sharing joy, laughter, and nurturing and loving one another in the way God intended was the highlight of my Women's Weekend at Ilam Hall."

Paulina Thorpe



Women's Weekend 2012: 22nd – 24th July 2012. It's possible to spread the cost out over the year (standing order forms or payment envelopes are now available on the info desk).

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Monday 31 October Light Party for primary-aged children – times to be confirmed.

'Noah's Ark' has had another great year. We currently have 21 families on the register – this includes five dads and two grandmas. We've had as many as 18 children in the hall.

The atmosphere is lovely; we have people from African countries and a group of families from Sri Lanka, and we've had the privilege of praying openly for two or three of the carers.

'Noah's Ark' meets at Hope Centre on Mondays during term time, 10am to 12 noon. It's free and open to all children aged 0-4 years and their carers.

Our aim is to help build good self-esteem in parents and children, to promote the skills children need to do well at school and to provide a link in the community with Mosaic Church. Please pray for us. We would love to see some more Mosaic families joining in this September.

NOAH'S ARK



Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him. Psalm 127:3

Parenting is most definitely an adventure that is both rewarding and challenging, but the Bible tells us that Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him, so we celebrate these precious gifts every day. The Holy Spirit wants to empower each of us as parents on a daily basis to be full of His grace, patience, love, strength and compassion for our children. It's because of His great love for us that we can love our children fully and deliberately.

I have been challenged recently to ask myself what is my primary goal in parenting my children? Do I want obedience, tolerance, academic achievement or even happiness first? Or do I want to raise children who are loved and know they are loved; loved by God and loved by Mum and Dad before any other agenda? It's out of this love that we learn to love others, we learn to live in freedom, true in our identity and secure in who God has made us to be. What an amazing privilege to raise 'loved ones'.



Be encouraged in your calling as parents; let us not grow weary in doing good for in due season we shall reap; keep sowing into your precious children, keep loving and rejoice in all that God has blessed you with.



Spend some time this week praying with your children, reading from the Word to them and watch your seedlings grow...

You're doing a great job!

Leah Boden

HILLFIELDS OUTREACH

We go into Hillfields once a week for about two hours. Since the last update we have been out eight times and met a number of people from diverse backgrounds and religious faiths, some just passing through. Thirty-one have come to faith in Christ. We praise God for His work in these people.

A visitor from North Sudan who had knowledge about Jesus, as written in his own religious book, accepted Jesus as his Saviour. This was really incredible, as he had status and was very devout in his own faith. He even mentioned about relocating to a different part of Sudan so that he can practise his new-found faith more freely.



A man who was very disillusioned with religion saw Jesus in a new and living way. As he accepted Jesus, he suddenly just burst out praising God, even lifting up his hands right there by the pavement!

A man had recently come out of prison and was feeling hopeless and dejected, as he had failed to get a job. After he was prayed for and accepted Jesus he felt a sense of peace and hope. We informed him about help that is available through the Foodbank and CAP as we do with many whom we meet who are in financial difficulties.

Interested in evangelism? Contact Seamus, Claude or Adegoke.

We are mindful, O God, that You dwell among the lowliest people of the Earth, that You sit on the dust-heap among those in the slums and those in prison, that you are present with the juvenile delinquents and the homeless, that You throng with the beggars seeking bread, that You suffer with the sick, and that You stand in line with the unemployed.

Prayer by Toyohiko Kagawa

EXTREME MAKEOVER @ MOSAIC

With a shout of 'Move that bus!' the latest 'Extreme Makeover – Home Edition' is revealed in all its glory as Ty Pennington and his team give another needy family their dream home.



Starting on 6 October, Mosaic Church is going to experience its own version of Extreme Makeover – Home Edition. Giving a biblical view of Parenting; Sex & Sexuality; Rest & Relaxation; Health & Fitness, this is one series no one can afford to miss. For amidst the social nightmare of broken homes, divorced parents, distant dads and disenfranchised children, we have a dream to build a church in which:

- > parents are empowered to be the primary influencers in their child's spiritual development
- > Christians reclaim their health and fitness
- > people have a biblical view of sex and sexuality
- > young and old experience the outpouring of God's Spirit
- > families are valued as a major force within society.

Culminating with guest speakers Steve and Angie Campbell from Cambridge, this promises to be a great series.

Chris Spicer

Mosaic@Hope picnic at Abbey Fields, Kenilworth, on Sunday 24th July.

We enjoyed a lovely, relaxing afternoon in the sunshine!



NOTICEBOARD



Mosaic@Grace Picnic 21st August

On Sunday 21st August Mosaic@Grace will be having its second family picnic following the meeting. We will be gathering at Coombe Abbey at 1.30pm to eat together, walk, play games, etc.

Grapevine Celebration, Lincoln 26th to 30th August

Grapevine is for Christians 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. Book online at www.grapevinecelebration.org.uk/2011/



TRAIIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Colin White will be running a Traidcraft stall at Hope on 4th September and 2nd October and at Grace on other weeks. Please support this initiative that aims to fight world poverty through trade.

Monthly prayer evening

Tuesday 13th September 7.30pm to 8.30pm

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

Women's breakfast

Saturday 17th September 9am Hope Centre

Great opportunity for the women of Mosaic to relax together. Guest speaker: Christine Van Morrison from Zimbabwe.

Oasis Soaking Prayer & Prayer Ministry

Wednesday 21st September 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

10 bring a blanket and pillow for your comfort!

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Motown Magic

With
Mr & Mrs
Semi-finalists of
Britain's Got
Talent
and supported by
The Revelles
Pop and soul duo



23rd September 8pm (doors open 7.30pm)
Jaguar Social Club, Radford, Coventry

Tickets: £5 Adult £4 Concessions/children £15 family
Call Marg on 07828 251631 or Jean on 07724 062254

**Event in support of the Heavana Women's refuge in
Sri Lanka, funded by Global Care.**



Congratulations!

Our congratulations go to Jimmy and Laurel who are getting married on Saturday 24th September at Hope, 1.30pm. All are very welcome to come along to the service.

Update on Oakwood

We are pleased to announce that Betel of Britain is currently renting Oakwood with a view to purchasing the building in a few months' time.



Betel is a caring, not-for-profit Christian Community in the heart of the UK and is dedicated to restoring homeless and substance-dependent people to productive, independent lifestyles. Betel's UK residencies host up to a total of 130 men and women at no cost whatsoever! For more information, visit www.betel.org.uk/

Mosaic Church – one church, two expressions



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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 May our giving was £15,772 against a budget of £11,620 and in June it was £10,311 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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