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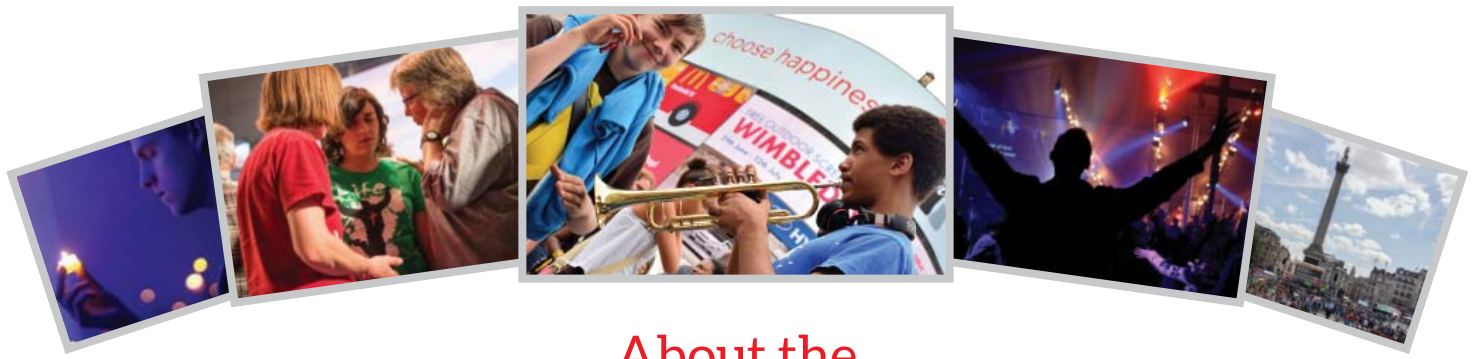


Church Alive

An introduction to the Jesus Fellowship

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About the Jesus Army

The Jesus Army, also known as the Jesus Fellowship Church, aims to be a contemporary expression of the historic Christian faith. All kinds of people are involved: young and old, rich and poor.

The Jesus Army is a UK-based evangelical Christian church with a charismatic emphasis and Baptist roots. The church is orthodox in doctrine and accepts the historic Christian creeds. It developed from Bugbrooke Baptist Chapel in Northamptonshire, UK, when its pastor, Noel Stanton (1926-2009), led the church to embrace the charismatic movement.

Details of the church are listed in the UK Christian Handbook and the English Church Census. It is linked with other churches and groups in the UK and overseas through the Multiply Christian Network, and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance UK.

The Jesus Army is particularly active with many in need, including homeless people and those involved in alcohol and drug abuse. In this

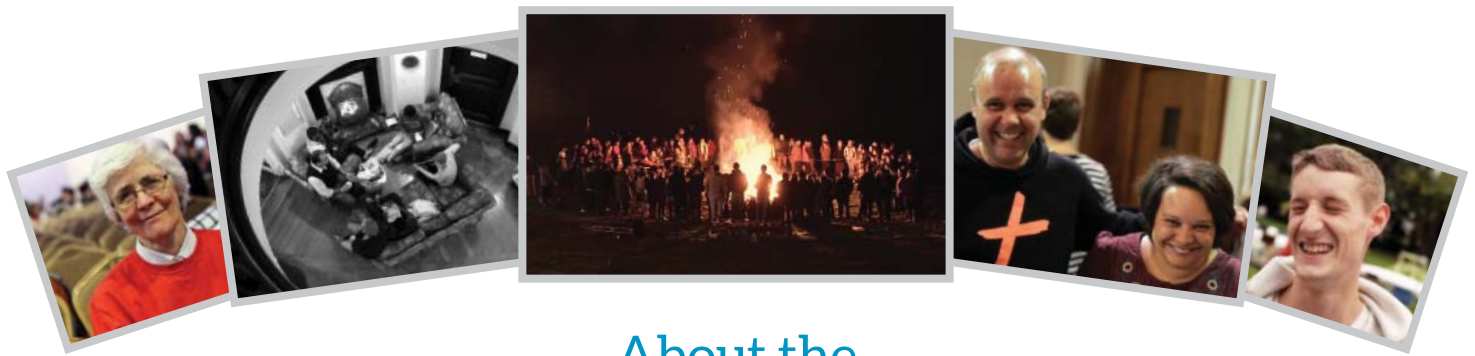
work it aims to show Christian compassion and love, helping people to find hope and giving them back their dignity. The help given is normally conducted alongside various caring professions, and with their input.

In connection with this social outreach work, the church has opened Jesus Centres in four cities (Coventry, London, Northampton and Sheffield) and founded a charity (Jesus Army Charitable Trust). The Jesus Army numbers around 2000, nearly 500 of whom live in New Creation Christian Community houses around the UK.

The core units of the church are the local congregations and house groups, with a range of larger events taking place regularly, open to all who are interested.

We meet together in lots of cities and towns around the UK, including Brighton, Sheffield, London, Coventry and Birmingham. If you'd like to find out a bit more about us, you can find the nearest Jesus Fellowship Church to you.

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About the New Creation Christian Community

New Creation Christian Community is a network of communal houses across the UK shared by members of the Jesus Army.

The early church in Acts and the example of Jesus' life, inspired us to live in community. The Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit also shows us the importance of living in unity together. Christian community is an extended family of people from all backgrounds, working out our faith together.

It all began in a teapot. Our first 'common purse' started as a voluntary experiment in 1974, with the shared cash kept in a large teapot. A year later, the first official common purse, into which all residents pooled all personal incomings, was set up at New Creation Hall, Bugbrooke -- the first house of our fledgling intentional Christian Community.

Now about 450 members of the Jesus Army live in Christian Community in 60 or so large and small houses around the UK. Each community house consists of anything between six and 40 people, who live as a large 'family', from houses on council estates to larger houses in the countryside.

Each house is the hub of one of our church groups, which include both community residents and non-resident church members. As well as being

a home for community members the houses also provide a space for some of our weekly church meetings. Each week, every community house has an open evening which includes a meal. This puts Christianity "on display" for visitors in a friendly and non-threatening way.

Each community house has one shared bank account, their 'common purse', through which members pool their income and meet all personal and household expenses. Some assets, such as vehicles and buildings, are managed by the Jesus Fellowship Community Trust, a legally-constituted non-charitable Trust Fund administered by trustees on behalf of the members.

Visitors are welcome on a temporary basis for up to a year. Apart from a modest board and lodging charge for stays of more than one week visitor's incomes are at their disposal. Contact us to enquire about visiting or read about our Jesus Army Training Year.

For details of our safeguarding procedures for children and young adults read our Jesus Fellowship Safeguarding Statement (applies to all our church activities) and our NCCC safeguarding contact details.

Community in all its forms is God's heart for humanity.

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need."

(Acts 2:44-45)



About the Jesus Centres

Jesus Centres are making a vast difference to the lives of many people.

The Jesus Army is responding to the rising need in the UK. There's poverty, injustice, racial and social prejudice and family breakdown with vast numbers feeling marginalised and hurt. We want to reach them with the good news of Jesus.

Jesus Centres are places where the love of Jesus is expressed daily in worship, friendship and help for every type of person. The homeless and disadvantaged find a particular welcome at Jesus Centres. We offer a hand of friendship and a listening ear as well as functioning as a gateway to other services and local agencies.

Jesus Centres provide washing facilities, second hand clothing, hair cutting and other amenities. Active listening, life skills and IT training are also available at various times during the week. Typically, Jesus Centres feature a café, lounge area and an information point. The Centres usually provide ESOL services and a variety of other groups, e.g. art and craft classes, gyms, job clubs and book clubs.

Reasonably priced food is usually available as well as access to IT facilities, counselling and training rooms. People can drop in to meet friends and have a coffee or just pause in a busy day for a few quiet minutes in the prayer room.

Four Jesus Centres have already been opened by the Jesus Army Charitable Trust. They are based on a former cinema in Northampton, a converted car showroom in Coventry city centre, an old convent in central London and a former Methodist hall and residence in Sheffield. Further Jesus Centres are planned, with the next one likely to be in Birmingham.

Jesus Centres are places where the local Jesus Fellowship Church (Jesus Army) meets and worships, with a daily programme of church and social events at the Centres. The buildings will also contain several other meeting rooms which will be available for use by other groups.

Our Jesus Centres are supported by Jesus Army Charitable Trust, a Registered Charity (No.1091912).

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About the Multiply Christian Network

Multiply Christian Network is an informal partnership of churches, leaders and groups with a vision to see a spread of radical Christianity throughout the world. It is open to churches of all sizes and styles and was initiated by the Jesus Army (Jesus Fellowship Church) in 1992. It is a member of the Evangelical Alliance UK.

All Multiply partners remain autonomous and are free to make their own decisions and develop their vision within a fellowship of living Christianity. Support is available (if desired) from Jesus Fellowship regional leadership teams in the UK. As a Multiply partner, you benefit from our range of events and conferences, and training opportunities in leadership, evangelism and discipleship, and you also have access to our Multiply Resources and Publications. Most important in the Multiply Network are the relationships you build with other church leaders. We nurture relationships between partners of frankness, openness and honesty.

Multiply partners have the opportunity to form mutually strengthening relationships with each other. It is a relational network, with an evangelical and charismatic focus. Smaller groups are welcome to the Network.

Across the nations, the Holy Spirit is causing Christians to reach out to one another with the hand of friendship. Older churches are being

revived and new churches and house groups are springing up.

There are now around 70 groups in the Multiply Network from around the world. This represents over 8000 people joined together in mutual encouragement and support, to see their local area impacted by radical Christianity.

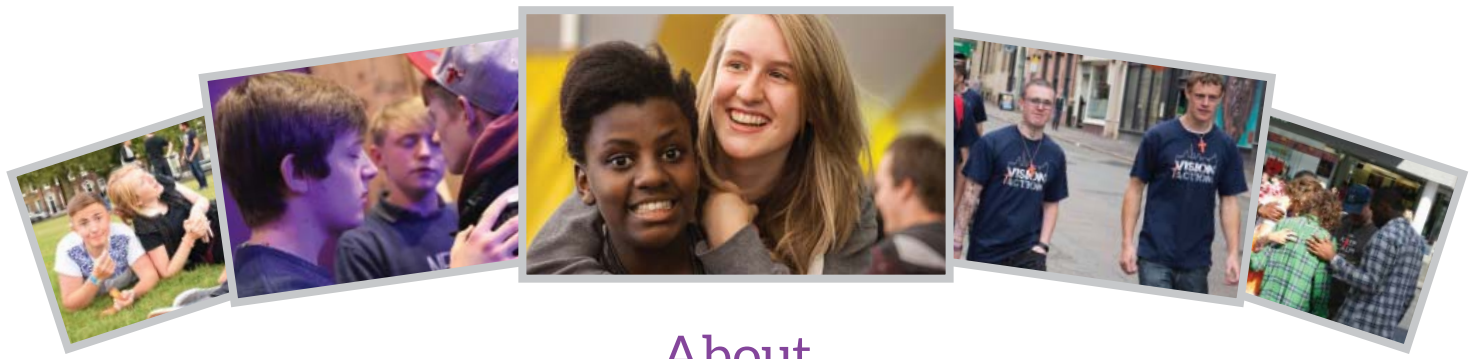
More and more churches worldwide are looking for the reality of brotherhood relationships. They look for mature wisdom and direction while remaining autonomous and free to make their own decisions as they work out the vision God has given them.

Multiply has a vision to take the gospel to the poor, the marginalised and the unchurched. We pursue social justice and responsibility with a strong vision for practical equality. We are a mixture of different cultures and races, all one family together in Christ.

If you'd like to join Multiply then contact Huw Lewis or a Multiply church in your area.

The Multiply Christian Network upholds the historic creeds of the Christian faith including the Apostles' Creed. Churches or groups would need to be generally sympathetic with a basic evangelical statement of faith, but no financial contribution would be necessary.

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About Jesus Youth

A call to follow Jesus is going out to young people across the UK and beyond. Could it be for you?

The Jesus Army has a vision for young people to be all out for Jesus in their generation. To become a “Jesus Generation”. A vibrant, energetic, growing youth movement.

It’s about friendship.

Everyone needs friends who know you for who you are beyond your Facebook page. People who know the good and the bad and stick with you through it all. In the Jesus Army we aim to value every one of our members and friends.

It’s about a cause.

Jesus brings a revolution. He throws out hate and prejudice, brings in love and sacrifice. Living

for Jesus can transform and energise your life – be part of this youth counter culture.

It’s about purpose.

It’s been said that youth is wasted on the young: be the exception. Students, younger teens, youth leaders, seekers, activists: there’s something here for every young person.

The Jesus Fellowship/Jesus Army is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and ensuring their well-being. Members whose work or volunteering involves unsupervised contact with children or young people under 18 undertake a DBS Disclosure and work to a formal code of conduct. For details of our safeguarding procedures for children and young adults read our Safeguarding Statement and view our Safeguarding Poster.

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