



# [ mustard tree trust ]\*

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## *An Eventful Summer!*

What a summer. Adam and I were married at the end of July. We then had a fantastic honeymoon in London and the Dominican Republic. When we got back I was straight back to work at my other part time job for the Blue Sky Trust which is based in Gateshead. I have been working there now for a few months and it's going really well.



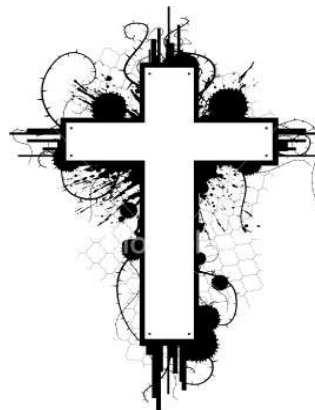
The following week there was Alive 09. As some of you will be aware, Alive 09 was scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> July this year but had to be rescheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> August due to the heavy rains that hit Morpeth causing flood warnings to be issued throughout the town. Despite this the event went ahead with great success.



Alive 09 was much like Alive 08. It was free and was organised and run by the churches of Morpeth only this year it was aimed at those affected by the floods last September and those who worked hard in the relief effort. Because New Life was the main church to aid the flood relief throughout the year, Mike Willis was heavily involved in making the day the great success that it was. He ensured that there was more than enough food to go around from the Hog Roast and the BBQ and that the crafts were exciting and the face paints were fantastic. It was great to have The Steels heading up the music to create a fabulous atmosphere. Despite the rain to start the event off the Alive 09 team battled through until the glorious sunshine came out to end the event off brilliantly. So I can safely say that once again the Alive organising team have teamed up with God and pulled off a great event that, with time and effort, can only get bigger and better. Nikki

## REVAMPED YOUTH SERVICE

The youth service starts up again in October with a new regular venue and a new, cafe-style format. Starting on Sunday 11th October the youth service will meet monthly in New Life Christian Centre, Dacre Street from 7 to 9pm. All 13s to 18s are welcome to come along and enjoy worship and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere.



## YOUTH SERVICE DATES

2009

11th October  
8th November  
13th December

2010

24th January  
14th February  
28th March  
25th April  
23rd May

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## Gordon writes...

As we approach a new school year we at Mustard Tree Trust have been considering our plan and vision for the coming year. As you know over the past few months there has been a lot of change in how MTT operates. However over the summer we have had time to reflect on what the future holds for us and we are very excited about the new opportunities that we have.

Our first plan is to move our office back to Morpeth, the original home of The Mustard Tree Trust. After a year of trying to expand our work across Northumberland we realise that with our current situation we would be spreading ourselves too thinly. We are therefore returning to Morpeth with a commitment to developing our work within the schools, churches and young people of Morpeth. We will however continue to provide assemblies and some clubs to schools outside of Morpeth.



Our fantastic new youth event Xsite is also starting this term. This is a worship event for 7-11 year olds run by Scripture Union

in partnership with The Mustard Tree Trust. Please pray for the first event, which takes place on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at All Saints College Newcastle. Please contact me for any more information.

Although we have had to change the way we work we still have big plans for this year. We have many ideas for ways that we can continue to build good relationships with schools and share our faith with young people of this area. As well as a vision of where God is leading us.  
Gordon

### ***Please pray for...***

- Gordon and Nikki;
- The launch of X:site on 3rd Oct;
- Vision and finance for the work of MTT;
- Our move to new premises;
- The first youth service on Oct 11th;
- That God will lead us in exciting new ways.



**MTT  
is Moving!**

**From October our new address will be: Wellwood House, Dark Lane, Morpeth, NE61 1SU. Telephone number t.b.c. E-mail: [info@mustardtreetrust.org](mailto:info@mustardtreetrust.org)**

## From the trustees

It's been a tough year for MTT and since taking over in May the new trustees have been challenged in a great many ways. God has continued to bless us but we have still had to make some tough decisions which we believe are right for The Mustard Tree Trust. Due to financial pressures we have had to dramatically scale down the operations of the Trust and after much prayer have felt that we need to return to the roots of the Trust. With this in mind we have now negotiated new office space in Morpeth with another youth agency "Barnabas Safe and Sound" which we believe will have some good benefits and promote good relationships with other youth agencies.

Along with ensuring we are in a stable financial situation we have developed a new strategy, along with Nikki and Gordon, to develop the schools work more effectively. After looking at how we can impact our young people in the Morpeth area more creatively, we have decided to put more time and effort into the local first, middle and high schools within Morpeth. This will help us to develop stronger relationships with the schools. We also want to develop stronger links with our local churches.

This is a very exciting time and although it might appear that The Mustard Tree Trust has fallen on hard times, it has allowed us to think more creatively and look at new ways of engaging our young people within Morpeth. There are some exciting new things on the horizon and I would like to encourage you to pray for the work being done by MTT, to ask God to continue to support us, to bless Gordon and Nikki and to continue to give us all vision for the future of His work here in Morpeth and Northumberland. Please also pray for the trustees as we consider ways of developing the Trust further. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who support us both financially and prayerfully - your gifts and prayers are invaluable in the work of The Mustard Tree Trust and the Kingdom of God.

Every Blessing  
Simon White (Chair of Trustees)

### **MTT Needs you....**

At present we are desperate for volunteers to help with clubs and after school activities. If you think you would like to get involved please get in touch and we will take you to Costa to talk it over.