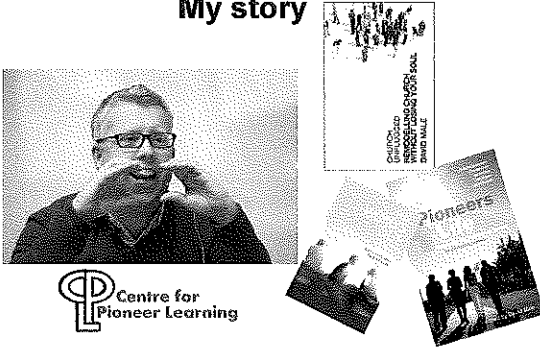


**My story**

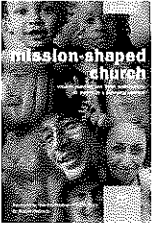


**Centre for Pioneer Learning**

<http://davemale.typepad.com/churchunplugged/>

**Fresh Expressions of Church**

fresh expressions

**2004**  
**30,000 copies sold**  
**Unanimous approval at General Synod**  
**Discussed and implemented in Dioceses**  
**Influence in UK**  
**Ecumenical**  
**Worldwide influence**

**A fresh expression is a form of church for our changing culture established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church.**

It will come into being through principles of listening, service, incarnational mission and making disciples.

It will have the potential to become a mature expression of church shaped by the gospel and the enduring marks of the church and for its cultural context.

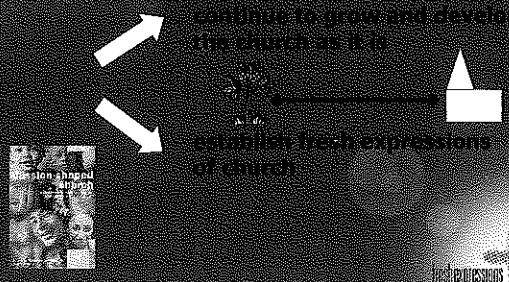


**The Mixed Economy**

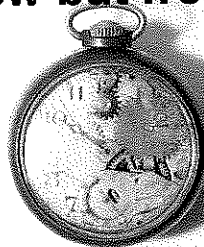
**bold and**

**continue to grow and develop the church as it is**

**establish fresh expressions of church**



**This is not  
new but fresh**



### Headlines

On average 10% of church attendance  
15% of church communities.

In 7 out of 10 dioceses it reversed the decline  
in average weekly church attendance

20 different models of FX & across socio-economic  
groups.

75% people outside church, 40% unchurched,  
35% dechurched

5820 team sent out, 20,863 now attending.  
250% growth rate. 'Nothing else in the CoFE has  
this level of missional impact and adding further  
ecclesial communities.'

40% started in 2010-2012

20 types of fxc- most common are Messy Churches,  
Café Churches and child focused church.

The average size is 44 and starting team size is  
3-12.

91% are new ecclesial groups  
Large teams and transplants are 1.2%- team 50+  
7.4%-team 20-49

83% parish, 11% deanery and 6% Diocese.

45% progression and 61% pioneer.

**33% have communion services**

10% Messy Churches  
60% weekly gatherings

**33% have baptisms**

**62% of fxc have grown or maintained  
10% have died.**

48% ordained – 66% male  
52% lay- 66% female

<https://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/research>

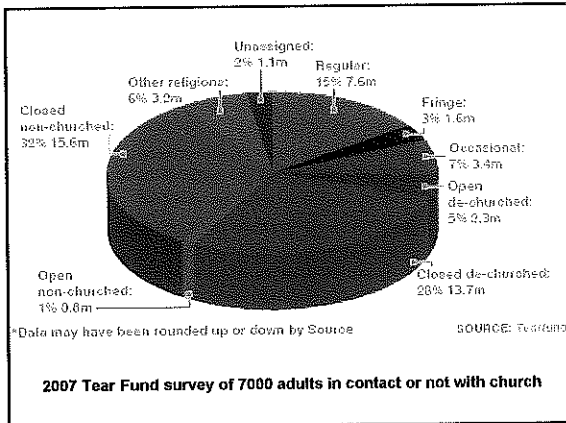
'If the church persists in regarding the parish as  
its normal life it will not confront life at its most  
significant points.

... the local congregation is carrying the burden of  
a divine commission which it is not, in the present  
state of society, able to bear.

These new congregations should be seen as the  
Church carrying out its original intention of the  
parish church alongside it.'

Uppsala Conference, WCC, 1968.

**A missional  
re-engagement  
with society**


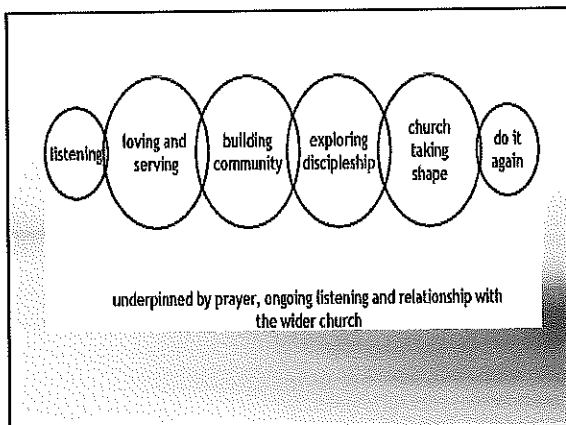
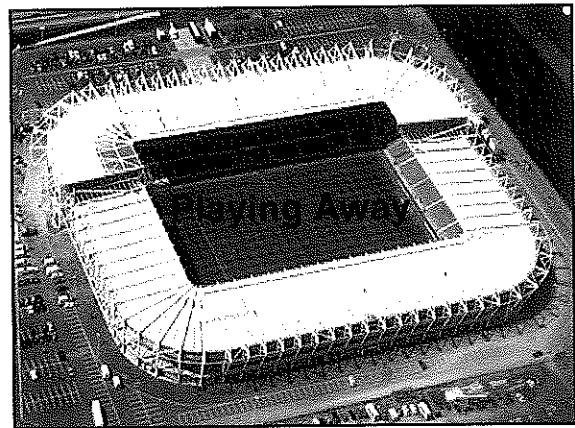


**“ this majority (66%) presents a major challenge to churches. Most of them are unreceptive and closed to attending church; churchgoing is simply not on their agenda.”**

*Churchgoing in the UK  
A research report from Tearfund, April 2007*

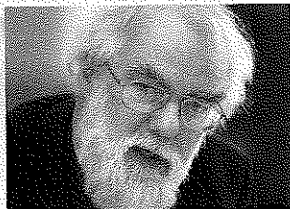
“...do not try to call them back to where they were, and do not try to call them to where you are, beautiful as that place may seem to you. You must have the courage to go with them to a place that neither you nor they have been before.”

Vincent Donovan

**A re-imagination of what multi level church is (and could become)**

“every expression of the church is, in it's own way, another worked example of what the encounter with Christ looks like in the life of a particular community.”



“ the theological doctrine of the church cannot be simply expressed in abstract terms about the churches timeless nature. It will have to provide points of departure for reforming the church, for giving it a more authentic form. Faithfulness and the fresh start are not antitheses in the history of the Spirit.”

Jurgen Mollmann, *The Church in the Power of the Spirit*

### Unity & Diversity

‘ Diversity is part of God’s gracious purpose but separation and mutual recognition is not.’

‘ There must be new ‘forms’ of church, outside the walls of the existing church and distinct from the community from which it came. Separation there must be- for the sake of mission but equally separation cannot be the last word for the gospel is about Gods purpose to unite all things in Christ.’

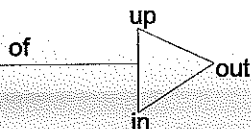
What is a ‘local church truly united.’ *Ecumenical Review* 29, 1977

**‘not leaving the tradition but driving to it’s heart’**

*Gerald Arbuckle, Refounding the Church*



Church as four sets of relationships.



Moynagh, *Church for Every Context* p 106.



- **Visible**
- **Communal**
- **Purposeful**

**A re-orientation  
towards whole life  
discipleship.**

•How we see God

•How we see ourselves and others

•How we see our community

•How we see creation and society

**“If not part of a mutually  
disciplining community the  
culture will disciple you.”**



Graham Cray

What kind of people are we called to be?

What kind of community is capable of  
raising people like that?

**"what we need is the patience and nerve  
to start telling the story again and  
let the God of Mission recreate his church."**

*+Stephen Cottrell*

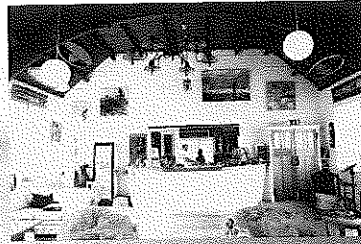
**Thirst Café Church**



**Saturday Gathering, Halifax**



**Tubestation, Cornwall**



**“The real voyage of discovery consists  
not in seeking new landscapes  
but in having new eyes.”**

Marcel Proust

