

Spring has sprung!

What an amazing season spring is, full of potential and new life. It seems to me that Mosaic is going through a similar season, not what we see just with our eyes but the belief that God is changing things and bringing new things through the many lives that he is touching right now.

And this season of Lent heralds so much more than we can see. The more we draw ourselves into this journey, the more we see that Jesus is calling us to participate in what he is doing among us right now. In his last days, Jesus constantly drew the disciples into discussions of what the future would be, what it would look like and he invites them to participate in the work of the Holy Spirit in transforming and changing lives.

And in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus not only prays for us and our God-given mission, he also prays for the unity of his Church. As a result of this unity, the world will believe in him: 'I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. ***Then** the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me*' (John 17:20–3).

That saying 'a dog is not just for Christmas but for life' could be transposed into this current Mosaic journey – 'Lent is not just for Easter but for Life' ... the kind of life that Jesus died to bring into being.

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



WHO'S WHO



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The Lions Experience

I had just taken over as leader for the charity New Generation when I was accepted for the Lions. Taking my first step in leading an organisation and managing everything from teams to finances was a massive step for me.



Just before every Lions weekend I prayed and sought for advice in different areas and, without exception, every one of my prayers were answered and I got the advice I was looking for. This advice came from both conversation with the Lions but also from the other delegates, many of whom I'm in contact with after the Lions Experience was officially over.

At the end of the year I was blessed to receive funding for the tailored bible we wanted to produce for young people to hand out to their friends in schools across the country. Our project wouldn't be anywhere without this funding! What I appreciate most was the chance to sit down with people with more experience and to receive their guidance.

Jenny Carlsson, www.newgeneration.co.uk

To find out more, check out www.thelions.org.uk

LENT AND EASTER EVENTS



**ALL CHURCH PRAYER
GATHERINGS**
Tuesdays 1st and 8th April
7.30–8.30pm
@ The Hope Centre

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Friday 18th April
7.30pm @ The Hope Centre

JOINT EASTER CELEBRATIONS
Sunday 20th April
10.30am @ Grace Academy



The Road to Resurrection

There's still time to catch up with our journey through Lent with the help of the *Road to Resurrection* journal, which includes a daily Bible reading, 'Thought for the day' and lots of practical activities. Copies still available.

To all our friends in Mosaic Church,

We wanted to let you know that after helping plant Mosaic Church back in 2007, we now believe that God has spoken to us to move on and start another chapter in our walk with him.



We leave as friends and co-workers in Christ and are confident that God's plans for us all are perfect. We take with us many great memories and want you to know that our door is always open. We will continue to pray for you and ask that you would do the same for us.

With much love, **Paul, Sandra, Eliot and Francesca Godley**

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

I started with behavioural problems when I was 8 years of age. I come from a broken family – many with alcohol problems – and I spent most of my life in either the care or the prison system.

Up until five years ago I was an addict, an alcoholic, a thief and just a lost soul. I tried to commit suicide in 2009 and failed. I reached out to God in a prayer and was able to get help. I was baptised in 2010 and since then I've been clean, sober, honest, free from cigarettes and have got married! I've been part of Mosaic Church and family for a while now and am involved in the Men's Ministry.



I'm devoted to Jesus with my heart and live life as best I can in God's will. My sins have been forgiven and I've been given self-control, love, forgiveness. I'm a totally new creation in the name of Jesus and have a heart to help others facing struggles.

I've just been accepted on a two-year course at Hebron Bible College – we'll be covering the Old and New Testaments, prayer, healing, etc. I'm really looking forward to the next adventure in my life!

Mark Bailey



Captivate Women's Conference

**Saturday 10th May 2014
9.30am to 5.30pm**

**Grace Academy, Wigston Road
Coventry**

£20.00 per person (includes lunch & refreshments). Book online or by post (cheques payable to Mosaic Church).

For more info, pick up a leaflet.

KEEPING JESUS AT THE CENTRE

As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so continue to live in him. Keep your roots deep in him and have your lives built on him.

Colossians 2:6

Colossians teaches us that Jesus is our only source of salvation. Yet as Paul writes to remind God's people of this truth, it is clear that other ideas were already starting to influence the church. There was a sense that Jesus was being decentralised from his own house, pushed to the side in favour of new ideas.

Some were teaching that we could make it on our own without Jesus. This is the opposite of the gospel of grace. Apart from him we can do nothing; this is what grace really is. Perhaps Reinhard Bonnke puts it best when he talks about preaching the gospel:

'When I stand up to preach the gospel, I often preach to people who spread the table for their gods, and I tell them that the Christian God does it the other way around. He spreads the table for His children. In the other religions people always seek God. In the Christian faith, God seeks man.'

God seeks man. That is the gospel. And Jesus will always be the centre of *his* gospel. So let us make sure we keep him in his rightful place. Maybe our attitude needs to echo the Israel Houghton song which simply says:

**'Nothing else matters. Nothing in this world will do.
Jesus you're the centre.
Everything revolves around You.'**

Dave & Leah Boden

Stop press!

**The next citywide prayer and praise evening is
Sunday 18th May. Save the date.
Time and location to be advised.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Mosaic@Grace

There is an optional multi-age session every Sunday run by parents.

Mosaic@Hope



JELLY BEANS (6 months to 3 years) Downstairs in the nursery. Please note that children must be collected by their parents as soon as the service is over.

GLOW (4 to 6 years) Ground floor, nursery.

LEAP FROG (7 to 11 years) Ground floor, Henley room.

For further information about Children's Church,
please contact Viv Kibble: viv@lwad.co.uk.

I am there

In the beauty of holiness, in the silence of the
moment,
in the awesomeness of creation, in the power of
the storm ... I am there...

My love pursues you, there's no need to be
afraid.
My joy gives you strength to release your prayer
and praise.
My peace will still the turmoil and the strife.
My promises are for you to declare, for you to
declare through the journey of your life.

Do you draw near to me in holiness? Do you
believe me in the moments?
Do you see me in creation? Do you know I'm
with you in the storm?
My child, I'm there ... You call, I'm there!

Jayne Rose

FAMILY FIRST

We recently hosted our first 'Family First' morning for parents and carers. We had an encouraging time together as we chatted about what it really means to disciple our children from home, and in the context of our church community.

Viv Kibble kicked off the day with a fun icebreaker and led us in groups to consider what the challenges and victories of parenting were. This resulted in some 'real', enlightening and humorous feedback.

We talked about the power of sharing our story; about how each family is unique; and also how we have much to learn from one other.

I then had the pleasure of interviewing Jo Ann and Derek Dundas, followed by Adeyinka and Adegoke Olubanwo. Both couples shared insights from their parenting journeys, explained how they cultivate a spiritual atmosphere in the home, and gave tips and resources they had found helpful.

Dave Boden then shared part of the journey God had taken us on over the past 11 years. He encouraged and challenged us all in the knowledge that parenting is our primary ministry. We finished our time together in prayer and reflection and we left feeling encouraged and challenged in our noble calling as parents of God's children.

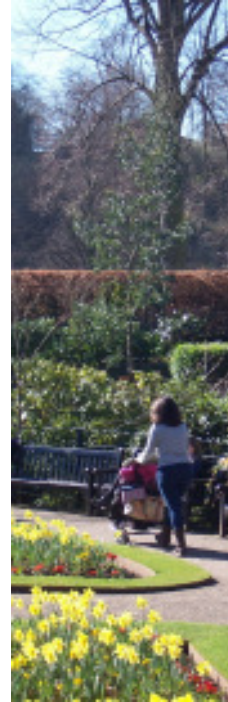
It's so important that we don't feel alone in this season of life, but also that we don't isolate ourselves when we're struggling! So watch this space for the next date!

**Commit to the LORD whatever you do
and your plans will succeed.**

Proverbs 16:3

Be encouraged – you're doing a great job!

Leah Boden



IdENTITY



We have had an awesome start to 2014 at iDentity youth. The leaders have witnessed a thirst in the young people of Mosaic Church to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit and to further understand their unlimited potential to impact and influence the emerging generation.

We'd like to give a huge shout out to Fiston Buteriteri, Carys Nelson and Elliot Leigh who, under the guidance of Rae Ann Coleman, are representing Mosaic Church by taking part in Hope 2014. The Hope 2014 organisation is supporting churches across the nation and influencing the church as a whole to do more together in mission, words and action during the year. Please make sure you have a chat to these guys to find out more about what they will be getting up to. Who knows – you may have the opportunity to get involved yourself!

Recently, iDentity held a 'Space at Grace' event. We were treated to live music from Christian rap artist Happy and had a street football cage and DJ providing further entertainment. We had the opportunity to share a message of hope with the 100 young people who attended from Grace Academy school. Please continue to pray for us as we continue our ministry into the school.



Finally, if you are interested in coming with us to Soul Survivor this year please contact either Josh Spicer or Georgia Edmiston who will make sure you receive all the relevant information.

Josh Spicer & the iDentity Youth Team



FIND US ON FACEBOOK
www.facebook.com/groups/identity.mosaic

CREATIVE ART AT MOSAIC



Creative Art Group

Tuesday evenings
7.30pm to 9.00pm
Hope Centre
Sparkbrook Street

Contact
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Who we are and what we are about



We are interested in developing creativity and art as part of worship at Mosaic Church. This could take the form of prophetic painting or drawing during the Sunday meetings or working on a more ambitious piece over a longer period of time. The work we do is a personal interpretation of Biblical themes, verses or stories, or it may be a visual response to what we believe the Holy Spirit is saying.



We are also growing together in friendship and faith as we meet to encourage and inspire each other.

We meet most weeks and have a passion for all types of creativity. We enjoy having fun together as we try out different media and techniques in creative art.

OUTREACH

It's a bit like the BAFTAs here at the Foodbank! Lawrie Coe (our oldest volunteer at 87 years) won the Times Sternberg Award (for volunteering), so the two of us will be visiting No. 11 Downing Street in May.



In February, the Foodbank was the recipient of the Pride of Coventry and Warwickshire Community Project of the Year Award and later this month we'll attend a City Freeman's Special Awards Dinner at the Guildhall.

So, while I am thanking my mother for giving birth to me 50 years ago, I am also thanking the hundreds of people who have been involved in the project over the last three years and our God, without whom none of this would have been possible. Will someone please pass me the hankies!

Hope 14 is 'a year of mission together in word and action in Coventry during 2014'. I can't stress how important it is for Mosaic to play its part in all that's going on in the city. An unprecedented season of unified prayer and activity is taking place, a recent example of which is the Winter Night Shelter where seven churches around the city have provided overnight accommodation for the city's homeless seven days a week for three months.

There is such excitement and anticipation that the Holy Spirit will be poured out on our city that not to be involved runs the real danger of missing out. Hope 14 provides a vehicle for us to participate and it enables us to promote community activities originating from Mosaic. An example of this is the Broadgate Pentecost Celebration on Saturday 7th June. There will be a massive birthday party and the churches in Coventry will be asked to provide a sponge cake each which will be joined together in one big cake before being cut up and given out.

Gavin Kibble

THE GRACE COURSE



We have just completed the 6-week **Grace Course**, which is designed to enable Christians to experience God's grace in such a deep and real way that love for him becomes the main motivator in our lives.

'Through the Grace Course I have found a new freedom and release that I have never experienced before. I feel like I have been walking around with wet clothes on and now I have taken them off and put on a clean robe, light as a feather.

'Although I thought I had already dealt with all of my unforgiveness, God showed me all the hooks that I still held onto, that were still holding me back in my relationship with him and keeping me from moving forward.'

Nichola Waterfield

'I found the Steps to Freedom Day particularly useful as it gave each of us the space to have a one-to-one with God. With the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we each identified the lies we had unwittingly allowed to influence us, and renounced them by affirming God's truths; we unearthed our fears and allowed the compassion and love of God to nourish and provide security; we found freedom in confessing our sins and forgiving others; and we resubmitted ourselves to our Heavenly Father.'

Amanda Kay

'For me the Grace course was a great reminder of how the younger son in the Prodigal Son story was given a cloak, shoes and a ring when he finally came back to the Father who had been looking out for him.

'The Father's love is constant and continual and although he felt that he didn't deserve it, the son got it. God clothes us, shows us where to go and gives us the high position of being his child, that is equal with every other child of God. God gives us a name and a purpose and brings us into a place of rest.'

Ruth Nelson

MOSAIC CHURCH – one church, two expressions



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Sunday services 10.00am for coffee 10.30am start

Tithes and offerings

The giving of our tithes and offerings is an important part of our worship at Mosaic. The total amount between Nov 2013 and Feb 2014 came to £40,546, (budget: £46,343). If you would like more information on giving through standing order or gift aid please contact Gavin Kibble (gavin.kibble@sky.com).

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.

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.

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