

# Serving Coventry - Ten Years On



2001 Ann Hawker, services manager, outside the old garage premises in Lamb Street

2011 Bev Abbott, cafe manager, outside the Jesus Centre with its new extension for the Well Cafe

"It's a fantastic service, always reliable, always here."

Agency outreach worker

## Who we are

The Jesus Centre is for everybody, with the Well Cafe for a pleasant rendezvous, rooms for hire, services and activities for friendship and special needs, skills training, the homeless and disadvantaged, the young and old, those seeking spiritual help, and more. We're here for you!

## Mission statement

Expressing the love of Jesus daily in worship, friendship and help for every kind of person.

For videos, pictures, stories, news:

**Local Website:**

covjc.co.uk

**Facebook:**

facebook.com/coventry.jesus.centre

**Blog:**

coventryjesuscentreblog.com

**The Well Cafe on Facebook:**

facebook.com/TheWellCoventry

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Every Kind of person - this was a fun shot taken by our photography group



## A Message From The Chair



A view of the Jesus Centre in November when 100 solar panels were being put on the roof, and the new cafe extension had just opened.

In 2012 we celebrate ten years of the Centre's activities. So before reflecting on 2011, look out for special events that will mark the coming months.

The Cafe extension is open at last! We're rearranging other parts of the ground floor too, where we've been stuck for interview space.

And you'll immediately identify the shiny solar panels on our roof. Trustees agreed we would save the cost within seven years. Thereafter we'll benefit from lower electricity bills for many years.

As we anticipated, with cut-backs etc, Coventry is changing. Our own local income has been falling for two years. Overall, we've been heartened by the way other services, churches and donors are pulling together to make the best impact.

- Foodbank has come at just the right time for many struggling families. Partners working together are doing a better job than we managed individually.
- Demands for our skills training sessions (Your Learning) have mushroomed. Many

colleges and adult training agencies have dropped out. Now we've run out of training room!

• We have joined Here to Help (H2H), a Voluntary Action Coventry led consortium of local voluntary agencies, working with the council on the best city-wide response to homelessness.

In 2011 we addressed the need for staff and volunteers to be effective in the "long haul" and focussed on new services that will make our range as inclusive as possible.

We aim to be good stewards of the remarkable range of donations we receive. We have much to be grateful for through these past ten years.

Ian Callard  
Chairman

## SUMMARY OF AIMS

This review tells you all about what we do, and how well we have done against our charitable aims in 2011.

Our aims in full are listed at [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk) (search for 'Jesus Army Charitable Trust')

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### MEETING NEED

To give material and personal support

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### BUILDING CAPACITY

To help people make real progress in their lives

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### PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY

To advance the Christian faith, facilitate Jesus Fellowship events and provide spiritual services

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### DEVELOPING SOCIAL SKILLS

To foster friendship and to provide recreational and community facilities

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### BEING AN EFFECTIVE CHARITY

To work constructively with other agencies and to develop volunteers

## The Bridge Drop-In

'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' (Matthew 25.35,36)

The Bridge drop-in has welcomed 5,500 different people since it opened in 2002. In 2011 1000 different people used the service, with typically 60 in a morning session. We meet basic needs for food and drink, clothing, a wash, use of the phone - and probably most important of all - friendship. It can be a cold world in every way, and we seek to give everyone some warmth.

We insist on respect for all, and visitors appreciate a safe environment where swearing and abuse are not tolerated. It works.

*"It shows others they can do it as well, its an incentive. It's brilliant, it's somewhere to use your time and catch up with people. There aren't many places like it, people look forward to coming here."*

Lucy Wise

*"The Jesus Centre has helped me loads, it helped me to stop drinking. I really appreciate the support they have given me, even when I was in prison, because nobody else came to visit."*

Tracey, Bridge visitor



Tracey (quoted above), with Lucy Wise and Dal Sandhu from CDT

Tracey is in training as a volunteer at the Jesus Centre.

Lucy was a visitor to the Jesus Centre six years ago, when she was homeless and came to get food, housing help etc. She has also been helped by

the Community Drugs team for the last 15 years to get off drugs, and has been clean for a year. She now volunteers for CDT and is a peer support worker to show others that it can be done, and to help them do it.

*"Brilliant. If it wasn't for the JC and the bond scheme I would be homeless. Always got help when I have needed it"*

Bond Scheme tenant

## Support Workers and THE BOND SCHEME

The bond scheme helps people to get into rented accommodation. By the end of 2011 we had housed over 150 people and moved 49 on to better places.

Our support workers liaise with local landlords and the Housing Benefit office to get people housed, and give ongoing support to tenants towards independent living.

One local man housed from rough sleeping was estimated by an agency to have saved public services, like medical and police, £2000 a month.

We were told that our bond scheme was the only active one at one point.

The Bridge Bond Scheme and Support Workers are partly funded by the government's Supporting People funding stream, and the city council also give extra financial support for the bonds themselves.

Kashmir Ram has used the Jesus Centre for most of its ten years. He is a colourful character with a sharp dress sense. In July 2011 after staying with a friend, Susan Robertson, for some time, he moved into a bond scheme flat. Six months later he was still there, supported by Sue and our support workers, Barney, Tony and Val.



*"It's good to have a yard. Susan helps me a lot, cleans up. I don't cook. The neighbours are ok."*

Kashmir

## Good neighbour

Susan said she supports him with prescriptions, bills, getting his fortnightly injection, his mail from the Jesus Centre. He copes with his place but wants a bigger one now. He gets some mental health support. She has known him as a friend for a long time; they grew up together. Susan featured in our 2010 Annual Review.

*"He is ok in his place. I pop up now and again. He keeps it clean and tidy. I'm fine myself."*

Susan



## Gaining Skills

Your Learning grew into a range of skills groups in 2011, under the capable leadership of Julia Faire.

Many people were referred to English for Work classes by the JobCentre, and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) included UK culture lessons and basic IT.

CV writing, interview and reading skills were taught one to one.

189 people attended Your Learning sessions in 2011, on average five times each. 42 Jesus Centre certificates for achievement were awarded.

### Manjit got her first job

Manjit Merwehe, 46, was looking for a job and was referred to the Jesus Centre to improve her English. She also knows Preet, having met her at a community centre. Manjit has attended ESOL classes here for a year, and is getting a Food Hygiene certificate. She has since found a job doing home based care work.

*"It was very very helpful. Julia is a good teacher and friend. I had not had a job before because I was caring for sick relatives. We practised interviews too."*

Manjit Merwehe



Julia Faire and Preet Ghuman

*"Julia is a very good teacher, nice and gentle, and lets you go at your own pace."*

Learner

## Preet Ghuman helps Julia with classes

Preet Ghuman has been helping Julia with 'Your Learning' classes since mid-2011. She assists Julia with several classes, especially helping Hindi and Punjabi speakers with translation. She says she loves doing it and meeting new people; it makes her feel good inside.

Her husband Kulwant was referred for English classes in Foleshill but the Jesus Centre was nearer for him, and Preet came along later and started helping. Her background is in customer service, jewellery and school play groups.

Preet has also led a vegetarian cookery class at the Jesus Centre, and would really like to start her own business in catering, with her husband.

Preet ran a cookery class early in 2012 for healthy vegetarian cookery.

*"I have also regained confidence after a time of family problems when I was troubled and depressed. It has helped me spiritually too."*

Preet Ghuman

*"Phone use helped find strong job possibility"*

Visitor

## Services

These services ran in 2011 for many to gain skills and grow in confidence

**Hope & Help** support for Ex-Offenders

**IT For Starters** computer instruction

**Money Worries** debt and budgeting advice

**Re-Cycle** bike repair

**Strum It** guitar class

**Your Art** painting and drawing group

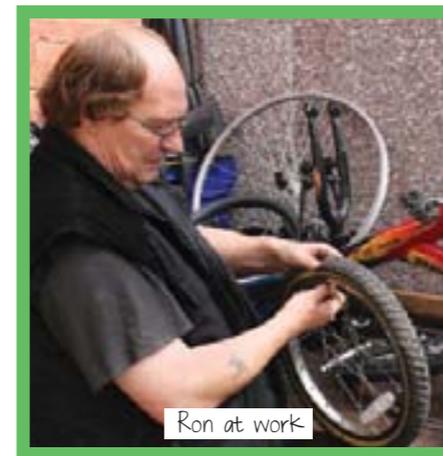
**Your Fitness** exercise group

**Your Future** short training courses

**Your Learning** for ESOL, English for Work,

English for citizenship, help with CVs

**Your Weight** support group for losing weight



Ron at work

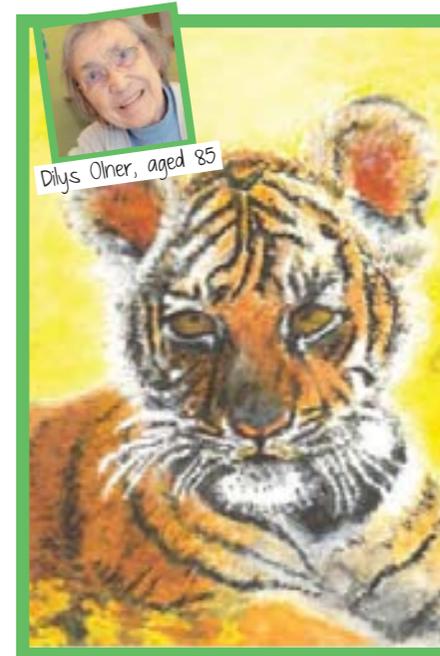
## Re-Cycle

Ron Saville runs the Re-Cycle bike repair project as a volunteer.

Ron and helpers repaired dozens of bikes in 2011, provided many people with affordable bikes, and made £500 for the Jesus Centre.

*"We sold a Re-Cycle bike for £20 this morning to a guy who needs to get to work at all hours. The bike will pay for itself in a week. He was very grateful."*

Ron



Dilys Oliner, aged 85

## Your Art

Rune Carlberg runs Your Art on Fridays. 40 different people enjoyed the peaceful creative atmosphere in 2011, and some of the best pictures were made into a 2012 calendar. This tiger was painted by Dilys Oliner.

**PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY**

To advance the Christian faith, facilitate Jesus Fellowship events and provide spiritual services

**Faith Building**

Abil volunteering in the Jesus Centre Kitchen

Abil Adil was born in Israel of a Palestinian mother and Berber Moroccan father. When he was six they moved to Morocco, but his parents separated and he left home at 17 and wandered around Europe. He came to the UK as an asylum seeker in 2007. Eventually he found the Jesus Centre in Coventry, which scared him at first, being unfamiliar to his muslim background. He was helped practically with clothing, showers etc, and a number of people befriended and helped him. After a year he was baptised as a

"Good team to work with, fun, and sense of serving God. Very organised and professional in approach, whilst retaining Jesus at the centre of all works."

Simon Collyer, volunteer

Christian into what he feels now is his new family. He is a trained volunteer and enjoys helping others too. He received permission to stay in the UK in 2011, and he aims to visit his mother in Morocco and tell her about his new life and purpose. He also wants to live in Christian community where people from many backgrounds work out their faith together.

"For me the Jesus Centre changed everything. It made me become a new man"

Abil

**Services**

Bible Life group discovery

"Discussions are lively and thoughtful. It's really encouraging to see people end a session with renewed determination to put their faith into practice."

Tschaka Roussel-Milner, group leader

The Bible & English learning with added value

"It's been a real eye opener for me."

Well Maker healing prayer

"One lady found healing from various ailments... nothing medically proven, but

definite healing in feet, I recall. We also supported her throughout her asylum situation when various papers were lost... We prayed that she would have permission to stay within a week or two, and lo and behold she had permission within a week!"

Stuart Patnel, service leader

Foot Washing offered in 'Your Space' by Francis Hawkey

"I felt like a million dollars."

Visitor, after having her feet washed



A Bible Life group

"She nearly died in hospital, she prayed and recovered. She told Tony at 'Your Space' that she had never thanked God for that, and he prayed with her. Her life improved significantly after that."

**Live the Gospel****Unity in Practice**

from coventryjesuscentreblogger.com  
by Piers Young, Centre Manager

I met Chris Waddell, leader of New Horizons Church, in our cafe for coffee. He is very supportive of our work, and keen for churches to complement each other in the city in the work they do. He is looking at a marriage support and parenting service that they might run, which we would certainly refer people to.

Mosaic Church host Foodbank which has grown meteorically in Coventry, and we are one of their distribution points.

Westwood Church send a team of young people to help in Your Space every week, and they engage really well with the visitors there. It is part of their training experience too.

Jubilee Church provides us with much needed storage space, and run a good debt counselling service.

Queens Road Baptist Church hosts the Christmas night shelter, and we collect surplus food and clothing afterwards to give out here.

The Salvation Army houses many that we



Chris Waddell, New Horizons Church

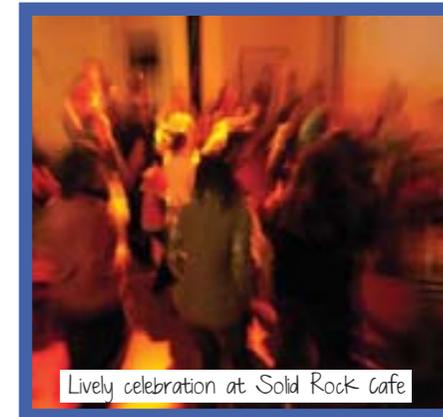
meet as well - they have opened a new Lifehouse in Harmall Lane.

I could go on. Many churches send us donations of clothing, food, toiletries etc, which are very heart-warming, and life-saving for those in need. New Horizons have given us lots of mugs and New Testaments!

In this 50th year of Coventry Cathedral we celebrate a Christian faith community that is serving our city in Jesus' Name. The Cathedral ladies knitting group has made us blankets for the homeless for years now, which are well used.

We feel greatly supported by many churches and individuals in the city. Every church project to serve others draws support from Christians and the public as a vehicle of good charitable giving.

I can envisage the churches in Coventry dove-tailing their various projects to provide a range of help to all, which expresses the grace of God. Chris would agree.



Lively celebration at Solid Rock Cafe

**Solid Rock Cafe**

A cutting edge cafe style Christian event every Sunday from 6.30pm, with free snacks and drinks, videos, interactive items, live band, the chance to talk, and lots of friendship. God is there too.

**DEVELOPING SOCIAL SKILLS**

To foster friendship and to provide recreational and community facilities

**We all need friends****The Well Cafe**

Our new cafe is five minutes from the city centre, in Lamb Street. Come and try it out.

The Well is open from 10.00am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. The menu includes Fair Trade tea, coffee and hot chocolate, tasty meals, soups, jacket potatoes, toasties, sandwiches (takeaway too). And Bev's specials.

The first cafe we ran here from 2002 never really worked. The space was wrong and unattractive. We nearly ditched the whole idea.

Then our trustees decided to invest in an extension to house a better cafe. The work took many months longer than planned, but the result was excellent. The Well is a tranquil oasis in its light airy and warm space, and customers keep coming back.

Bev Abbott is enjoying her new job. "I love it. I worked in cafes before but this is my own project, and I enjoy making the cafe really nice and welcoming, and trying out new things on the menu.

Our first couple of months were exciting. We didn't advertise it and had hardly any signs, but people loved the atmosphere. I enjoy asking people if they



Bev Abbott at your service

"The atmosphere's lovely. Bev's brilliant"  
"It really brings life to me"  
Customers

**You've Got a Friend**

Nigel Gallagher, catering supervisor since 2007

**Nigel tells his story**

"I first came into the Jesus Centre by mistake. It was October, 2005, and I was looking for a guy to buy drugs from, but I came to the wrong building!

A lady came up to me, took me by the arm, led me in to the hall, and got me a coffee. I sensed something there, but I'd always called Christians hypocrites. She introduced me to Iain, who got my phone number. Soon after, I left.

Iain kept ringing me and I came now and then, but fobbed him off generally.

My life went downhill badly. My drug use escalated and bad stuff happened, like a guy trying to shoot me. In six months I was down to 5 stone and seriously depressed.

A friend took me to the Bridge drop-

"I appreciate talking with and seeing other people I otherwise won't be able to meet up with"

A mum at Little Ark toddler group

in one Tuesday morning for breakfast. It was there things started to fall into place - I realised I needed to change or die. I contacted Iain and started coming regularly to the Jesus Centre. About that time I went to a Jesus Army event in Northampton. I remember crying for most of it: I'd started to come to God. I went to Iain's Christian community house, too, but I was still using drugs and in a mess.

A year later, I gave my life to God properly. I received prayer for healing for my crumbling knees (through drug use). The next week I was examined before an operation for knee replacements. After three X-rays the doctor said, 'You're not Nigel Gallagher' and showed me X-rays of perfect knee caps!

I was baptised the following month at the Jesus Centre.

I moved into Iain's house in 2007. At that time I started the job at the Jesus Centre as kitchen supervisor - serving the people I used to sell drugs to! Another volunteer turned out to have been a police officer who'd arrested me for drug crimes! But as Christian brothers it was all different now!

I grew up without knowing a father's love; only abuse. The men at the Jesus Centre have been father figures who made me a loving Christian instead of a man who hated."



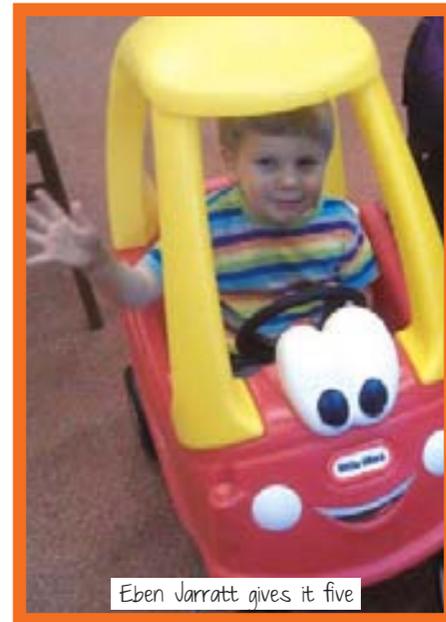
George Redding, Royal Navy veteran

**'Young At Heart' lunch club for over 50's**

George Redding turned 92 in 2011. He featured in the video we made in 2011 called Stories (ask us for a copy).

George served in the Royal Navy in World War 2 and saw the sinking of the Bismark. His destroyer was sunk and the Germans picked him up and held him in a PoW camp for two years. When he got back to Coventry it was unrecognisable after the blitz. He made his way home to his young wife and they lived together happily for over fifty years.

George enjoys coming to 'Young At Heart' lunch club where he makes new friends and exchanges stories.



Eben Jarratt gives it five

**'Little Ark' mums & tots meet on Friday mornings**

Mums appreciate getting out and meeting each other, while their children play with the toys in the big space and make new friends. People can help out, and the activities suit different children well.

## Agency Partners

### Community Drugs Team

Evaluation of outreach by Tracey from the Community Drugs Team: 'fantastic at facilitating the outreach of peer volunteers, making volunteers feel safe and comfortable, outreach was very successful in spreading the message of recovery and promoting drug treatment, flexible approach, very accommodating and relaxed, all enjoyed and appreciated their time...

### Westwood Church team

Phil Richardson and his wife Anne co-lead a course called FORM at Westwood Church.

'I really value coming to Your Space to be a small part of the amazing work that you do. FORM students come from a rather middle class background so it is a real eye opener to them of the needs of the disadvantaged and vulnerable in society. I often leave wondering why I consider myself to have a tough life or problems!'

### Police

'My officers have built up a very positive relationship with the Jesus Centre. They offer emotional and practical support to offenders; support into housing, adult education around independent living.

*"We very heavily rely on places like this to ensure clients have somewhere they can regularly get support"*

Tracey Mountford, CDT outreach worker



CDT team: Lucy Wise, Tracey Mountford and Holly Andrews

Ensuring some of the offenders with a more chaotic lifestyle are receiving some assistance - and in some cases are simply still alive.

*The Jesus Centre is a support in the Neighbourhood and a positive influence on the people who use it.'*

DS Sue Day, Coventry Central Police Station

### Hep C Trust advisor

'The staff and volunteers are always helpful and keen to support us and the clients.'

### Agency outreach

Various agencies run outreach services at the Centre, complementing what we do and giving input to many visitors in need. Agencies that worked here in 2011 included:

An Anchor medical team nurse

A Swanswell Alcohol Service advisor (now Recovery Partnership)

The Oral Health Team

The Hep C trust advisor

A Discretionary Housing Payment advisor

The Podiatry service team

CDT Peer mentors

Next Step agencies advisors

*"Once you could open a building, collect donations and give them out without much planning or accountability. Now you have to be efficient and do everything to the book."*

Jesus Centre Manager

## Giving Account

### Paying For It

It cost £200,000 to run CJC in 2011. In round figures, 20% came from income like room hire, Bridge breakfast sales and the cafe, 20% from council funding, 10% from trust grants, 40% from our church members, 10% from public giving. Your support makes a difference.

### Thank You

We sent out 428 letters of thanks to donors in 2011 (310 in 2010). They gave us food, beverages, clothing, bedding, toiletries, household goods, bicycles, furniture, computers and tv's, money and more, which were passed on directly or used to save costs.

### Staff, Services and Progress

We had 12 staff (9.1 full time equivalent) in 2011, and about 85 active volunteers and helpers.

500 uses of services were recorded each week, with about 250 different visitors accessing them.

24 active services were maintained, plus agency outreach here.

We provided 20 new tenancies on the bond scheme, moved some on, and used furniture storage facilities funded by

### Supporting People

Each week on average, 31 counts of significant progress made in lives as a result of our work ('outcomes') were recorded. We acknowledge that other agencies contribute to many people's progress as well, and we cannot always tell who played what part. What matters is that people do make progress.

### Lettings and the Cafe

We had 422 lettings in the year (374 in 2010), mostly to other churches, which produced around £15,000 revenue. Our own church, Jesus Fellowship, pays £6,300 to use the building.

The Cafe was out of action for much of the year while the extension was built. The new Well Cafe looks likely to be a success, both in terms of revenue and being an added attraction to the Jesus Centre.

### Food Parcels

We joined the Foodbank scheme of food parcel distribution in the city at the start of 2011. People bring vouchers to the Centre and we issue the food parcels (along with other distributors). We gave out 156 food parcels in the year to 142 different people.

We also continued to provide special small food parcels for rough sleepers, and we gave out 276 such parcels to 160 different people.



Signs of promise: Rainbows over the Jesus Centre in 2002

## Growing Confidence

### Visitor to Volunteer

54 visitors have become trained volunteers since we opened and 12 were active at the year end. 20 other people became helpers (limited training and responsibility) in 2011.

### Contributing to the Work

Volunteering is a confidence-building experience, as many testify. People make new friends, gain new skills and enjoy contributing to the work of the Jesus Centre. It is good to be able to make a difference personally.

*"I was in a hostel and came here for a food parcel and then used the Bridge. I decided to help out and after a while I got trained as a volunteer.*

*I do cooking, cleaning, sorting rooms out. I get depressed easily and it helps take the edge off it to be helping others in need."*

Matt

*"It was a great experience, the Knowledge I got from there is really helping me a lot in my university placements."*

Samuel Muraya, volunteer



Salome at reception

### Gaining confidence as a volunteer

Salome Hodgson was on a council placement under the Future Jobs Fund scheme for six months in 2011. She had been unemployed before that for more than six months. "I'm glad I did it", she said, "I gained more confidence, a qualification, experience and references!" She passed an NVQ level 2 in customer service with Henley College while on the placement. She still volunteers on reception, which is very helpful.



### In house training

We made several videos for training volunteers in 2011. This is one on how to run the drop-in laundry.

They are on YouTube. This one is found by searching for 'Coventry Jesus Centre In The Laundry'.

Others are 'Cleaning with Tony', 'Finding things at Coventry Jesus Centre', and 'Cleaning surfaces with Tschaka'.

Using videos enables us to give everyone consistent training units without requiring a lot of time from trainers.

We also run in-house training courses and give volunteers and staff opportunities to take part in external training.

## Thank you

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors of goods or money to the Jesus Centre (sorry if we have missed any out):

Billingtons - sugar  
 Christ Church - food  
 Clifford Bridge Community Association - clothing  
 Community Dental Team - outreach, dental resources  
 Coutts Charitable Trust - money  
 Coventry Cathedral Knitting Group - knitted blankets  
 Coventry City Council & Supporting People - money  
 Coventry City Mission - clothing  
 Coventry Community Drugs Team - outreach workers  
 Coventry Cyrenians - outreach workers  
 Coventry North Inner Wheel - toiletry packs  
 Coventry Open Christmas night shelter - food, clothing  
 Coventry Rotary Club - food  
 Emmaus - food  
 Foursquare House of Hope - clothing  
 Hillfields Christian Fellowship and Richard Middleton - food parcels for rough



Thank-you

sleepers  
 H.J.Hall, Hinckley - socks  
 Holyhead Road United Reformed Church - food  
 Howard Charitable Trust - money  
 Jarman Charitable Trust - money  
 Jubilee Church - clothing  
 Keresley Newlands Primary School - food  
 Lawrence Saunders Baptist Church - bedding  
 Lower Ford Street Baptist Church - clothing  
 Marks & Spencer - food  
 Meredith Road Baptist Church - food, clothing etc  
 Mosaic Church - foodbank  
 New Horizons Church - new testaments  
 Park House Charitable Trust - money

Potters Green United Reformed Church - money  
 Quinton Park Baptist Church - money, clothing etc  
 Roger Vere Foundation - money  
 Sainsbury's - food  
 St Alban Church - food  
 St John the Baptist Church, Berkswell - money, food  
 St John's Westwood Church - volunteers  
 St. Laurence's Church - food, clothing  
 St Margaret's Church, Wolston - clothing  
 St Mary Magdalen Church - food, clothing, toiletries  
 St Nicholas Church - clothing  
 Souter Charitable Trust - money  
 Stoke Heath Primary School - food  
 Stoke United Reformed Church - tea, coffee, sugar  
 Subway - bread  
 Voluntary Action Coventry - publicity etc  
 Walsgrave Baptist Church - toiletries, clothing etc  
 Whitefriars - storage  
 and many other private donors.

Other schools and churches that previously donated food for food parcels now give it to Foodbank, for which the Jesus Centre is a distribution point.

This Annual Review was produced in house, except for printing, saving considerable costs.

## Ten Years in Snapshots



### Steering group

This is the steering group formed to set up the Jesus Centre, meeting in the old garage premises show room in 2000.



We started with this...



...now we have this

We started with this empty workshop, and now events happen in the hall, like this water baptism. We thank God for all that we have been able to do in the service of many in need - there but for His grace go you or I.

## HEARTCRY APPEAL

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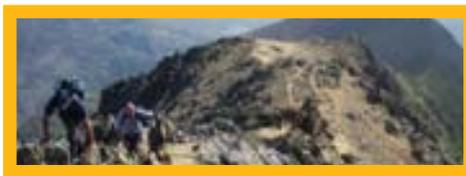
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### Opening day

The Jesus Centre was declared open on 21 June 2002 by a homeless man, Neil Olerenshowe. He is third from the left in this picture. He found a lot of help and new faith here in the next few years, but tragically he was killed in 2008, not far away. He is in our Book of Remembrance for those we have known who have died, not to be forgotten.



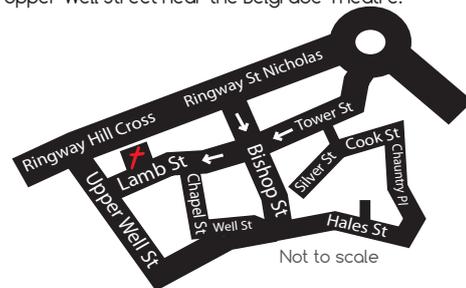
Pressing on up. We're heading on into our second decade. Come with us!

## GIFT CARDS

You can get gift cards to send out that tell someone you have made a donation instead of sending them a gift. Go to the Jesus Army website and find *Jesus Centres, Coventry*, and *How you can support us* to find details of these attractive cards.

## WHERE WE ARE

Lamb Street is a one-way street off Bishop Street (turn off the ringway next to the canal basin) and leading to Upper Well Street near the Belgrade Theatre.



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## OPENING HOURS

Monday .....10.00am - 1.00pm  
Tuesday .....9.00am - 4.00pm  
Wednesday .....9.00am - 4.00pm  
Thursday .....9.00am - 4.00pm  
Friday .....9.00am - 4.00pm  
Saturday .....9.00am - 12.00pm  
Sunday .....9.00am - 10.30am

## VENUE FOR HIRE

We hire out rooms at the Jesus Centre as a social facility, and to raise revenue. Information about lettings is available on request, or at [www.covjcc.co.uk](http://www.covjcc.co.uk)

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