

# together

Monthly update for Community Church Huddersfield **May/June 2011**

## Welcome...

to our monthly update. If you are a visitor to the church, the update aims to be a source of information about all the various activities we are involved in. **On page 2 we have tried to cover the kind of things that you might find it helpful to know.** Hopefully, everyone will be encouraged by what we are doing to build up the church and to reach out with God's love, power and truth into Huddersfield, the surrounding regions and into all the world.

## The Kingdom Makes a Difference

A few weeks ago, I spoke about how we need to be a people who are committed to both pursuing the experience of God's presence and also living radically according to God's principles. It is not enough for us to have great times of worship together and then walk out of the meeting and live just like everybody else. We are called to be different, to stand out from the crowd. We should certainly expect to live in the presence of God out in our everyday world. That makes a difference (*Exodus 33:16*). But we can also expect to live according to different principles to that world (*Romans 12:2*). Taking 'the road less travelled' will make all the difference.

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I defined principles as 'a way of living that springs from the truth and life of the kingdom within us and affects and shapes our heart attitudes, our values, our way of thinking, our speech, our choices and our actions.' Note the reference to the kingdom of God. God's principles are kingdom principles. They refer to the righteousness of the kingdom which we seek after, and make our primary concern (*Matthew 6:33*). This righteousness is not about just following rules and regulations. It is about a change that starts in the heart and then affects every aspect of our way of life. It is about learning to 'let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness' (*1 Peter 1: 15 The Message*). This doesn't just happen – we can 'slip back into those old grooves' (v.14) if we're not careful. Part of the seeking of the kingdom and its righteousness is that we make a determined effort - in his grace and by his power - to

change and to live a life of depth and difference. We aim to be different so that we can make a difference.

The coming of the kingdom into our world makes a difference. Being born into this kingdom means the difference starts with us. There is a 'divine conspiracy' at work in our world. A seed of heavenly life and truth,

power and principle, has been sown into this world, is gradually overthrowing the old world order and filling the earth with the power and the hope of a new order and is doing it by changing the hearts and

lives of individual people. It is a 'secret' programme of transforming our world, one life at a time. World transformation begins with allowing the power and the principles of the kingdom to transform our lives now.

And the wonderful thing is that this kingdom not only demands change; it offers the hope of change. It not only tells us we should live differently; it tells us we can live differently. We can be different. And we can make a difference in our world.

In the next few weeks I am going to be looking at what has been called the manifesto of the kingdom – the sermon on the mount. We are going to see just how radical is the different kind of life that Jesus has called us to and wants to empower us to live. Get ready for it to make a difference in your life.

Trevor Lloyd

# If you are new to us...

We would like to offer you a warm welcome to Community Church! We hope that you will feel welcome among us and we pray that you will know the presence of God as you meet with us.

Our times together on a Sunday morning usually finish at around 12.30pm after which tea and coffee are served.

The Reception Desk in the foyer is open after the meeting where someone will be pleased to help you with any queries you may have.

## Information for parents...

There is a crèche available throughout the morning catering for children up to play group and nursery age. The crèche has baby changing and feeding facilities.

There are also groups for older children, which usually start about half-way through the morning.

The groups are based on school years:

**King's Kids** – Infants

**Eagles** – Juniors

**Xcel** - A youth group for older children up to school year 11 meets some weeks – these are announced.

A steward will be pleased to show you where the crèche and other children's classrooms are.

Our key children and youth workers are CRB checked.



Jill Hinchliffe -  
Crèche & Rainbows  
Team Leader



Paul & Jenny  
Sammonds -  
Children's Work  
Leaders



Alison Lloyd -  
Youth Work  
Leader

## The leaders who bring oversight to Community Church are:



Allan  
Hinchliffe



Brendan  
Cosgrove



Trevor  
Lloyd



Trevor  
Shotter

### Encounter

For young adults (16-25). A time for worship, encounter with God, relationship building, teaching, discipleship, discussion and much more. Sunday 4.30 pm. Contact the Reception Desk for details.



### Melody Makers

A parents and toddlers group, for pre-school children, offering lots of fun with music, games, crafts and other activities. Thursday 9.45am - 11.45am £1.25 per person, under 6 months free.



### Evergreens

Fellowship and fun for the over 55s. A range of speakers bring different subjects making it most enjoyable. Wednesday 2.00pm - 4.00pm.



### Coffee @ JC

Open to all, free of charge. Come and enjoy coffee and a chat! Children welcome, look out for special, seasonal events. Monday, 10.30am-12.00pm.



### No Limits

For school years 3-6, a great place to make new friends, play some silly games and have some fun. Every Friday in term time, 6.00pm-7.30pm.



### Global Cafe

New to UK? Enjoy friendship, English conversation and a taste of food from different countries at the Global Café. The first Wednesday evening of every month, 7.30pm.



### LivingHope

A twelve-step programme of recovery based on Christian principles. Finding a way through hurts or hang-ups, depression or addictions, a painful past or anything that stops you enjoying life. Thursday evening, 7.30pm.



### Youth @ JC

For youth (Yrs 7-12). An opportunity to get involved in various activities like football, computer games, table tennis, air hockey etc. while building relationships with young people. Friday night 8.00pm - 9.30pm; £1 entry.



### Xcel

A discipleship group for young people between the ages of 11 and 16, involving prayer, worship, teaching and discussion. Includes special sessions for those seeking to find out about the Christian faith. Monday 7.15pm - 9.15pm.





# Family News & Events

## Wescott Wedding

Michael Wescott and Stephanie Cannell were married at Jubilee Centre on Saturday 9th April 2011. We wish them a happy honeymoon and a blessed marriage from all at Community Church.



## Hannah Saxon & Stephen Hunter Engaged

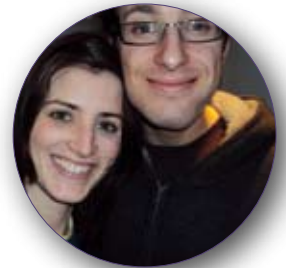
Hannah Saxon has become engaged to Stephen Hunter, who was part of the church during his final year at university and has now graduated and moved away. We wish them all the best for their future together.



## Leanne Caughey

Congratulations to Leanne whose contract was made permanent at the school where she teaches. Read more on page 5.

**Robin Taylor & Ruth Dixon** will be married at Jubilee Centre on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm.



**Ruth Gordon** is going to Montenegro again from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of July as part of a UCCF Mission team. Please pray for her as she prepares, seeks to raise funds and meets her team.

### Got a new job? Been healed? Moved house? We want to hear about it!

- If you have any news you wish to share with the church, we want your story.
- If your contact details have changed, the office needs to know about it.

In either case, please contact the office on 01484 551551 or [office@community-church.co.uk](mailto:office@community-church.co.uk), or pick up a 'New Personal Information' form from the Members' Resources area at Jubilee Centre.



## Don't Be A Fool!

On 1st April 1976 astronomer Patrick Moore announced on BBC Radio 2 that at 9:47am a once-in-a-lifetime astronomical event was going to occur that listeners could experience in their very own homes. The planet Pluto would pass behind Jupiter, temporarily causing a gravitational alignment that would counteract and lessen the Earth's own gravity. Moore told his listeners that if they jumped in the air at the exact moment that this planetary alignment occurred, they would experience a strange floating sensation. When 9:47am arrived, the BBC began to receive hundreds of phone calls from listeners claiming to have felt the sensation. One woman even reported that she and her eleven friends had risen from their chairs and floated around the room.

The date gives away what was going on and one can only guess what those who called the BBC actually experienced. Of course the 1st April is traditionally the day when, for fun, we try to trick or fool those around us.

Unfortunately, and more seriously, many Christians spend their lives fooling themselves. In James 1:22 we read, '*... don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling*

*yourselves.*'(NLT)

We must understand that to be a Christian is to be a disciple of Christ and that being a disciple has everything to do with doing something. A disciple is not someone who knows all the theory about what it means to be a Christian, but someone who puts what they have heard into practice.

Jesus said, "*Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter*" Matthew 7:21(NLT). These are sobering words. We would be foolish not to heed them.

So, be a doer, not just a listener. Don't be fooled. To be a disciple is to be someone who listens and does.

Trevor Shotter



## Matthew Hallett

Matt got involved with church when his sister invited him to a youth group. He began to get interested in what people in the church had to say, and he responded to the gospel at a YFriday concert. After leaving Ulverston in the Lake District to study Computer Games Programming at the University, Matt attended the Christian Union where Trevor Lloyd was the speaker. Matt came along to Community Church, immediately felt at home, and knew it was the church for him. His Mum and Dad still live in Ulverston and his sister is at Lancaster University studying for a Masters in Psychology.

One of Matt's hobbies is going for a ride on his motorbike.

Here are some of Matt's favourites: Colour – Green, Film – Speed (with Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves), Computer Game – Final Fantasy X, Musician – Newton Faulkner, Food – Bangers & Mash.

The place Matt would most like to go is somewhere in America like the Grand Canyon. One of Matt's ambitions is to go sky diving.



## Introducing

### Leanne Caughey

We are kingdom people. From the moment we accepted Jesus' rule and reign in our lives we became part of his kingdom.

I recently I had an opportunity to see how believing in the kingdom of God works in everyday life.

My job, at the school where I teach, was made permanent when, in this current economic climate, it seemed unlikely to happen.

If I listened to the voices of the world, I would hear things like 'recession', 'unemployment', 'budget cuts'. I considered looking for other jobs and other things I could do – but there were two very steady voices also

speaking: God saying 'trust in me' and my husband reminding me of who God is.

We prayed, knowing that to keep me employed with all the cuts taking place meant asking God to intervene.

He did: I was given a permanent contract!

I know that we will face all kinds of challenges in life but it is in facing them that we are reminded of who God is, who he has made us and the kingdom in which he has placed us.



## Calling Willing Volunteers

### The Welcome Team

The Welcome Team, as the name suggests, provides a warm welcome to those visiting us on a Sunday Morning at the Jubilee Centre. At the end of the Sunday gathering, visitors can meet members of the welcome team (next to the PA desk at the back of the hall) who will offer them a cup of tea or coffee, answer any questions they may have, and introduce them to other church members.

We also talk about the different community activities the church is involved in across Huddersfield. We really want our visitors to be acknowledged and cared for, without us being too invasive. Having an area where they can be served drinks, and where they have the information they need in one place, really helps with this.

Over the last few weeks we have had a range of visitors, including those visiting friends or family, people who would like to know more about us and others who have recently moved to the area. We also have overseas visitors from Open Word and Global Café. First impressions really count, and being in the Welcome Team is an opportunity to make a positive contribution to that. When you bring along friends on a Sunday, please do bring them across to the Visitor Area after the service and we will ensure that they are served with a drink and given a warm welcome. If you want to know more about the welcome Team, or would like to serve in this area, please speak to Paul Kern.



*This series of articles seeks to clarify some of the principles we believe in – principles about how the church is meant to be built and to function, and about the vision for what the church is meant to become.*

I reminded people recently that the three areas which give the clearest indication of the health and strength of a church are its giving, its serving and its going. We have already looked at the principle of serving in these series of articles. In the next edition of Together I will look at the principle of going - which refers to our going into all the world to preach the gospel and make disciples (*Matt.18:19; Mark 16:15*). In this edition I want to look briefly at principles related to financial giving.

We have to first realise that our attitude to and handling of money is treated by the Bible as of vital importance. Mammon – which is the spirit that lies behind materialism and the love of money - is the major idol (*Matt.6:24*). The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil (*1 Tim.6:10*). It is the major stumbling block and distraction in the spiritual life (*Matt.6:25-34; 1 Tim.6:6-10; Luke 8:14*). And yet God blesses us materially because money is needed to further his purpose and meet the needs of others (*2 Cor.9:6-15*). That is why God regards the way we handle material wealth as a key to us being able to handle true spiritual riches (*Luke 16:11*).

God teaches us three key things that are vital to our handling of money.

## 1. Tithing

This means to give a tenth of our income. Tithing teaches us the fear of the Lord (*Deut.14:22-23*) because it is a very real and practical way in which we establish in our hearts that God comes first in our

lives (*2 Cor.8:5*). We give him the first fruits of our wealth (*Deut.18:4; Prov.3:9*). We tithe the first 10% of our income (even before the tax man). God required this not only in the Law, but before the Law, in the example of Abraham who is our father and model in the life of faith (*Is.51:2; John 8:39; Rom.4:12-17; Gal.3:7, 17; Heb.7:2*). This is why tithing continues in the new covenant (*Matt.23:23*). All our money belongs to the Lord and we are simply stewards of it; the tithe is our confession that we trust in him to meet all our needs, and it belongs to the Lord in a specific way. Not to tithe is therefore to rob God (*Malachi 3:8-9*) but when we are faithful to bring our tithes and offerings into the storehouse (the local church where we are spiritually fed and cared for) God promises that he will open the floodgates of heaven to pour out blessing into our lives (*Malachi 3:10*).

## 2. Offering

Having been faithful to bring our tithe, we are free to bring our offering. The tithe is required. The offering is freely given. The tithe is determined by the level of our income. The offering is a free will offering that we determine in our hearts, not reluctantly or under compulsion (*2 Cor.9:7*), but generously, in faith that as we sow so shall we reap (*2 Cor.9:10-11*). The offering is not just given on the spur of the moment, with whatever happens to be in our pocket at the time. It needs to be planned and thought about (*1 Cor.16:2*) and brought carefully and in faith. Every time we gather together to worship, we should bring an offering to the Lord.

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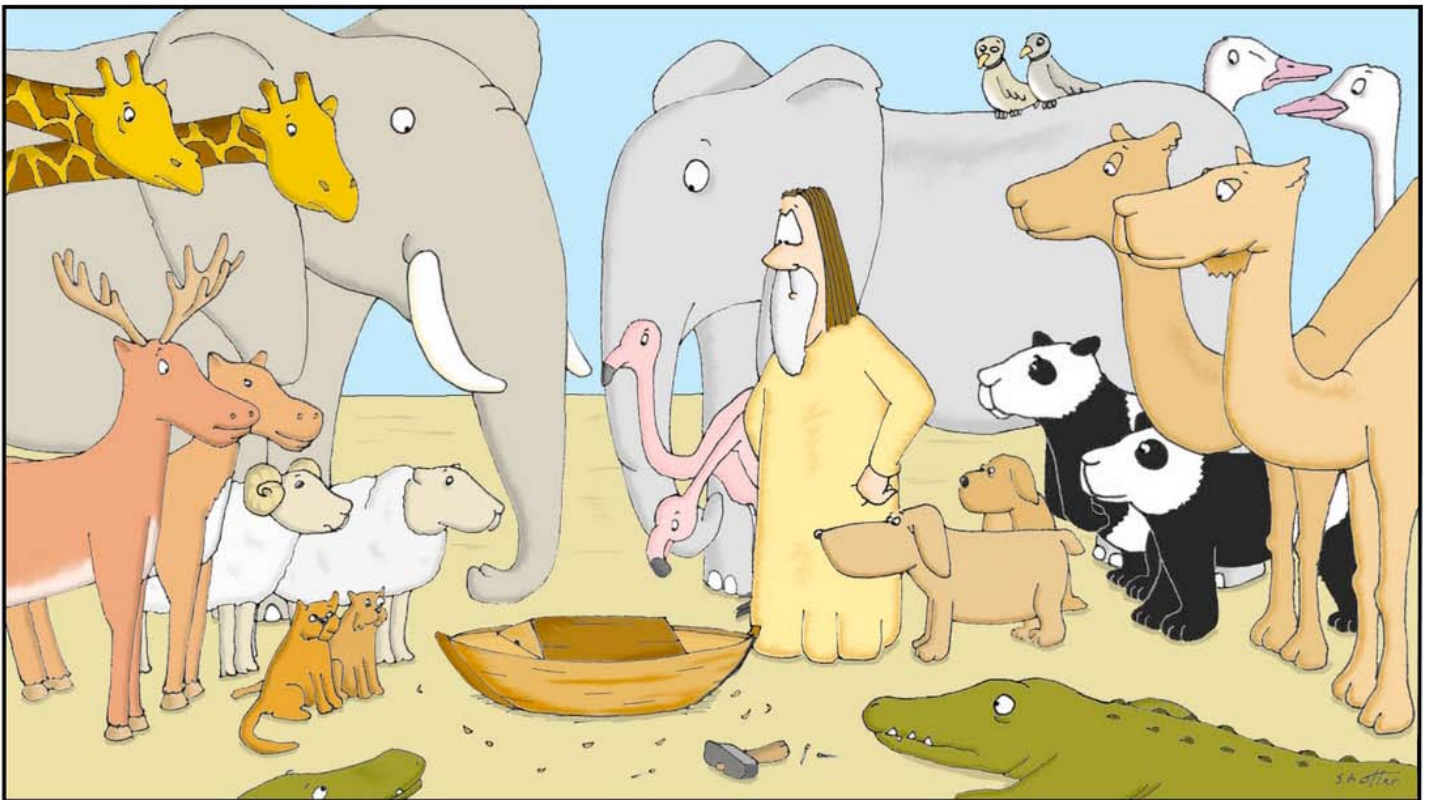
### 3. The grace of giving.

It is possible to bring our tithes and offering out of duty. But it needs to be an expression of our heart-felt worship and faith. And God does not want us just to be tithers. He wants us to be givers. The Bible often refers to the fact there is something wrong with us if we see someone in need and don't do something about it (*James 2:14-17; 1 John 3:17-18*). There are opportunities to give collectively e.g. to the poor or in response to natural disasters. But also individually as we come across people in need and have an ability to help meet those needs, we are blessed when we give (*Acts 20:35*).

And we can give both to the family of God and to unbelievers (*Gal.6:10*). Let's be givers, those whose hearts God has changed so that we become spontaneous givers not just dutiful tithers. Equally, to give in this way but not be a tither is to be generous with someone else's money!

There is no area of life where we are more challenged than in the area of money and of parting with it! But if we can get this area of life right before God it will bring a release to so many other areas (*Matt.6:33; Luke 16:11; 1 Tim.6:17-19*). Let us make sure we are applying these principles.

Trevor Lloyd



Noah suspected he may have got the scale wrong

## National Day of Prayer & Fasting

Saturday 14th May, 10.00am – 2.00pm









Living Rock, Stoney Stanton.

All Ministries Without Borders churches based in the UK will be joining together to seek God's direction and pray for the work being done in this nation and others. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this exciting time as we join together in unity to stir the heavens.

**Sign up at the Reception Desk by Sunday 1st May.**

# Community Church Huddersfield Events May/Jun/Jul

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
May	1 <sup>st</sup> Joint Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Alpha Course	4 <sup>th</sup> Global Cafe Living Hope	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grease sing-along Safeguard Training	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Alpha Course	11 <sup>th</sup> Prayer Meeting Living Hope	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> National Day of Prayer & Fasting	15 <sup>th</sup> Just Looking	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> Alpha Course
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Key		Outreach		Leadership & Ministry Development		Apostolic Family & Mission
		Evangelism 1		Discipleship & Teaching		Children, Youth & Young Adults
		Evangelism 2		Church Community Building		

## Examiner 22nd Charity Challenge Walk or Bike Ride

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011**

Various members of Community Church will be taking part in the challenge, raising money for Huddersfield Pregnancy Crisis Centre. If you'd like to take part please collect a form from the Reception Desk at Jubilee Centre. If you feel unable to do so, please consider actively looking for someone to sponsor.

## Mothers' Day (3<sup>rd</sup> April) – Fathers' Day (19<sup>th</sup> June)



Support HPCC by filling a baby bottle with spare change. Collect a bottle from the Jubilee Centre Reception Desk or an HPCC representative.

## Town Centre Congregation - Summer Term - 15<sup>th</sup> May - 26<sup>th</sup> June

We're going to have an even bigger push on evangelism over the summer term and would encourage you, even if you are not usually in the TCC, to come and support us, bring people along and learn stuff from the Bible that will help you witness to others.

Some of the subjects to be taught on: why does God allow suffering? Faith in a scientific age! How to avoid religion so you can get to know God. Are we biological accidents or created for purpose?

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															Summer Holiday			

<sup>1</sup>T.T.E. - Teaching, Training and Equipping - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May; **Follow-Up Teaching from Members' Meetings.**

<sup>2</sup>T.T.E. - Teaching, Training and Equipping - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June; **Building Community.**

## Jubilee Centre Community Day – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011

This is a day when we will open our doors to the local neighbourhood, businesses, friends and community, letting them see who we are and what we do.

We will be inviting local councillors, MPs, police and local businesses (schools, doctors) and our suppliers, to come and see the many areas of Community Church and the ways we support the community.

This has been a great success in recent years, and this year we intend to go bigger and more prominent, taking stalls and activities outside the building. We also want to bless anybody who visits us by providing games, crafts, refreshments, a bouncy castle and a free car wash.

There will be stalls presenting the many areas of the life of the church, particularly outreach, we also need willing volunteers to help set up and decorate the building, provide refreshments and run activities, crafts and games.

This is an opportunity for the whole Church to be involved in showing people the life of Jubilee Centre.



## Brighthouse Gala – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011

This will be the 5th time we have had a presence at the Brighthouse gala, a fantastic opportunity to get among the people of Brighthouse for the day, blessing them and sharing the gospel with them.

We will have a float in the procession and a stall on the gala field. We will be offering face painting, crafts, games and other activities. If you are able to come down and speak to people

and parents about Jesus, or help practically to release others to do so, please speak to Vinny McCabe or Chris Haygarth.



# Prosperity

We continue with a series of excerpts from some of the influential writers and articles in Restoration magazine, with **Bryn Jones** giving very practical guidelines on **financial prosperity**.

Poverty and prosperity aren't issues of cash in the pocket but of obedience and faith in the heart. Prosperity is having access at all times to resources greater than your need for whatever you need. God wants you to prosper so that you can prosper others. This is your faith access' card to God's resources so that at all times you receive your covenant inheritance.

**1. Believe that God wants you to prosper** - Settle the issue in your mind. Cast off years of thinking 'poverty'. Believe that God will bless and prosper you 'in all things', including money (3 John 2). 'Carefully follow the terms of this covenant, so that you may prosper in everything you do' (Deuteronomy 29:9).

**2. Acknowledge God as the source of your finance** - In this man-centred world, we can easily slip from seeing God as the source of our income to focusing instead on the bank manager, the employer or the job. God wants us to get things right. 'Remember the Lord your

God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth' (Deuteronomy 8:18).

**3. Keep your priorities clear** - Don't seek prosperity for its own sake. Keep the focus of your life clear, and your material needs will always be met. 'Seek first [God's] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well' (Matthew 6:33). Food and clothing, cars and houses, must never assume priority over spiritual issues and righteousness of the heart.

**4. Keep your attitude to money right** - There is little point in chasing after riches. They will always elude you. 'Do not weary yourself to gain wealth. Cease from your consideration of it. When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings, like an eagle that flies towards the heavens' (Proverbs 23:4-5 NASB).

**5. Honour God with tithes and offerings** - The moment we have some money, our minds are filled with ideas of how to use it. What should be our priority? 'Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:9-10). God spoke sternly to Israel about the way she was robbing God and herself by withholding tithes and offerings (Malachi

3:8-12).

**6. Develop a giving lifestyle** - Life is made up of givers and takers, winners and losers. Givers are always winners. 'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you' (Luke 6:38). The world gives out of guilt; God wants our giving to be motivated instead by love. But what about the hard times? Even then, we can learn to be givers. Jesus took five loaves and two fish - the lunch pack given by a child - and thousands of people were fed. Prosperity is not a self-centred thing. We mustn't treat material possessions as ends in themselves but learn to share them with others (see 1 John 3:16-18).

**7. Live in reality, not fantasy** - The man who daydreams of wealth but doesn't work will stay poor. 'He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty' (Proverbs 28:19; see also 2 Thessalonians 3:10). You can't put the bread of fantasy in your children's mouths.

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You can't go out each day in the extravagant designer clothes of Dallas or Dynasty. You have to come out of fantasy and live in reality.

**8. Plan to prosper** - The man who succeeds and prospers is the man who plans. Jesus didn't tell us not to plan for tomorrow. He just told us not to worry about the future (*Matthew 6:34*). Planning is essential; failing to plan is planning to fail.

*'The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty'* (*Proverbs 21:5*). If you're considering setting out to prosper in business, for instance make sure you make proper plans.

Seek professional advice from those qualified in your particular line of business. Then, when you've made your plans, work them through carefully, not making hasty decisions which you will later regret.

**9. But what if.. ?** - If you've failed and got yourself into financial problems because of your own foolishness, does that mean you will have to put up with poverty for the rest of your life? No! God says: *'I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me. . . they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide'* (*Jeremiah 33:8-9*). Even if your poverty

is the consequence of your own folly, God will forgive you. He wants to bless you. As you turn to him, he will cleanse and restore you until your prosperity causes you, too, to tremble in his presence

*(Taken from 'God Wants You To Prosper' in Restoration, September-October 1986. A new CD-Rom reproducing all of the editions of Restoration between 1975 and 1992 has recently been published by Revival Library and is available from [www.revival-library.org](http://www.revival-library.org) at £19.99)*

## Book Review

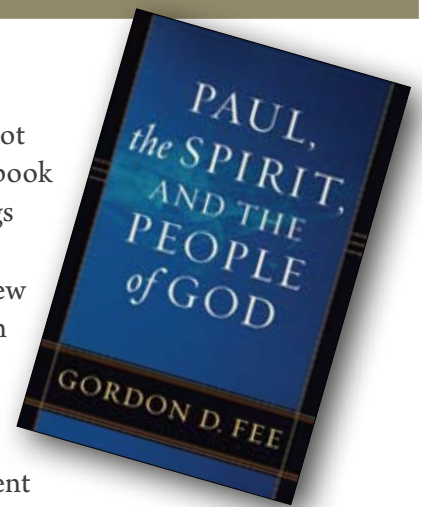
### *Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God – Gordon D Fee*

*One reads Paul poorly who does not recognize that for him the presence of the Spirit, as an experienced and living reality, was the crucial matter for Christian life, from beginning to end.*

*Gordon Fee*

Thanks to the wealth of good teaching we receive at Community Church, many of the concepts found in this book are not new to us. However Gordon Fee's journey through the writings of the Apostle Paul and his understanding of the Holy Spirit as an integral part of the life of the People of God has a freshness and excitement about it that makes you want to read on. If there was ever a question as to whether the Holy Spirit is optional for the church, this book leaves you in no doubt that without

Him the church does not exist. As you read this book you will see the writings of Paul from a new perspective and will view yourself and the church with renewed respect. Through a series of short chapters, Fee takes us through different aspects of the Holy Spirit as seen in Paul's writing. Reading the book will broaden your understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and how and when Paul refers to Him. Keep your bible to hand for reference and read the main writings of Paul alongside this book to get the most out of it.



Sara Cosgrove

# HOPE FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

**J**ames & Sarah Aldren telling of their visit to New Life Fellowship/Cambodia Outreach.

*Many are in rural areas, living in inadequate conditions and often have only one parent or are orphaned. The three-year program assists in educating the child and empowers the family towards self-sufficiency.*

*'The people of Cambodia are warm hearted, hospitable and deeply devoted to family and community life. Yet this nation carries deep scars from its dark and brutal era of civil war in the 1970s and it remains one of the poorest countries in Asia.*

*The day after we had visited the Killing Fields, we set off to find New Life Fellowship in the capital city of Phnom Penh. The fellowship currently has 60 provincial church plants, and is now even venturing into neighbouring Vietnam.*

*Two of the church's many ministries are Primary Healthcare and Children at Risk. The aim of Primary Healthcare is to bring hope to the poor who lack health knowledge, basic medical facilities and finances, helping them become responsible for their own health and wellbeing.*

*The Children at Risk scheme is a sponsorship program that supports the children most in need.*



The Children at Risk team

*We asked the leaders what the main issues were for the church at this time, and they told us that they felt the need to further expand their existing ministries and begin to move out in new areas of ministry, requiring new and anointed leadership to be raised up.*



The New Life Centre

*As we left, we were blessed to be able to give the fellowship a gift of \$450. We are very grateful to all of you who contributed to this, and pass on to you their thanks. They will be using the gift to fund a new project to provide accommodation and food for poor students who would not otherwise be able to take further education in Phnom Penh.*

*If you are interested in sponsoring a child or supporting this fantastic cause further, we would love to speak to you. Alternatively, you can find out more on the website: [www.cambodiaoutreach.org](http://www.cambodiaoutreach.org)*

## Church in Belarus – Appeal for Help

Pastor Slava Goncharenko is the leader of New Life Church in Minsk, Belarus. At the World Watch conference last November he talked about the persecution of the church and how both the local and national government have been making things difficult. Since then things have steadily become worse. They are trying to impose large fines upon the church and freeze their bank accounts, whilst also making it difficult for them to be active in many of their ministries.

A website has been set up, designed specifically to give support to Slava and the church at: [freedom4belarus.wordpress.com](http://freedom4belarus.wordpress.com) There, you can find up-to-date information on the situation along with a pro-forma letter to send to the Belarusian Ambassador in London.

difference. You can set up a standing order using these details:

**Christians Against Poverty Huddersfield**

**Account Number: 34136947**

**Sort Code: 05-04-24**

Thank you.

• **MENTAL HEALTH AND DEBT** •

CAP has been involved in creating a free Guide to Mental Health and Debt providing a wealth of help, information, guidance and support for individuals and carers.

Go to Martin Lewis' website – [www.moneysavingexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com) and type Mental Health and Debt Guide in the search box and follow the link to download the guide.

• **CAP FUNDRAISING EVENTS** •

**Grease Sing-along**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30pm, Jubilee Centre**

**Tickets £5** - all proceeds donated to Christians Against Poverty Huddersfield.

Refreshments available to purchase.

Silent Auction.

Please see Becky Kern to reserve your tickets.

**Silent Auction**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, Jubilee Centre** (To take place alongside the Grease Sing-along)

Can you cut hair? Bake? Teach? Massage?

If you can donate any skills and/or gifts to the auction, please see Becky Kern.

All proceeds donated to Christians Against Poverty Huddersfield.

• **LIFE AFTER DEBT** •

Huddersfield CAP Centre Manager, Yvette Robinson was delighted to receive a thank you text recently from a former CAP client who is now debt free. The consequences of debt had been harsh for him but happily all that is in the past now. As well as starting a new job in Wales, he and his girlfriend are planning to get married! The future is looking rosier.

However, time for Yvette to look for a new hat could be short. The local media have just covered a story involving CAP and a lady from Halifax who unfortunately found herself without income and in a catch 22 situation. CAP Halifax stepped in to help her sort out her finances and she is now receiving their help and support. It would seem likely that the CAP UK coverage on the TV has helped promote Christians Against Poverty, as there has been a sudden rush of people contacting CAP Huddersfield for help.

• **CAP NEEDS YOU!** •

More people contacting CAP has highlighted an opportunity. The extra work means more Support Workers and Befrienders are needed urgently. Could you help with this rewarding work? It involves getting to know CAP clients on a one to one basis and giving support. Please consider if you could give some time to help CAP to help others. Contact Yvette on 07825 707292 if you can help, or if you want to know more.

CAP Huddersfield also needs church members to consider giving regularly towards the work of CAP. As little as £5 given regularly each month can make a big

• **Christians Against Poverty 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011** •



Join us for a historic event to mark CAP UK's 15th birthday! Sat 2nd July 2011 12.30pm - 5pm

at Cathedral House, home of

Huddersfield Christian Fellowship





# Encounter



## Introduction

Hi all. It's been a good while since I was able to update you on all things 18-25s. Over the past four months it's been really exciting to see the strengthening God has been doing in the young people of Community Church. I hope this page gives you a flavour of what's been going on, but it's important to note that, as well as the more visual things (meeting together, social events etc.), there has been a real emphasis on discipleship. On that note, I encourage all, whether an Encounter member or someone with a heart to see our young people grow, to count yourself in to being both a disciple and a discipler. Please feel free to see me for more information on the practicalities of doing this. I've also included some reports from our young people who are off around the country studying. I'm sure you'll be blessed by seeing how they've thrown themselves into their new churches.

Matt Wankling

## Encounter

Since Christmas we have had a number of meetings which we've entitled 'Get a Grip!'. During these times Trevor Lloyd has been taking the opportunity to share his heart on a number of issues relating to how we take control of certain aspects of our lives, in order that we might live them in a way that brings all the glory to God. Our session in February was particularly significant. We discussed the big picture of the building of God's church with relation to the apostolic vision – heavy stuff but a great time! One of the key points of the discussion was the whole area of knowing the family that God has joined us to and the importance of knowing this when it comes to big decisions like finding jobs and moving house. In another session, Trevor has spoken to us about the now word to the church – not only seeking after his presence, but his principles too. Living life by these principles certainly involves getting a grip, so if you haven't been along yet, make sure you do soon!

## Beyond Weekend

– February 2011

After the success of last year's Encounter weekend away, we embarked on another trip this February. This time however, rather than hit the Lake District on our own, we headed across the border into Wales to join with our related churches for the Beyond Conference. After heading down on a seriously windy Friday night, we arrived at the Cefn Lea conference centre to be shown to some nice warm log cabins. The organising team were keen to give members of the different churches represented the opportunity to build relationships, so each of us was assigned to a dormitory with new faces. This was a key part of what was so good about the weekend and we were encouraged to mix and build relationships during meal times and down-time too.

As expected, the Holy Spirit began to speak immediately during the first meeting on the Friday night, with prophetic word brought about God giving us the confidence to lift 'holy hands' to him, because he has made us holy. Not by coincidence, Richard Anniss had prepared to speak around this very topic! Throughout a number of sessions over the weekend, he challenged, excited and entertained us with his passion for the Word. As the weekend drew to a close, we enjoyed a time of worship deep in God's presence, broke bread and prayed together. I believe the Holy Spirit imparted a deeper understanding and a fresh enthusiasm to serve him. I hope you've seen this evident yourselves in some of the young people here in recent weeks.

## Huddersfield Students Afar

### Amy Gledhill

I moved to Cardiff in September to study Occupational Therapy. During my time there, I have joined our sister church, All Nations, as a student under



their care and am currently heavily involved with the youth ministry, which takes up a lot of my time! They send their love. God has constantly been blessing me with a supportive family in the church and financially too. He has also given me the opportunity to bless and show his love to the people on my course and in my flat. God is moving in Cardiff and the church is seeing growth. I'm so excited to see what the next two years have in store.

## Cath Shaw

I have really settled into life in Manchester. The people of King's Church are amazing and I really feel part of what God is doing here. I've got involved in their Saturday morning 'Kid's Club' and also 'VIP nights', where we invite the homeless into the church. University is great too - I have a lot of freedom to be creative and I'm particularly enjoying discovering animation. I'm very blessed to be living with Beth [Shotter] and we're very excited to move into a house together next year!



## Getting to know...

### Bob Cheel

Hello! My name is Bob and I started at Huddersfield Uni in September. I grew up in central Birmingham and always went to church there, so becoming a Christian was a case of testing my own beliefs over many years. When I finished college, I did a gap year with Youth For Christ in Cambridge, using my gifts in youth work and music in both a YFC centre and a local church. Now I spend my time working to become a music producer, playing in lots of bands and co-ordinating the worship at CU. I was attracted to Community Church because it is a group of people who passionately love God and follow his word faithfully, with a big emphasis on participation from everyone. I am sure I will grow a lot here before I graduate!



## Sam Johnson

Hi, I'm Sam and I'm currently studying at School of the Word, also known as bible college... the easier name for it! I've been here in Manchester since September 2010 and have loved every second of the life-changing 8 months so far. I know there's still plenty more mind blowing, revelatory stuff to come! It's hard to find a highlight of the year as all of it is just so incredible, but here are a couple of the things which I just totally LOVE...

- Roger Aubrey and his lectures on 'The Doctrine of God'. The title intimidated me at first, expecting some major theological nightmare, but I was wrong (none of the course is a theological nightmare, just so you know!). We just learnt things about God which, by his grace, he has revealed to us! [=] And some of the stuff is (no exaggeration) jaw dropping. It turns out the more you know about God, the less you know, because He is just so awesome and unfathomable.
- Another thing that is so much fun is the missional field-work with Judah and Rachel Cole. Going out onto the streets of Manchester, giving out free stuff, talking to people and praying for them with such a heavily anointed evangelistic couple is a serious load of fun!

I've found that School of the Word doesn't just keep you busy 9-4 on the weekdays - because of the inspiration, the equipping, the confidence-building and the continual outpouring of the Holy Spirit you become addicted to praying for people on the street! I've seen more healings in the last 6 months than I have in the previous 18 years of my life! This includes seven in one night, in about 20 minutes. SOOO FUN! And a LOT of saved people... Praise God! The Kingdom is at hand!!

So School is AWESOME, and I cannot thank you guys at Community Church enough for this opportunity! Firstly, for encouraging me to go for it and apply, but also for the financial provision and blessing... it means SOO much!

Keep running after Him!  
Excited to come and be with you all soon!  
Love and Blessing...  
Sam [=]



## Natural Disasters: Where is God?

What some people consider a natural disaster may be caused, at least in part, by decisions taken by hostile, indifferent or negligent governments. Millions more deaths have been caused by war, malnutrition or lack of clean water. Man's indifference and inhumanity to man overshadows the impact of any natural disasters. But how should we think when we see pictures of earthquakes, tsunamis and floods? It is true of course that sometimes God does act in judgment. However, Luke 13:1-5 argues against the view that tragedies in the world are routinely to be interpreted as a manifestation of the wrath of God or his judgement. Another time when Jesus and his disciples passed a man who was

born blind, those followers asked Jesus who should be blamed for the man's blindness—him or his parents. Jesus' answer: neither. Sometimes bad things just happen and we don't know why. So, are there acts of God when a natural disaster occurs? Absolutely. The acts of God are when someone shelters a child who has suddenly become a homeless orphan, when food is shared, when people donate money or goods, when neighbors use their bare hands to dig through the rubble in search of the living or the dead and when prayers are lifted out of desperation or hope.

John Naylor

## Bibles into Prison

Each Thursday afternoon I have the privilege of going into New Hall women's prison to show God's love and to offer counselling for baby loss. The counselling room is based in the Chaplaincy and those attending Chapel, in many cases, may not have had any previous church connection. The Chaplaincy has no money to buy bibles and relies on donations of new and second-hand bibles (if you have any spare they would be welcome). Some of the women in prison have not finished their education for various reasons and feel daunted by the bible and its language. I have discovered that the "Easy to Read" version, because it uses simpler language and shorter sentences, makes the word of God more accessible to these women. Each bible costs £3 (a small

price to send the gospel into a cell!) and I would love to take a box of these bibles into New Hall. If you would like to invest in one of these women by sponsoring one of these bibles please let me know.

Jo Naylor



## THINK IN PENNIES POWERFULLYsmall

Lives can be radically changed simply through our pennies. Think about it: pennies hide under beds and behind chair cushions. They are stored in jars and left in car ashtrays. Pennies are fed to fountains and found on the floor. But gather them together and you have the power to provide for millions of people who are suffering due to natural disaster, conflict, poverty and neglect.

It's time to light up the darkness with the practical message of hope and good news. Join with us to provide: nutritious food, clean drinking water, safe shelter, clothing, medical aid and sanitation facilities.

Think in Pennies. It's the little things that make a big difference.

Pick up a box from the reception desk and start collecting!