

---

### Staying alive!

When I was a child holidays were always special in the Spicer household. How we looked forward to the focused time of fun, play and special treats.

On one occasion on a rare sunny day we visited a windswept beach and I remember my Dad burying me in the sand. It seemed a good idea to a fun-loving boy! But as the sand piled onto my [then small] body I started to feel trapped. Dad, in his fatherly wisdom, decided to take a walk and leave me to try and get free. My fun soon turned to fear. I called and shouted but Dad, now a distance away, couldn't hear my faint cries.

Sometimes we start out in our Christian walk with fun and adventure as our starting point, then challenging experiences visit our lives, often at a time when our faith is weak or when we are shouting for Heaven to hear. But alas God is asleep, or it seems that way, possibly too busy to hear our calls.

I believe this is a season in Mosaic Church where we need not let past negative experiences bring fear for the future, but allow His love and acceptance flood our lives with faith and hope. God has BIG plans for our Church and we need people faithful and full of faith to build the Church.

My Dad did finally hear my cries and ran and released me from my fear and trauma! Like my Dad, our heavenly Father hears our cries and runs to answer our calls!



With love,  
Gary & Helen

## FEASTING AND FASTING...

Tuesday, 16th February is the day we'll be getting out the frying pan, whisking the eggs and flour together and creating those wonderful treats known as pancakes. And, according to tradition, it's also the day when any Christmas decorations that didn't make it back into storage before 6th January should be added to the frying pan!

And so, Shrove Tuesday marks the last day of feasting before the period of fasting known as Lent when we're reminded of Jesus in the wilderness fasting for forty days.

The word Lent is short for lenten and comes from the ancient Germanic word 'Langaztina' meaning the lengthening of the days in spring. In England during the Middle Ages the word lenten was used as the word for spring, meaning 'new life bursting forth'.

As we move through Lent in the approach to Easter, let us look forward to that new life that Jesus gives us through His death and resurrection. And perhaps rather than giving something up during Lent maybe we could act positively by giving to a Christian initiative, such as Tearfund's Climate Justice Fund, Christian Aid's Haiti Appeal or World Vision's Child Health Now campaign.

Just a thought...



---

### Easter 2010

---

**Palm Sunday**      **28th March**

**Good Friday**      **2nd April**

**Easter Sunday**      **4th April**

Details of church services and events over Easter will shortly be available.

## Woman jumps to her death over debt

A recently married woman who hid huge credit card debts from her husband jumped to her death from a church to escape her financial troubles, an inquest heard.

I bet that grabbed your attention! I saw this news item in last Tuesday's Daily Telegraph and two things struck me:

- > She hid her debts from the person who was closest to her – this is not unusual and is commonly tied in with the individual feeling extreme shame.
- > She jumped to her death from a church. The one place that could have provided her with a solution to her problems was the place she chose to commit suicide.

I came across Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in 2008 when I was given John Kirkby's book *Nevertheless* to read. It's not only John's personal testimony but also the story of how God inspired him to start CAP with just £10. 13 years on CAP employs around 120 people and has 106 CAP centres operating out of local churches around the country providing a Christian-based debt counselling service. Many more churches are providing Money Coach, CAP's course for anyone wanting to get a better understanding of how to manage their finances.



John Kirkby's vision is to establish 750 CAP centres in the UK within the next five years. Some cities and towns are designated as priority and unsurprisingly Coventry is one of these. For such a time as this, God is calling Mosaic to set up the first centre in this city. We will do this by May 2010 and all 300,000 citizens will have access to our services.

To do this we must have a CAP Centre Manager in place by April. **Could this be you?** You don't have to be a financial

## CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

guru, but you do need to have the heart of an evangelist and a passion to 'feed the poor and set the captives free'.

We will also be running regular Money Coach courses during the year at Hope Centre, 7.00-9.00pm on the following dates:

**March: 4th 11th 18th**

**April: 15th 22nd 29th**

These free courses are run by trained facilitators and are available to all even if debt isn't an issue. Please speak to me or Graeme and Jan Towell for more details.

**Gavin Kibble**

Please visit [www.mosaicchurch.co.uk](http://www.mosaicchurch.co.uk) for the full article.

### LETTERS FROM ALBANIA

The winter issue 2009/2010 from Richard and Linda Welch and Jo Simpson is now available from church or via the

Mosaic Church website. It's a jam-packed edition giving news of exciting answers to prayer, daily challenges and prayer pointers.



We look forward to welcoming Richard and Linda on 21st March and hearing more about their ministry.

### Bin a tin

Our food bank is up and running at church. Simply put a tin or two each week in the bins provided – you'll see them in the cafe area.

The food collected will be distributed to those in need.

4

### Offering hospitality

Welcoming visitors to our church service with a cuppa and cake is a vital expression of our hospitality. If you can help with this, especially setting out and clearing up, please contact Karen Sumner on 024 7675 8826.

## EMBRACE UPDATE

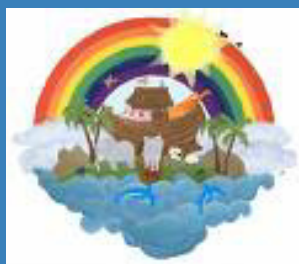
Embrace has now been running for two/three years and in that time we have achieved a well-established, needed and respected drop-in and outreach service for vulnerable women with life-controlling issues.

Embrace is about restoring dignity, bringing hope, journeying women into freedom and working with other agencies and authorities to help build a better future for the many women in our city who believe they are beyond all hope.

We meet weekly at the Hope Centre where the Cafe staff work tirelessly to give the women a hot meal. Here, the women find friendship, love, prayer and support. The Embrace team also take to the streets every Monday evening to offer food, beverages and prayer for the women out working.

Although it is challenging and heartbreaking to daily hear such difficult life stories, there are also many victories to celebrate. Since Christmas we have seen five women make commitments to Christ and watching them change before our eyes is such a beautiful and rewarding sight to behold. We owe everything to our very dedicated staff and volunteers who work and pray hard every week for the women, but ultimately we give thanks to God for the freedom He gave His life for, as without Him there truly isn't hope.

**Angela Williams**



Hope Centre  
Mondays  
10.00am – 12 noon  
Term time only

### PEEP Learning Together

PEEP is a FREE carer & toddler group and offers information and support in helping your child learn and develop.

It's active, lively and fun!

For further information see  
Heidi, Mary or Dee.

## KIDS CORNER

### Children's Church Groups

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



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

**Glow Plus: Key Stage 2:** ground floor Henley room

**Youth Alpha: School years 7-10:** meet bi-weekly.  
Next sessions: 7th & 28th Feb, & 21st March.

**Please note: No Children's Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February.**

**CONTACT: Viv Kibble, Children's Church Pastor:**  
Tel: 07952 083 281      E-mail: [viv.kibble@sky.com](mailto:viv.kibble@sky.com)

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

### Prayer & planning sessions for group workers

**Prayer:** Come and pray for the children on Sunday, 28th February 6.00-7.00pm

**Planning:** Sunday, 28th March 7.00-9.00pm

**Venue:** 1 Kineton Rd, Wyken, Coventry, CV2 3NR

### CYFA Venture Holiday for 8-11 year olds

25-29 July  
Wensleydale, North Yorks  
See Viv for details

## KIDS CORNER



### Quiz

The following are anagrams of creatures that appear in the Bible. There is a prize for the child aged under 13 that can get the most correct. Answers to Viv by Sunday, 14th March. In the event of a tie, the prize goes to the first complete set of answers... Some of them are a little tricky.

Hey, dog! Run!    Wig plan    Old pear    Clouts  
Iron cops            Is torch        Great drip    See awl  
Tie torso            Coin run        Moron cart  
April claret        Clean homeZeal gel  
Hags prosper



### Design a house or garden Competition

Anyone aged under 16 can enter. We are looking for a design or drawing of your ideal house or garden. 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, 13th March 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 in the service on Mother's day on 14th March.

## IDENTITY

### Mosaic Youth Programme

Every Friday @ 7.30 – 9.30pm

#### Feb...

- 12<sup>th</sup> Sleepover... Girls @ Naomi's/Boys @ Matt's
- 13<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Sponsored swim @ Andy & Ali's  
(Hampton in Arden)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Matt & Jodi/Groups
- 26<sup>th</sup> Youth @ CLM (Coventry)

#### March...

- 5<sup>th</sup> John O/Groups
- 12<sup>th</sup> Movie & Popcorn night £1
- 19<sup>th</sup> Alisa Mc/Groups
- 26<sup>th</sup> Youth @ Renewal £1



## WORKING TITLE – MOSAIC 7

Melanie and I have been gathering a small group together over the last couple of months to explore how Mosaic Church can offer a different way of being church.

Whilst the new format will be sufficiently distinctive, it's important for us to ensure that the DNA of Mosaic isn't lost. We want to encourage a new group of people to explore the Kingdom of God in a new way and see how that affects their own life.

I have a friend who would read the paragraph above and say, 'Jarv that is consultancy nonsense'. So here is what it is really about! We want to :

- > meet people where they feel comfortable – the cafe of Hope Centre is comfortable and welcoming, and we will be offering some form of food
- > give them space and help to explore the Kingdom of God and to chat around a pre-arranged theme
- > support them as they respond to God – prayer and space will be available.



We believe that God wants us to offer this to the 3,000+ students that are around Hillfields during term time. The gathering will happen at 7pm on a Sunday evening and beyond that we will use technology, such as Facebook and a website, primarily, to stretch the conversations.



If you want to know more do chat to Melanie or myself. Please pray that God will provide us with the right people, the right themes and the right name – as the opening says, Mosaic 7 is just a working title!

**Mark Jarvis** 9

## DATES TO NOTE

### **Board and trustee meetings**

Tuesday 16th February  
Tuesday 16th March  
**8pm at Hope Centre**

### **Support team meetings**

Wednesday 24th February  
Wednesday 31st March  
**8pm at Gary & Helen's (tbc)**

Please pray for the trustees, board members and all those involved in supporting Gary and Helen, that God will uphold them and guide them in the decisions they make in furthering His work within Mosaic, in Hillfields and throughout Coventry.

### **Men's Quiz Saturday 27th February 7.00-10.00pm**

Come along and pit your wits in what promises to be an enjoyable evening. Venue: Coventry SQ Centre, Whitefriar's Street. Cost: £5 including basket meal. Contact: Richard Blower.

### **Baptism Service Sunday 28th February**

A special service for those making a public commitment to their faith. If you would like to be baptised or would like to know more about baptism, please see Helen Spicer.

### **Mothers Day Service 14th March**

During the service there will be prayer for our newest teenagers and a chance to honour all the mothers and women in our church. The children will be involved, sharing some of the songs and stories they have been learning.

**Parents:** please let Viv know if your children are not going to be here that day: e-mail [viv.kibble@sky.com](mailto:viv.kibble@sky.com); text: 07952 083 281.

### **Women's Breakfast Saturday 20th March 9.30-11.30am**

Venue: Hope Centre. Look out for more details !

---

## Calendar

---



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

[www.mosaicchurch.co.uk](http://www.mosaicchurch.co.uk)

### Soul Survivor 2010

The Soul Survivor Summer Youth Camp gives our young people a fantastic opportunity to seek God in new and exciting ways and to enjoy contemporary worship.



If you're interested visit [www.soulsurvivor.com/uk](http://www.soulsurvivor.com/uk) for more info and have a chat with Julie Hird or Alisa McElverny who will be organising a group to the Bath & West showground, Somerset from 11th to 15th August 2010 .

### Grapevine 2010

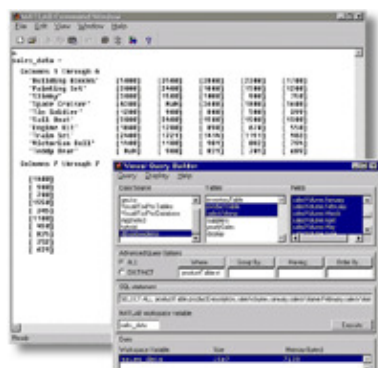
This year's Grapevine Celebration organised by Ground Level Network, will be taking place from 27th to 31st August in Lincoln.



Grapevine is an event for the whole family and the programme includes special guest speakers, worship and Grapevine Expo selling books, DVDs and other resources. Brochures and online booking will soon be available. Check it out at [www.groundlevel.org.uk](http://www.groundlevel.org.uk).

### Database

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





---

## Contact

---

Hope Centre  
Sparkbrook Street  
Hillfields CV1 5LB

024 7663 3500  
info@mosaicchurch.co.uk  
www.mosaicchurch.co.uk

---

## Sunday services

10am for coffee

10.30 start

---

### Date

### Speaker

14 February

Gary Spicer

21 February

Gary Spicer

28 February

Dan Oliver

7 March

John Patterson

14 March

Viv Kibble

21 March

Richard Welch

28 March

Gary Spicer

Please note that these details may be subject to change.

---

## 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

---

Thank you to all who contributed to this edition of Mosaic News and to freedigitalphotos.net and Michelle Meiklejohn for permission to use their photographs.

---

## Mosaic News – help needed!

---

If you could spare an hour or two every other month to help with printing and collating Mosaic News, please see Lisa Day.