

E-bulletin to NWC networks: April 2011

Dear Friends,

It's just over a year now since the "new shape" New Wine Cymru was launched at the Heaven to Earth conference at Cardiff City Temple.

As I look back over the last year I'm amazed how much God has done in such a small amount of time.

North Wales has now a well-established NWC leaders' network with its own leadership team. They are working really well together with a huge heart for God's work and people across North Wales. I love going up to the North for the Regional leaders' days and the open evening meetings for the Churches. The rapport, unity and friendship that has already developed is cause for much thanksgiving.

The Pembrokeshire leaders' network has been strengthened and I'm pleased to announce that we now have a new network of leaders right across the Valleys region of South Wales. It is so good to see more leaders now coming together in these new regions to explore how we can make advances together for the Kingdom of God in Wales. These have been really significant steps forward as we look to developing ways that will connect us all together across Wales.

We anticipate that it won't be too long before we can announce news regarding new networks in the South East and Southern regions. There is to be a meeting of Church leaders from the South East region of Wales (Newport, Cardiff, Penarth, Barry etc) on Friday 8th April. Watch this space for news!

Bruce Collins, Steve Morgan (Vicar of Christchurch, Merthyr Tydfil) and myself have been experimenting with a healing café concept at Cornerstone Church on Sunday nights. The thinking behind the experiment is to create a context for evangelism and healing that is totally geared for the 21 century unchurched person. So far so good! Each Sunday night has had a very good turn out and a whole stack of healings, from people with long-term conditions to hearing being restored. I was talking to one young student couple who said. " Until the healing café we have never prayed for anyone and seen a healing. In the last two weeks we've seen seven people healed as we have prayed for them! "

Yesterday morning I was speaking at a men's breakfast in Carmarthen and met a man who's wife and teenage children had attended last week's café. He explained they came home and were in tears as they gave an account of the event. He said he intends to come to the next one! I'm also pleased to say reports are filtering through of folk who attended with friends who have become Christians too!

It's still early days but as we cut our teeth and learn the lessons necessary we hope to see the healing café, or healing and evangelism evenings spring up all over Wales. If you are interested in popping along, check out the Cornerstone website for the times and Sundays on which these meetings will be held. (Go to www.cornerstonechurch.co.uk.) One thing though - if you can, bring a friend who needs healing and who isn't a Christian yet!!

Finally but by no means least, if you're a Church leader or part of your Church's leadership team, may I encourage you to book your place for the NWC Leadership Conference for this May in Cefn Lea, 10-12th May. It costs only £50 including full board for the whole event.

I'm pleased to say that we have some outstanding prophetic voices attending the conference who will help us hear God together, and offer personal prophetic ministry. The programme will be focussed on capturing God-inspired vision and strategy for winning Wales together.

On behalf of the NWC teams across the regions, we look forward to seeing you again soon and having a great time together – whether at Cefn Lea, or soon at one of our regional meetings.

Bless you,

Julian Richards
New Wine Cymru

NEW WINE CYMRU VISION AND CORE VALUES

Vision

Our vision is to see Jesus' Kingdom impact and change Wales in all spheres of life.

Strapline

Local Churches Changing Nations

Core values

The Priority of Relationship – with Jesus and one another as the foundation for all ministry.

Local Church life that is missional, welcoming, relational, accessible for all generations, and builds family and community life.

Servant Church, incarnate in the community, modelling Kingdom life to transform society.

Inspiring Worship that is passionate, intimate, culturally appropriate and facilitates encounter with God.

Anointed Leadership that is visionary, courageous, humble, consistent, full of faith, and that builds missional churches.

Strategic Mission, as modelled by Jesus to his first disciples, that is kingdom centred, holistic, inspired and empowered by the Spirit, concerned with justice and care for the poor, and encourages new church planting initiatives.

Orthodox Theology with doctrine and ethics founded on the person, teaching and work of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible.

Bible-based Teaching and training that is thoughtful, relevant, facilitates encounter with Jesus, and equips for everyday life and ministry.

Personal Discipleship that models Christian love, prayerfulness, holiness, integrity, accountability, humility and generosity; that brings healing and enables us to serve like Jesus.

Every member ministry that discerns and empowers each person to express God's presence and love through the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the "naturally supernatural" ways modelled to us by Jesus.