

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND



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**River Community Church** is a church of England congregation in the parish of *Central Telford*. Steve is presently leading a 'parish review' to refocus the ministry and mission of the parish as a whole. Steve also contributes to the mission in the wider Telford area in his role as *Asst Area Dean*.

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Janine Loach* has recently agreed to act as our Communications Officer. Her main priority for this year will be to help us to raise our profile through strategic placement of **high quality publicity** including a **welcome pack for** the new houses. We also want to maximize the impact of our **church web site** and to make greater use of *Social Media* to connect with a wider circle of people.

## FINANCE AND GIVING

Last year, we made our first contributions to the *parish share* which funds Steve's stipend. We launched out 'in faith' and God continues to provide for every need; we want to continue to be *bold, generous and trusting God* for the future. We now have the help of our own treasurer *Richard Long* to look after the church finances. A full account of *income and expenditure* for 2011 is available from Richard. We must now look ahead and develop a plan so that we can work towards being *financially sustainable* as a church.



## ADMINISTRATION

*Lynda Corbett* continues to underpin our ministries as the church administrator. Amongst other duties, Lynda maintains the church address list which is available on request. This includes contact details and email addresses.

*"If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within." John 7:37-39*



*A church that grows  
A river that flows  
A world that knows*

*Jesus changes lives; Jesus changes families; Jesus can change communities; Jesus can change TELFORD !*

## Priorities for 2012 - 2013

Our 'founding vision' statement aimed to place three core things at the very centre of our church life, namely *worship, community and mission*. We call this our 'DNA'. The "core ingredients" or "building blocks" of a healthy church. Any church must attend to all three so that it is balanced and healthy. Our priorities for the next year in each of these 3 areas are set out below.



### D:elighting in God

The central expressions of our relationship with God are **WORSHIP** and **PRAYER**. This year our priorities are:-

Look at ways to make **Café Church** more accessible and inviting.

Plan, prepare and pray so that our **Community Worship** is welcoming, inspiring and uplifting.

Grow the attendance and involvement in the monthly and weekly **prayer times**.

### N:urturing Community

The Christian community grows, matures and develops through **FELLOWSHIP** and **DISCIPLESHIP**. This year our priorities are:-

Launch the **Getting in Shape** framework for discipleship.

Launch **Life Groups** to extend what is on offer midweek.

Continue to develop and grow our ministry with **River Kids**.

Establish a **New Members Evening** once every term.

### A:cting in Love

From the very beginning of River Community Church, we have placed a strong emphasis on being an outward looking church. This includes both **EVANGELISM** and **OUTREACH**. Many people are already involved in some vital ministries and we plan to continue to support these in the year ahead. Our support will be expressed through (1) getting involved (2) supporting financially and (3) regular prayer on Sundays and at Prayer Central. This year, our main priorities are:-

Recruit more volunteers for **Street Pastors** and **Prayer Pastors**.

Support and encourage the **KIP Project**.

Develop our outreach to pupils and staff in **Lawley School**.

Offer the **ALPHA COURSE** twice a year and keep it at the heart of church life.

Support and be actively involved in local **Community Events**.

Continue the work of outreach in **LIGHTMOOR**.

Launch a ministry to **Men** with a regular activities programme.



We are aware that many people are expressing God's love and reaching out *every day* through their work, in their neighbourhoods, amongst friends and neighbours. The priorities above reflect where we will focus our energies **together** as a church family.