

THE RAINBOW AFTER THE FLOOD

Imagine all over Leicester in communities large and small churches working together bringing Jesus' story alive through word and action. Imagine lives turned upside down and despair turned inside out. Imagine lives changed and communities transformed for the sake of God's Kingdom here in Leicester. Together, with God's help, I honestly believe we can see faith, hope and love come to this broken and beautiful city

ncounter in Goby picture board



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ncounter meets ReDefine

ncounter is now part of a national initiative called ReDefine, seeking to reach 300 communities by 2013. Leicester is one of 4 training hubs and is responsible for passing the baton on to three other counties. As a result Matt is on the national leadership team. In March Leicester hosted the first national conference for ReDefine, bringing together people from across the UK to seek God for the future. It was a hugely significant time.

As well as passing the baton on to others we are also stepping up what we do here in Leicester, looking to at least double the amount of churches and therefore young people involved in ncounter. Please pray for our 3 vision evenings in May that people will come, catch the vision and get involved.

ncounter in Highfields testimony

"I was litter picking around the streets, and saw what I thought was rubbish on the floor, went to pick it up but realised it was a £10 note, not rubbish at all, of course! Decided I would put it in a charity box of some sort, or if I saw someone on the street who struck me as being the 'right' person, I would give it to them. Kind of forgot about it, as I put it in my pocket as a safe place, but was walking along and just saw a lady who wasn't very old - probably 20/30s, but was struggling along on crutches and just sensed she was the right person. Usually I am very shy about talking to people I don't know particularly well, let alone giving tenners to random people in the street!! But I just went up to her without thinking almost and gave it to her, explaining briefly that I had found it on the ground, and she should use it how was best for her. She seemed genuinely surprised, and laughed (in a surprised/grateful way.) I didn't ask her anything about whether it was significant, I just left her. I was thinking this afternoon about her and what may have been God's reasoning for me to give it to her. Obviously I have no idea, but I have prayed for her, and trust that there was a particular reason for her to have the money that was found on the pavement."

(Hannah Jones - 17)

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Youth Teams

We now have 5 teams in Whestone, Broughton Astley, Kirby Muxloe, Kibworth and Countesthorpe all working in local churches, schools and communities. They have recently run a joint course called PURE looking at Sex and Relationships God's way, have been involved in the 2 recent encounters in increasing numbers and are currently planning a joint trip to Soul Survivor in the summer. All of this on top of running some really fantastic and innovative work in the local churches and schools, they are busy, busy, busy. It is amazing to see the difference they are making in young people's lives, drawing those who don't know God into a relationship with him and helping to disciple and nurture those that do. Please continue to pray for them.

Abundant Life

Abundant life continues to grow and develop and we are continually surprised and delighted at how God has taken what started off as a tiny thought into being what it is now. By the summer we will have delivered almost 50 courses in over 30 schools across the county and city this year. The feedback we are getting from students, parents and teachers is so positive, it is having a significant impact on many lives. We've heard stories of how the courses have helped improve behaviour at home and school, improved young people's self image, helped them deal with loss and even how it has contributed to teenage pregnancy rates falling in parts of the city. Praise God for what HE has done!

New offices...again!

Over Christmas our lovely offices were flooded beyond repair. As soon as this happened, our landlords (the church next door) agreed that we should move to a much newer, bigger, dryer and warmer part of the same building. Praise God for his miraculous provision.

2012 Olympics

Matt is on an ecumenical group in Leicester looking at how the Church can capitalise on the mission opportunity that the 2012 games offers the church in the UK.

Day of Prayer

Thank you for all those who came to our Prayer Day in march. It was good to stop, pray and listen to what God was saying, he spoke very clearly and there is much to think about from that day.

Reality re-branding

We are currently in the process of rebranding here at Reality, which will include new look logos and a brand new website, watch this space.....

Thank you so much from all of us, for all of your support and making all of this possible!

The big news for Gem is that she has just been accepted at Leicester Uni to do a Foundation Degree in Educational Studies starting in September.

Naomi has just finished her latest dance show and loved every minute of it and even battled through a tummy bug and still managed the biggest smile on stage.

Isaac's football season has finished and his team came second in the "non-competative" mini league.

Joel is on his third football academy looking to emulate his big brother.

