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When Jesus commissioned His disciples to take the Gospel global, His instructions were simply to 'make disciples'! Often, we think the commandment is 'to go'. But 'going' is what we do all the time – on business, to work, shopping, on holiday. We 'go'.

This edition is packed full of stories of lives changed as the call of Jesus is being fulfilled. A postman who went to church, and now takes the Gospel with him; an evangelist working with the least, the last and the lost; Neighbourhood

Chaplains creating community engagement, showing and sharing Jesus.

I hope that you will be as thrilled by what God is doing, as I was in reading Ignite. But more than that, I hope that you will be encouraged to make disciples as you go too!

May God bless you as you serve Him wherever you go today,

Martin Erwin, CEO

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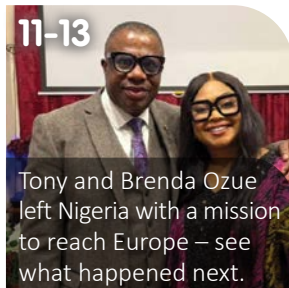
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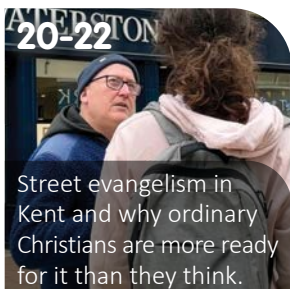
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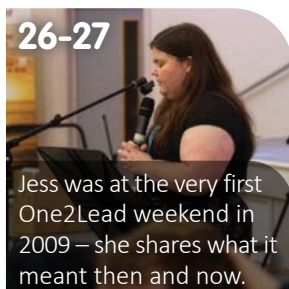
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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Tom Binding joins the Life exhibition team



Tom Binding, Deputy Life Exhibition Coordinator

Counties is delighted to welcome Tom Binding as a new Deputy Life Exhibition Coordinator.

A proud Welshman from Swansea, Tom's connection with Counties stretches back to 2016, when he enrolled on the One2Lead programme. After graduating, he became one of the first young people to take part in TEAM – Counties' gap year programme standing for Training in Evangelism and Mission – completing his placement with Dunvant Christian

Fellowship and Castleton Chapel in Swansea, and shadowing Counties evangelist Tim Cracknell at Forest Community Church, Gloucestershire.

Tom reflects that his time with Tim and the team helped shape him as an individual, and he remains deeply grateful for the support he received. Since then, he has continued to invest in the next generation, teaching on One2Lead South Wales and Borders – the very programme he once completed as a student. Alongside his new role, Tom also serves

as Worship Team Coordinator and Worship Leader at his home church, Dunvant Christian Fellowship.

His appointment, Tom explains, was entirely unexpected – and entirely God. During the summer of 2025, while packing up his room ahead of his wedding to Cash, he opened a box of materials from his TEAM placement and began praying that God would open a door for him to be more involved in Christian ministry. When the Deputy Life Exhibition



# Reader's Letters

Dear Martin,

Thank you so much for sending Ignite and the Praise and Prayer Diary to us regularly. It is such an encouragement to us as we see God at work in the ministry. We pray regularly that the Lord will continue to bless you and grow the ministry.

Every blessing,

**Margaret and Julean Hayes**



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Coordinator role appeared on Facebook, he initially scrolled past it – until his pastor, Counties evangelist Phil Davies, sent it to him directly.

Tom shares:

*“Immediately, I remembered the joy and deep satisfaction that serving God brought me. That very day, when I got home, I began to fill out the application, and I knew that God was in it all.”*

Already in post, Tom has seen first-hand the impact the Life exhibition makes – strengthening relationships between



Tom Binding at the Life exhibition

local schools and churches, and opening up conversations about faith across the UK. He is eager for more churches to get involved.

Tom shares:

*“I would encourage church leaders to*

*get in touch – even if it’s just to get more information about what the Life exhibition is. Expect relationships to strengthen and the name of Jesus to impact all who are delivering or going through the programme.”*

# POSTMAN PAUL'S FAITH ADVENTURE

"Six years ago, when I was 54, I had an encounter with God that changed everything.

"I was born in Bideford, North Devon and I've lived there all my life. I've been a postman for the last 21 years. I don't come from a religious background, really. For 50 years, I never gave much thought to faith, but I always felt there was a God.

"It was during the lockdown in 2020 that I unexpectedly began a faith adventure. One Sunday morning, sitting at home, I somehow stumbled upon a local church's online service – Grosvenor Church in Bideford. I turned it on and enjoyed listening to the worship music. I didn't understand much else, but I started to tune in each week.

"When we were eventually allowed to meet outdoors, Grosvenor hosted an outdoor service in a field near my home. Due to Covid rules, it was a ticketed event; I got a ticket... but wasn't sure if I'd actually go.

"On the day of the service, I was torn between going and not. At the last minute, I got on my bike and cycled there. I was worried about fitting in with all the seemingly perfect church people and whether they'd judge me. But I was wrong about that.

"I arrived, looking around, not knowing anyone. I sat down by myself, but, strangely, I didn't feel alone. I sensed a presence, though I didn't know what it was. Then the worship music started, and a song called 'The Blessing' began. I closed my eyes, and all at once I was overcome by an overwhelming feeling of love. It was the Holy Spirit filling me with the love of Jesus. I cried all the way through the worship, filled with the presence of God. That was the day my life changed.

"Dave Symons, one of the church elders (who is also a Counties evangelist), invited me to chat with him. He introduced me to someone who became my spiritual teacher, Harry Gillick. He

taught me so much and we've had a great relationship ever since. One year after that outdoor service, I was baptised in the sea at Westward Ho!

"Six years later, now it's me teaching new Christians with my friend Harry. My life has changed so much and it's not always easy, but I now walk with Jesus beside me, guiding me through life's ups and downs. I'm incredibly hungry to learn and share God's Word.

"I love sharing my faith with others at work and on my postal delivery round. God's love opens doors, and I've shared the Gospel with people from all walks of life. I've made many new friends, some of whom have come to church, some of whom haven't. That's perfectly fine. Sometimes evangelism is simply taking the time to listen and to show love to people."

**Paul**, postman, Bideford, North Devon

## DAVE'S PERSPECTIVE ON DEVON

What is God doing in Devon? Over the past five years or so, I've noticed a shift towards greater openness to the Gospel here. Non-believers are showing more interest in reading the Bible, and for those who are already Christians there is a greater passion to dig deep into God's Word, especially amongst the younger generation.

Another change has been the number of people turning up at local churches who have already come to faith on their own, often through watching Christian material online – a bit like Paul did. When doing outreach, we've found people who have developed a recent interest in the Christian faith through watching online debates or Christian YouTubers, especially younger people.

In Devon at least, the signs are clear that many people are actively searching for spiritual meaning and hope. As Christians we must grab this window of opportunity. I pray that God makes us all a bit more like Paul, keen to share God's love with the people we see each day.

**Dave Symons**, Counties Evangelist.

Contact [david.symons@countiesuk.org](mailto:david.symons@countiesuk.org) to speak to Dave if you're in the South West.

Want to grow in confidence at sharing the Gospel?

Our CETP (Connect Evangelist Training Programme) is designed for local church members and includes six online modules to study at home, group webinars, and mission opportunities.

Find out more at [countiesuk.org/training](http://countiesuk.org/training) and speak to your church about the course.



# 'THE LEAST, THE LAST AND THE LOST'

Counties evangelist Kim Hobbs reflects on accompanying a man through his final years – a man society had all but forgotten.



There was rain in the air when I arrived at the crematorium, but it quickly cleared and the sun appeared. The sparkling new brick building, with its Scandinavian-style timber pillars, stood proudly

in broad, flat parkland. I found the two relatives who had attended, and then met briefly with the crematorium manager to make the final arrangements.

One by one, the others arrived. My colleague

Eamonn. Three members of the probation team who had supported John. And then his next-door neighbour – which was also very special. It was a small gathering, but what struck me immediately was the warmth in the

*Note: The name 'John' has been used throughout to protect the identity of the individual concerned.*

room. As we shared stories, what fascinated me was the genuine affection that everyone there had for this man – against whom society had posted such a terrible crime. His niece told stories of her childhood. The probation team, Eamonn and I shared memories of John’s passions for sport and politics, his generosity, his extravagance and his phenomenal memory. It was comforting, and yet at the same time it tugged at our emotions.

The service was informal and chatty, and offered numerous opportunities for both laughter and tears. Eamonn and I shared our faith with the small congregation through brief testimony, and we read Psalm 23, followed by a time of quiet and reflection. It was, in so many ways, a beautiful and fitting time – quiet and dignified, as befitting the man himself.

I cannot lay out for the reader the nature of John’s crime. It is enough to know that he shared time in prison with some of the most notorious criminals in this country’s recent

history, in its most secure prisons. He acknowledged that he had, at times, been a very bad person. He was what Paul referred to as the “worst sinner” (1 Timothy 1:15). When probation first asked us to support him, and before I had even met him, I was challenged to ask myself honestly whether I could face him, knowing what I knew. I decided that this was precisely what we are called to. Matthew, Mark and Luke all record Jesus telling us that it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. For that reason, we continue to reach out to the least, the last and the lost. This is the core of the Gospel – no more, no less.

What I did not expect was the man I actually met.

John was always cheerful, displaying gratitude, humility and kindness towards Eamonn and me, and to others. He always asked after the welfare of people we had previously spoken about – he remembered. It was as though he was starved of family and friends, and he loved to hear about mine. He told me he had learned from his mistakes

and wanted to support, especially young people who were at risk of falling into similar trouble. He specifically wanted to help others avoid the decisions he had made. And whenever we sorted out something that had been worrying him, his gratitude was genuine and humble. He was an authentic, likeable elderly man with no grumpy or bitter edge. Given that he had spent more than half his life in prison, it would not surprise anyone if he had become difficult, bitter and suspicious. He was not.

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In the three years we supported him, Eamonn took the lead for the vast majority of that time, and as the months went by, John’s needs grew in both frequency and complexity. One day it might be an issue with his bank account; the next,

I spoke with John several times about my faith in Jesus. ... I spoke about everyone's need to be loved – and about God being love, and loving him.

he needed help getting to a doctor's appointment. Some weeks Eamonn would visit him multiple times – all without complaint. As his eyesight and hearing failed, there were visits to opticians, hearing aid specialists and welfare advisors. And then there were the times when the system failed John, and he was unable to navigate it alone. Each time, Eamonn was a wonderful friend – and John was fully aware of it. As I think about Eamonn's kindness, it truly does make me reflect on my own attitude to those in need around me.

I spoke with John several times about my faith in Jesus. I remember one particular conversation in my car, looking over to him as I spoke about everyone's need to be

loved – and about God being love, and loving him. I remember the gleam of tears in his eyes. But we had just come to a stop and John stepped out of the car, and the moment passed. There were other times too, and I trust that in those final days, when he knew life was short, he prayed to God and found the peace that we had shared with him.

Every church should passionately and with perseverance reach out to those at the edge of their community. This is where the lost are – in the forgotten places, the places we often don't really want to go. If we truly live the Gospel, reaching out in practical ways to reduce a person's struggles is the first step to creating the kind of friendship through which we can share the Good News that Jesus brings. It could be as simple as inviting someone to the church café, or it could mean sitting with them in a difficult meeting because they are scared to go alone. It could be listening as they tell you that their son or daughter is in prison, and hearing

the shame in their voice. These are just examples. But I have learned that if we serve, we also have the opportunity to share – and in doing so, we are truly living the Gospel.

If there is one thing I would want a reader to take away from our story, it is this: we can all reach out, even in our apparent weakness. Just a smile, a chat in the queue at the bus stop, helping an elderly person pack their shopping bag, or regularly returning your neighbour's bins after the council has collected them – these things open doors to friendship and ongoing conversation. The lost and the lonely are often only one or two doors away. Kindness and care open up opportunities for the Gospel to be seen in action. Once the conversation starts, we can continue to pray for opportunities to speak openly about Jesus – and that is when it gets exciting. That is when our faith grows.

**Kim Hobbs** is a Counties Evangelist based in the East of England working particularly with prisoners and ex-offenders.

# EVERY PERSON HAS SOMETHING TO BRING



Tony and Brenda Ozue left Nigeria with a shared conviction: that Europe needed the Gospel, and that they had a part to play. Ignite caught up with them in Peckham to hear what happened next.

Tony Ozue did not grow up knowing Jesus. Raised in a Catholic home in Nigeria, it was not until his teenage years – a dark and turbulent season marked by significant mental turmoil – that faith became real for him. A pastor invited him to a church youth programme and

shared the story of Jesus Christ. It was a pivotal moment. “He has been helping me ever since,” Tony says simply. “Now I only know peace.”

That encounter with Jesus did not just change Tony’s life. It gave him a mission.



*Tony and Brenda Ozue, missionaries at Heaton Road Church, Peckham*



*Tony Ozue performing a baptism*



*Tony preaching at Heaton Road Church*

## From Nigeria to Peckham

Tony and his wife Brenda left Nigeria together with a clear sense of purpose: they were deeply saddened by the decline of Christianity in Europe and wanted to do something about it. Their time in London began in Tower Hamlets, where they served as missionaries with London City Mission. In 2020, the couple moved to Peckham, where they continue to serve as missionaries and Tony works as an Elder at Heaton Road Church.

Peckham is one of the most ethnically diverse neighbourhoods in the UK – a traditional London working-class community living alongside Caribbean, Nigerian, Ghanaian, Eastern European and Chinese communities, among many others. Tony describes it warmly as a place defined above all by its friendliness. For an evangelist, that matters enormously.

Heaton Road Church sits in an area of significant deprivation. Every week is busy with church events, worship, pastoral care and outreach. On Thursdays, Tony and Brenda visit an elderly people's home to read the Bible. On Saturdays, they help at the church food bank – sharing the Gospel with those who come through the door, with a number of people coming to faith through those conversations.

“Evangelism, for me, is a lifestyle,” Tony shares. He describes it as his first calling – something he carries into every part of his day, not just the formal moments of ministry.

## Equipped for the work

It was this deep commitment to evangelism that made the Connect

Evangelist Training Programme (CETP) such a natural fit. Tony and Brenda undertook the course together, learning from diverse teachers and meeting fellow evangelists from across the country. Both found the focus on leadership particularly helpful, alongside the practical guidance on impactful evangelism in the twenty-first century.

For Tony, the standout lesson was simple but liberating: start with what you have. “Think about yourself, the members of your team, your congregation,” he says. “Each person has unique gifts and perspectives to bring. Recognise your strengths, your interests, your networks – and work from there.”

This is precisely the vision at the heart of both CETP and Project 125 – Counties’ growing network of Connect Evangelism Champions, raised and recognised within their own congregations, equipped to share the Gospel from within the communities they already know. Tony and Brenda are exactly the kind of people that vision has in mind: faithful, gifted members of a local church, trained and released to do what they were already called to do.

What would Tony say to anyone considering CETP? “If you feel drawn to it, go for it – you have a lot to gain. Remember that it’s not about you, it’s about God.”

## Brenda’s voice

Brenda has been beside Tony in every chapter of this story. She speaks warmly of what the programme has meant, Brenda shares: “Doing the course

alongside Tony has strengthened our unity in faith and mission. It has helped us align our perspectives, grow spiritually together, and support each other more intentionally in our service.”

For Brenda, the greatest surprise was how practical the training proved to be. She shares: “I’ve been most surprised by how practical and impactful the programme has been, especially in equipping me with simple, effective ways to share my faith confidently in everyday situations. CETP has given me the confidence to share my faith more openly and intentionally, even in ordinary conversation.”

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## Looking ahead

The couple have big plans. Tony dreams of bringing hundreds of people to know Jesus – sharing the Gospel far and wide. The verse that has always anchored this mission is Matthew 28:19–20, the Great Commission – Jesus’ instruction to go and make disciples of all nations, with the promise: “I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

For Tony and Brenda Ozue, that promise is not a distant hope. It is the ground they stand on, every day, in Peckham.

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# BRINGING TRAINING TO LIFE

Rachel Erwin shares how one woman's remarkable journey revealed the transforming power of the Gospel – and what happens when the local church is equipped and ready to respond.



Rachel Erwin

Claire Woodward's story begins long before she ever set foot in Queensway Chapel.

Adopted at the age of five alongside her sister, Claire was brought into a loving family after a difficult early start – her biological father had left shortly after her sister's birth, and her mother had since entered an abusive relationship,

eventually abandoning the two girls in a military hospital abroad. When a couple came to visit and chose to adopt them both, Claire and her sister found themselves suddenly surrounded by love and care.

Life continued with its share of both joy and hardship. Claire married Dave, they raised three

children together, and though the pressures of life led to a temporary separation, they found their way back to one another and remarried in 2008. Throughout it all, Claire had always believed in God – but the resurrection of Jesus remained something she struggled to grasp.

That changed when Claire's mother became ill and passed away. At her funeral, *How Great Thou Art* was sung. As Claire joined in the words, something shifted – a profound conviction that what she was singing was simply, undeniably true.

A few months later, Claire experienced a powerful moment in which her life seemed to unfold before her eyes – a sudden, deep awareness that God had been present throughout her entire journey, in every hardship, every loss, every unexpected turn.

Searching for a church near her home in Melksham, Claire came across Queensway Chapel. One Saturday evening, while running an errand to the shop next door, she met one of the congregation's long-standing members. A brief conversation became an invitation to the Harvest Supper being set up inside. At that supper, those present were invited to put their trust in Jesus. Claire responded – and has since experienced the transforming work of the

Holy Spirit drawing her closer to Him.

Claire now attends church regularly, is actively involved in the fellowship, and is being disciplined by one of the women in the church community.

At Queensway Chapel, Claire met Rachel Erwin. Rachel is training through the Connect Evangelism Training Programme – Counties' initiative to equip everyday church members with the practical tools and confidence to make Jesus known in their local communities. As the church's Evangelism Coordinator, Rachel had been gaining exactly those tools when Claire's path and hers converged.

Rachel shares:

*"I have never seen anyone flourish as amazingly as Claire. Her transformation has been radical – not just emotionally, but spiritually too. It has been such a privilege to watch Jesus transform her life and then see her pour into others."*

*This article was adapted, with permission, from a piece previously published in idea magazine for the Evangelical Alliance.*

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Claire's story is a reminder that when the local church intentionally invests in evangelism, the impact can be truly transformational – not just for one person, but for all those that person goes on to touch.

**Rachel Erwin** is married to Martin, and they have three daughters. Together, Rachel and Martin have served at Queensway Chapel for ten years. Rachel is the church's Evangelism Coordinator – helping the church family as they introduce others to Jesus.

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# YOUR KNOCK ON MY DOOR CHANGED MY LIFE

Colin Johnson on how the Counties' Neighbourhood Chaplains scheme is taking the Gospel to the doorsteps of communities across the UK – one conversation at a time.

Not long after I began visiting homes near my church, I knocked on the door of a man who told me he was a carer for his wife. He had become quite isolated. At first, he started attending some of the church's social activities. Later, he regularly attended Sunday services. He said to me: "Your knock on my door changed my life."

That is the Neighbourhood Chaplains scheme in a sentence.

The question that gave birth to it is a simple one: what can be done to better connect the local church with its local neighbourhood? Counties' Neighbourhood Chaplains (NC) scheme is a community outreach programme that aims to serve as a bridge between the local church and its community. Some NC schemes offer befriending and practical help to the homes they visit; others give gifts to local shops and businesses; and others visit care homes and hospitals.

The Biblical roots run deep. We find Jesus visiting people's homes – sometimes being invited in, and other times inviting himself (Zacchaeus, Luke 19). He sends his 72 disciples out to 'Go!' and visit villages (Luke 10). In Acts, we find Paul preaching "from house to house" in Ephesus (Acts 20:20). Often, churches are very good at inviting people to come to things – but to 'go tell', as Jesus instructs, is more challenging. The Neighbourhood Chaplains scheme is a practical response to that call.

Steve Prince, whose church in Bishop's Stortford set up its own NC team, started with 12 volunteers. All of them found the NC training helpful, learning the importance of signposting, listening, and related skills. Having a lanyard and a jacket with a logo gave them confidence. Steve shares: "It felt like I was supposed to be there." Their church coffee morning became the base for the team, and community visits

were focused on 500 homes and shops nearby. The first question they asked was simply: “Are you OK?” Social prescribers in the area took notice, and began referring lonely people who needed befriending.

Setting up a Neighbourhood Chaplains team means your church will be able to reach out to every corner of the community – including people from all walks of life who would never ordinarily come through a church door. Those who are housebound, isolated, or simply disconnected from any faith community are often beyond the reach of more conventional outreach. NC goes to them.

When I go out for community visits myself, I focus on listening more than speaking – genuinely curious about each person’s story. Today I visited 20 homes near my church for the first time in a while, and had four meaningful conversations related to God or the church in just one hour. The Gospel is about relationships, and our communities are full of people longing for connection. Who can offer deeper community and love than the local church? Visiting works.

Not everyone is suited to the first-contact side of visiting – getting alongside people, listening, befriending. That is fine, because there are many ways to serve. Someone once told me: “I am not great at conversation, but I am handy with DIY – let me know if anyone needs help.” For others, it might be prayer or administrative support. Yet there will also be those who, stepping out in faith and giving it a try, might discover a calling they never expected. Someone I know once thought he would never do this kind of ministry – but after taking a step of faith, he found it was exactly where God wanted him.

How well do you, and other Christians in your church, know those living next door – or near your church building? Consider setting up a Neighbourhood Chaplains scheme. You may be surprised who opens the door.

To find out more about Counties Neighbourhood Chaplains, visit: [countiesuk.org/neighbourhood-chaplains](https://countiesuk.org/neighbourhood-chaplains)



*The Neighbourhood Chaplains team at Bishop's Stortford Christian Assembly*

# 'I REALISED I WAS LIMITING GOD THROUGH MY DOUBTS'

Emma Veal on how the Neighbourhood Chaplains scheme helped her church in Ballymena step out in faith – and what happened when they did.



Our church started as a church plant beside a large housing estate in Ballymena, more than 40 years ago. It has had its ups and downs over the years, but we are now in a period of stability, with around 80–100 people attending and a real desire among the members to reach out into the local area with the Good News of the Gospel. It is a challenging area – there is a lot of social difficulty, including drug and alcohol abuse, broken families and racial tension. There is a real lack of interest in church attendance among people who live nearby, and we found it very hard to get people to come to us. So we decided we needed to go to them.

That is why we joined the Neighbourhood Chaplains scheme four years ago. We wanted to reach out into our community, and NC provided the training, support and guidance to help us do that. We now have seven members in our team, with extra helpers for special events.

Our outreach has taken many forms. We run a community lunch once a month for

anyone in the local area who would like to come along. We visit people in their homes. We hold events. This Easter, we ran three: a special Easter-themed community lunch, an Easter fun day, and an Easter Sunday service designed to be welcoming to people who might not normally come through our doors.

The fun day was the one that stayed with me. It was



*The Easter Community Fun Day flyer for Hillside Community Church, Ballymena — one of three Easter events the church ran this year*

the first time we had held something like that in our own church building, and I will be honest – I was not at all sure anyone would come. I remember warning the volunteers that we might not get a big crowd and feeling really anxious in the run-up. But then I realised what I was doing: I was limiting God through my doubts and forgetting that He can do anything.

So we prayed. And on the day, family after family streamed in. I started panicking that we wouldn't have enough food or goody bags! But God really provided, and proved to me again that He can be trusted. Everyone had a wonderful time, and we got to have real conversations –

with people who were struggling and just wanted someone to talk to, and also the opportunity to share the Gospel with everyone who came.

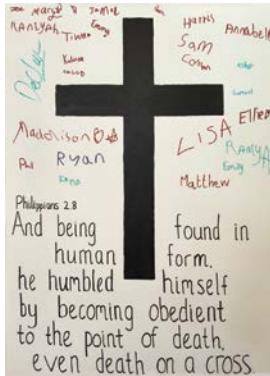
That is what four years of this work has looked

like: long and faithful and sometimes slow, but full of moments that remind us why we keep going. There is the older lady who lives alone, whom we first met through door-to-door visiting. We now take her to medical appointments, visit her monthly, and read the Bible and pray with her. There is the man who, if we are honest, first came for the free food – but through coming, has heard again and again about a God who loves him. And there is another man who became

a Christian years ago but had no church connection. He started coming to our lunches. Now he attends church regularly

and is eager to learn and discuss the Bible.

We could have tried to reach our community on our own. But with NC, we have had excellent training, support, and the encouragement of being part of something bigger – learning from



Members of the community at one of Hillside's monthly community lunches, Ballymena

others across the country who are doing the same thing. I would say to any church considering it: don't be afraid to try. You can make it your own. No two NC schemes look the same – it all depends on your team, your area, your vision and what God makes possible. We don't know what the next four years will look like, but we keep trusting God to lead us.

And sometimes, all it takes is showing up – and letting God do the rest.

To find out more about Counties



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Counties evangelist Mark Bingham in conversation on a Kent high street

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# GOING WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE

Mark Bingham, Counties evangelist in Kent, has spent years walking the streets of Kent, stopping to talk, listen and share the Gospel with whoever he meets. He tells Ignite about the encounters that keep him going – and why he believes ordinary Christians are more ready for this than they think.

It began with a burden Mark Bingham simply could not shake.

“I couldn’t shake the awareness that so many people around us are living their lives without ever truly hearing the Gospel in a clear and personal way,” he says.

“Inside the church we speak of hope, forgiveness and new life – but outside, many are carrying heavy questions and struggles with no one to talk to.”

When Mark moved to Maidstone five years ago, people in the town invited him to get involved, and that opened the door to doing regular street evangelism across Kent. For Mark, it felt like a natural outworking of a deep conviction: not waiting for people to come to church, but going out into everyday places and being available for real conversations. “Many churches unintentionally expect people to turn up to services or to join small groups,” he reflects, “which means whole swathes of the local population never meet a Christian or hear the Gospel.”

## Out on the streets

Each week Mark travels across Kent: Maidstone, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Deal, Folkestone, Canterbury, Strood, Chatham and the surrounding high streets, parks and busy public spaces. There is a rhythm to it, he says, “but no two days are the same, and I value that unpredictability.”

He meets people from every background and every stage of life. Some are open straight away; others are cautious; some have simply never been asked about faith before. “Often conversations go deeper than expected,” Mark shares.

“People share struggles, doubts, past hurts related to church, or a simple sense that something’s missing. What consistently surprises me is how

willing people are to talk when they feel genuinely listened to. It’s rarely about having perfect answers and more about being present, showing kindness, and giving someone space to be heard.”

Among those Mark has met recently: Sonny, who is actively seeking a church but faces practical challenges because his job as a chef often requires working Sundays; Barry, who believes in the Lord Jesus but is not currently attending church; Nathan, originally from Newcastle, and Olivia, from Maidstone, both of whom had Christian backgrounds but had drifted away, and who, after hearing the Gospel clearly, each decided to give their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. And Sophie, who doesn’t yet believe, but whose interest has been opened by watching a powerful change in her brother, a man set free from addiction who now shows clear peace and love for Jesus.

## Moments that stay with you

There are people Mark sees regularly on the streets who, at the start, would shut down whenever faith came up. Over months of showing up, listening and caring without pressure, some of those





Mark Bingham, Counties evangelist, Kent

same people have begun to open up and are now willing to talk about Jesus. "Watching that slow, patient shift has felt like seeing God at work," he says.

One encounter in particular has stayed with him. Mark once had a long conversation with a man who told him how hard life had become after losing his wife and family. They talked deeply, Mark shared the Gospel and gave him something to read. The man left visibly encouraged. Mark never saw him again. "The change in his countenance that day felt like a clear moment of God meeting someone in their pain," he reflects. "What stayed with me wasn't just the conversation, but the clear sense of timing. That God had arranged that moment. It reminded me again that even brief encounters can carry real weight and eternal significance."

What keeps Mark going through it all is a simple but anchoring conviction. "God is already at work in people's lives,"

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he says. "I'm not bringing Him into a situation. He's already there, and I'm privileged to join in, even briefly."

## You don't have to do anything dramatic

For anyone reading this who feels a nudge towards sharing their faith, Mark's encouragement is warm and direct.

"I think many people feel that evangelism is something for a certain type of Christian, those who are especially confident or knowledgeable. But in reality, it's much simpler and more natural than that. At its heart, it's just about being willing. You don't need to have all the answers, and you don't need to speak perfectly. Some of the most meaningful moments come from simply sharing your own story, asking a thoughtful question, or listening with genuine care."

Starting, he says, does not have to be complicated. "It can begin with a conversation, a kind word, or even just being attentive to someone who might need encouragement. Start with prayer, ask God to guide you, and be open to simple opportunities. It might be a conversation with a friend, a colleague, or even a stranger."

And the responsibility, he is quick to add, does not rest on our shoulders alone. "It's important to remember that the responsibility isn't on you to change someone's life. That's God's work. Our part is simply to be faithful and willing. As you take those small steps, you'll find that your confidence grows and you begin to see how God works through even the simplest acts of obedience."

# THERE'S LIFE IN THE MISSION TENT YET

Graham Jack grew up watching his father lead people to faith across East Anglia. Now, decades later, he is back where it all began – replanting a church on a Bury St Edmunds estate and trusting God to do it again.



Graham Jack's earliest memories of mission involve a caravan.

His father Victor is a Counties evangelist, and Graham spent many summers of his childhood travelling throughout East Anglia, watching

people come to faith in his father's mission tent. It was on one of those trips, aged nine, that faith became his own. He had been listening to a sermon on sin and forgiveness and realised, with a child's clarity,

that there was much he wanted forgiveness for – mainly fighting with his brothers. That night, in the caravan, he asked God to forgive his sins.

When he woke the next morning, something had changed. Graham felt an



*Graham and Caroline Jack — now replanting Bridge Community Church on the Westley estate, Bury St Edmunds*

inner glow – something he likens to the old Ready Brek adverts. “I always believed,” he says. “But that was the moment I knew Jesus was my Saviour.”

Graham grew up in the small village of Drinkstone, not far from Bury St Edmunds, raised by two Christian parents alongside his two younger

brothers. He laughs recalling his teenage years, when he grew tired of being compared to his father. “I remember saying to him when I was seventeen: Dad, I will never, ever preach.” It is a line that makes him laugh now – because of course, that is exactly what he went on to do.

### From the farm to the field

First, though, came farming. Graham worked the land for a number of years before the call to mission came one day while he was out on his tractor. “I was listening to a song – I want to serve the purpose of God in my generation –

and I just sensed what God wanted me to do.”

Graham went on to study at Moorlands College, where his interest in mission was catalysed. He still remembers a week of street preaching in Scarborough – a task many of his fellow students found daunting, but which came naturally to him. “I caught on fire with the opportunities,” he recalls.

What followed was several years of international mission – in Nepal, India, Romania, and then with OM’s Ship Ministry – a pivotal period in which he came to know who he was and his deep desire to help people come to faith.

It wasn’t until 2010 that he returned to the UK, following the loss of his mother. He completed a Masters in community and discipleship and began working with Bridge Community Church in Bury St Edmunds, just miles from where he had grown up. It was during this period that he met his wife, Caroline. The couple went on to have two children together, later adopting their third and youngest child.

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## A church born on the doorstep

Graham's current work in Bury St Edmunds is a re-plant of a church that first opened in 2015 on the Westley estate – rooted in one family's willingness to open their home.

Over several years, Graham and Caroline built connections on the nearby Priors estate, a neighbourhood marked by addiction, family breakdown, and an entrenched sense of hopelessness. Then they met Jess\* – a young woman struggling with severe addiction. They opened their home to her, supporting her as she built a life away from addiction and gently guiding her towards faith. Then Jess introduced them to a friend. And then another. One life touched became many – and out of those relationships, Bridge Community Church Westley was planted in April 2015.

The congregation navigated the pandemic with difficulty, and attendance dropped significantly in its wake.

\*not her real name

Now, Graham is looking to rebuild – returning to his roots in mission, and returning to Counties as part of that. "I'm thrilled to be rejoining such a familiar organisation," he says.

### Praying for Westley

Graham asks Ignite readers to pray for two things: that God might raise up a movement of disciples through the Westley plant – people equipped to share the Gospel with their own families, friends and neighbours – and for wisdom and grace as he finds his feet again with Counties.

The passage that has carried Graham through this season of change is Psalm 68:5–6: "Father to

the fatherless, defender of widows – this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy."

For Graham, it is not merely a favourite verse. It is a description of everything he has watched God do on one estate in Bury St Edmunds – and a promise of what he might yet do.

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*The Jack family — Graham's roots in the East Anglia mission field go back to childhood summers in his father Victor's mission tent*

# INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF EVANGELISTS

One2Lead is Counties' training programme for young people aged 16 to their twenties. Over two years, across six weekends, participants engage in practical and interactive theology, personal development, and ministry formation seminars. Jess was there at the very start, attending the first ever One2Lead weekend back in 2009.

## A gap year, a closed door, and a call to stay



By the time she got involved with

One2Lead, Jess was on a gap year trying to figure out where God was leading her. Jess became a Christian just before she turned 13, and all she knew was that she wanted to give her gap year to God.

Initially, this led her on mission overseas with Operation Mobilization – an experience she describes as deeply formative. After three months abroad, she returned stirred, sensing that God wasn't finished with her. She began pushing on doors to return overseas – but each one remained firmly shut.

It was in that season of closed doors that something shifted. "Going and staying are

both a calling from the Lord," she reflects. "A no to going can mean an active call to stay." Rather than disappointment, it became clarification – an invitation to ask what faithful discipleship looked like right here, in the UK.

After hearing Counties evangelist Phil Davies and Counties CEO Martin Erwin speak about Counties' new programme for young people, joining One2Lead seemed like the natural next step. "If I'm staying, then I need to be wholly committed to building God's Kingdom in the local church. One2Lead was a way to be resourced and explore that opportunity."

Jess went along to the very first One2Lead weekend in March 2009 with two friends from church. This first cohort was tiny – just five people, including Jess – but what struck her most was the

intentionality behind it all. “I remember the sense of unity and togetherness, the way Martin and the team poured into us. There was real intention and purpose.”

## A lesson to remember

Although it has been more than 15 years since her One2Lead experience ended, Jess still has her folder of notes from the programme. Flicking through, she was struck by her notes from one session on personal vision and mission, where participants were asked to articulate what they hoped for the church. Jess wrote down three words: joyful, united, worshipful.

These three values have remained close to her heart ever since – and she feels they are the key values of the organisation she now works for. She credits One2Lead with helping her identify the passions and convictions that shaped her into the person she is today. Alongside these important lessons, Jess of course also remembers the friendships – going high-roping, snorkelling in the swimming pool, and cruising Cardiff Bay by speedboat!

## Bearing fruit

After university, Jess worked for a Christian publishing ministry and led youth ministry at a new church plant – a role she still holds eight years later. After the publishing ministry closed, she pursued a Bible handling and teaching course before pushing doors again towards ministry as her main focus. When a pastor pointed her towards a position at Living Leadership, Jess knew this was where God was leading her – a role drawing on exactly the skills she had spent years developing, and embodying the values she had written



down as a teenager at One2Lead. Living Leadership exists to support Christian leaders and their spouses to live and serve joyfully and faithfully for the long haul. As Jess says: “Joyful, worshipful leaders model and encourage joyful, worshipful faith in their churches and communities.”

## A great place to start

When Jess looks back at the 19-year-old who walked into that first One2Lead weekend, she is quite amazed. “I don’t think she had any vision of what life with Jesus could really look like! She wouldn’t have imagined this!”

For anyone considering One2Lead today, her advice is simple: “Do the thing other people might find weird!” She points to Colossians 1:9–11, and Paul’s prayer that believers would grow in the knowledge of God’s will, in wisdom and understanding, bearing fruit in every good work.

“One2Lead is an avenue the Lord can use to do this. It’s a great place to start!”

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Ray Dadswell  
receiving the Lord  
Lieutenant of Sussex's  
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# FAITHFUL SERVICE, QUIETLY LIVED

Ray Dadswell, RAF Air Cadets,  
and a lifetime of chaplaincy

Last October, just days after his 80th birthday, Counties Senior Evangelist Ray Dadswell received the Lord Lieutenant of Sussex's Certificate for Meritorious Service. Only later did he discover quite how significant the honour was. Reading from the official programme, Ray learned that the certificate was instituted to recognise members of the Reserve and Cadet Forces whose efforts are not acknowledged by the twice-yearly honours list.

Ray shares: "Apparently, this honour is just one down from an OBE."

That realisation was deeply moving. "I get a

bit emotional over all of this," Ray admits. Coming from a Sussex farming family, he never imagined being recognised at such a level. "To be raised up to this level of importance is brilliant," he says.

## Serving the squadron

For the past decade, Ray has served as chaplain to 54 Squadron RAF Air Cadets in Eastbourne. His involvement began almost by chance. While doing chaplaincy work with local theatres, he met the wife of a theatre director whose son was an RAF cadet. At the time, the squadron had no chaplain.



Ray recalls: "She said, 'I've given them your name. So there was no choice from then on.'" Ten years later, he has just marked a decade in the role.

Ray describes his responsibility simply: he is "responsible for the moral and spiritual welfare of the squadron." That includes close to 100 cadets and more than 20 adult volunteers. One of his formal duties is overseeing enrolment ceremonies, when cadets make a declaration of loyalty to "King, Country, God, and

the flag.” These occasions, attended by parents and relatives, are especially encouraging for him – offering rare moments when faith is openly named and honoured.

A central part of Ray’s ministry is “Padres Hour,” a regular session in which he is given complete freedom. “I can do anything I like,” he explains. While it is not always explicit Biblical teaching, it is always rooted in Christian wisdom and lived faith. Ray uses the time to speak about discipline, gratitude, and relating to other people – and how to navigate life well. “When I have a crowd of 50 young people in front of me,” he says, “that’s too good an opportunity to miss.”

This ministry is shaped by a lifetime of experience. Ray lived and worked in Thailand during the 1970s and 80s in church mission, later qualifying to teach English as a foreign language. After returning to the UK, he worked with the Christian Union at Sussex University and became involved in countless charitable

initiatives. Each season has contributed to the quiet confidence he now brings to his chaplaincy role.

## Love shown and received

What stands out most for Ray, however, are moments of personal and spiritual impact. One evening, he received a Christmas card from a cadet moving on to more intensive military training. The young man wrote to thank him, saying: “You’ve given me more of an understanding about God and spiritual things than I ever had before.” Ray describes that moment as deeply encouraging.

Another moment left him “knocked for six.” When Ray’s wife died three years ago, the squadron lowered the flag in her honour – a simple but powerful gesture that spoke volumes about the community he had come to serve and love.

Ray comes from an evangelical background, shaped by a Christian schoolteacher who first took him to church. He acknowledges that many armed forces



*Ray with cadets and staff of 54 Squadron RAF Air Cadets, Eastbourne*

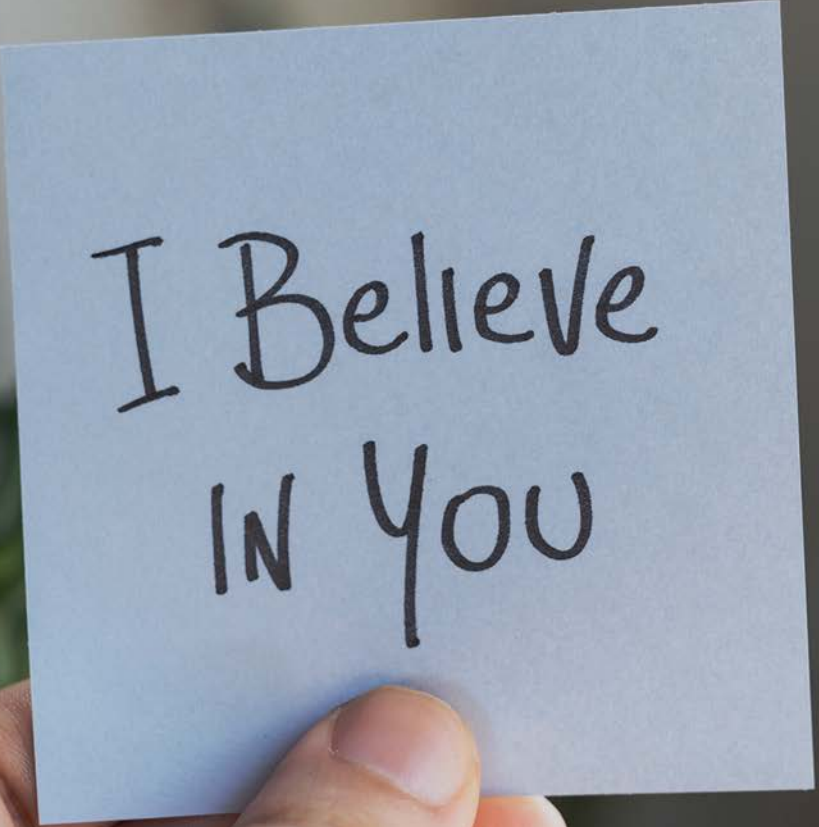
chaplains come from more traditional denominations. “To be recognised and to be accepted as an evangelical in the armed forces,” he says, “that encourages me an awful lot.”

Asked what the award means to him now, Ray remains characteristically understated. “There’s life in the old dog yet,” he says. The certificate does not mark an ending, but an affirmation – of faithfulness, of service, and of a calling lived out week by week among young people.

As Ray continues to walk alongside the cadets of 54 Squadron, the recognition he has received stands as something far greater than he ever expected: a public honour for a life quietly devoted to God and to others.

# ENCOURAGING ENCOURAGEMENT

Reflection by Roger Chilvers



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If there is one thing that needs encouragement, it is the ministry of encouragement!

Although every church has its own character, there is a wide range of characteristics that almost every church has in common – teaching, singing and evangelism being amongst the most obvious, even though they may be practised very differently from church to church. Whilst every generation is different, one characteristic that seems to be raising its head more and more today is the lack of encouragement. As almost everyone who has the opportunity to visit a variety of local churches can testify, encouragement is in very short supply. Everyone wants it and everyone needs it, but so few seem to find or show it.

So, if there is one thing that needs encouragement, it is the ministry of encouragement!

Even a quick glance at the New Testament church reveals that where there was growth and progress, there was a strong element of encouragement. It is well known that one of those at the forefront of this was Barnabas. In fact, Barnabas wasn't even his real name – he was Joseph – but the Apostles gave him the nickname Barnabas, meaning 'Son of Encouragement.' Joseph means 'God will increase', which so often combines with encouragement, so that where there is encouragement there is increase (Acts 11:23). It is such an important gift that when Paul writes about spiritual gifts in Romans 12:8, his mind turns quickly to encouragement: *"We have different gifts according to the grace given to us ... if it is encouraging, let him encourage."* Nike may say 'Just do it', but when it comes to encouragement,

perhaps it should be the Christian's maxim too!

Yet there are many things that so easily discourage. As I write, many church leaders are saying that things have never been so bad. It is not unusual for Counties evangelists to be asked to spend time with discouraged elders and church leaders who say: "We've tried everything and still we seem to be going downhill." And with discouragement comes the temptation to give up, to surrender what once was so exciting, so that stagnation takes over. What are some of the things that lead to this paralysing discouragement?

### The temptation to discouragement because of suffering

Paul implored the church at Ephesus: *"I beg you not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you"* (Ephesians 3:13). Whether it is our suffering or that of someone else, it is so easy to lose courage, especially when the pain goes on and on.

### The temptation to discouragement because of sin

Hebrews 12 reminds us to *"throw off everything and the sin that so easily entangles"* (v.1) and to keep our eyes on Jesus so that we *"don't grow weary or discouraged and lose heart"* (v.3). No doubt this is why Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: *"Never tire of doing what is right"* (2 Thessalonians 3:13).

## The temptation to discouragement because of unanswered prayer

Surely we all know what it is to pray frequently and passionately for the Lord to act – perhaps particularly to bring our children or friends to Himself – and to find what seems like no answer. The silence of heaven is so discouraging. Yet in Luke 18, Jesus told a parable to show *“that they should always pray and not give up”* (v.1).

## The temptation to discouragement because of apparently unfruitful work, especially evangelism

It is easy to focus on apparent lack of success and become discouraged. But when you remember that the very proclamation of the Gospel is a privilege given by God, how can we become discouraged? *“Since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart”* (2 Corinthians 4:1).

However, thankfully there are so many things that can only do the opposite. Here are some that the Bible speaks about:

## Focus on fellowship with other Christians

Frequently, the natural response to discouragement is to stop meeting together – to drift away. Yet that is the very thing we need. Paul writes to Philemon: *“Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people”* (Philemon 7). To the Thessalonians he says: *“Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing”* (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

## Focus on the preaching of God’s Word

It is surely not surprising that we become discouraged when we neglect God’s Word, for it was given to encourage us through its teaching: *“Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope”* (Romans 15:4).

## Focus on the Christian’s glorious future

The well-known couplet from C.T. Studd reminds us: *‘Only one life, ‘twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.’* What we see here and now will soon be past. A glorious future awaits every believer: *“We shall meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words”* (1 Thessalonians 4:17–18).

## Focus on God Himself

It is so easy to focus on ourselves, our failures and weaknesses, which is bound to be discouraging. But the Bible calls us to focus on God Himself. God the Father is *“God who gives endurance and encouragement”* (Romans 15:5). God the Son *“speaks to the Father in our defence – Jesus Christ the Righteous One”* (1 John 2:1). And of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said: *“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth.”*

Every one of these is a call not to be discouraged but to the opposite. The New Testament word used in each of the

above examples is ‘paraklesis’ – meaning to ‘call alongside’ to strengthen and comfort. In times of stress and pressure, these are the things we should actively call alongside to avoid discouragement.

The challenge is not only for us as individuals and churches, but to come alongside those who are struggling. It is amazing what a simple word or a meeting over coffee can do to strengthen someone. How about an email, a text or a call to someone right now?

The Apostle Paul gives us an example of doing just that: *“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 1:3-6).

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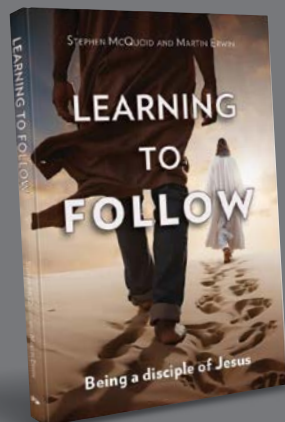
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# JUST A MINUTE



**with Mike Thomas Counties evangelist serving children, young people and families in east Cardiff.**

## How did you become a Christian?

I grew up in a Christian home and knew the Gospel from a really young age. When I was 10 years old I was at my grandmother's house on a Saturday afternoon and she had some friends around for lunch. It was there that one of them, David, asked me personally if I'd trusted Jesus as my Saviour. Up until that point nobody had ever asked me that question directly!

I ran off to another room and prayed, asking Jesus to be my Lord and Saviour. Over the years I've often thought back to that moment and realised the importance of not just preaching the Gospel, but having direct conversations with people about it. It's almost certainly one of the moments that influenced me to be a Counties evangelist today!

## Tell us about your background.

I grew up in Caerphilly – home of the second largest castle in the UK and its very own cheese (you should try it, it's lovely!) – and at the age of 21 I married Jan, who is a Cardiff girl. We met at a children's summer camp called Supergang where we were both helping on the team. We moved to Rumney when we got married and have been here ever since. Over the years I had a few different jobs, mainly in banking and insurance, before stepping into full-time ministry with Counties.

## What drew you to your role with Counties?

Back in 2003, the children's ministry at Rumney Chapel grew from 10 church kids a week to 150 children a week in the space of about nine months. It was during this that I started praying about whether I was called to serve the Lord full time. I attended a meeting where a visiting speaker, Rodney Francis, came over to me before the meeting even started and said: "Stop dilly dallying, trust God and get on with it!" Just a few months later I walked out of the HBOS office and stepped into ministry.

## What is your favourite Bible verse and why?

Psalm 78:4–7 has been really important to me for a long time: *"We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD... so that they should set their hope in God."* This passage captures so much of what I believe my calling is about. It's a reminder that we have a responsibility not just to hold on to the Gospel ourselves, but to actively pass it on to the next generation. It keeps pulling me back to the basics: tell the story of God's faithfulness, make it clear, make it accessible, and trust that He will use it.

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