



Continuing the journey...

A new structure

Something new is both exciting and a little scary - but I hope that we have a sense of excitement in what God is doing among us and the plans he has for use as we go into the future. After consulting with Commission (our Presbytery oversight) and the Core Team (as a group and individually)- we feel now is the right time for Cove church to move to a new structure to sharpen our strategic focus and to widen our ministry to involve more people. We hope we can communicate this well to you to reduce the 'scare' element, and that ultimately you will be excited and

encouraged that you are part of a widening and growing vision of the Lord's work in Cove.

In the initial church planting phase the Core Team served us well to provide stability and leadership - modelling small group life and inclusive fellowship. We are thankful to God for that structure that served us well for a time, and for all those involved in the Core Team over the years.



David

We give thanks for all who have been involved in the Core team over the years:

Fyfe Blair	Eric Walker	PAT WALKER
	Lorriane Blackhall	<i>Beth Robertson</i>
Elizabeth Bostock	Pamela McDonald	Andrew Morris
MARK DALTON	Murdo McDonald	David Swan
Dianne Hobson	Malcolm MacLennan	Sandy Lynch
<i>Peter Wood</i>	Mark Johnston	<i>Colin Moffat</i>
	<i>Gill Moffat</i>	David Wyness
Peter Symmonds	Frances Penny	Neil Stewart

Why a new structure?

Why do we need a new structure? The answer is because we are growing and because we want to grow and develop more. It might be likened to the growth of a bird. The initial phase of the bird being in the egg is necessary and indeed essential, as it receives nutrition from the yoke or core of the egg to grow - but there comes a time when the egg must break to allow the young bird to continue growing and developing. As in organic growth, so a church must undergo change to allow further growth - a bird that stayed in the egg would become very stunned- indeed it would die!

A newly hatched bird is in a new environment, but the structures are there for it to learn to fly - that is what we want to do in Cove church - to stretch our wings and to learn to fly. Just as a bird has to work hard at learning to fly, and has more than a few unsuccessful test flights - so we will have get used to our new apparatus - that is the new structure.



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What is the new structure?

There are 2 parts to the new structure

The leadership team - seeking to provide vision, strategy and direction (the eyes/head of the bird). Largely in place.

The ministry teams - all of us exercising the gifts that God has given us (the wings to make us fly). These will form over time, as their formation will depend on the gifts of folk in the church. Some are already forming.

The purpose is two fold - to sharpen our strategic planning, development and growth; and to widen out the ministry to involve everyone. The questions I would like everyone to ask, as they look at the ministry teams below, are - Where do I fit in? How can I be involved? What is God calling me to do?

A core value that we want to embrace and promote in Cove church is every member growing/ every member involved.

Setting direction & Spreading our 'wings'

Ministry Teams*

Outreach - Alpha - J-zone - Youth
Clusters - Pastoral - Overseas mission

Leadership Team

Ministry Teams*

Worship - Hospitality - Prayer
Admin & communication - Finance
Discipleship - Practical



We want to continue to communicate as this new structure unfolds. But for now I would ask that we pray for those taking on leadership, and for the formation of ministry teams. We want everyone to exercise a ministry because they have a sense that the Lord is calling them to it, and is equipping them for it.

“...and I will soar with you, your Spirit leads me on in the power of

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Wednesday Night 8th February 2006
beginning each time with a meal at 7pm and finishing by 9.30pm.

Thistle Hotel, Altens, Souterhead Rd

Contact Graham Bonds 01569 763273
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Prayer...Prayer...Prayer...Prayer...

Nothing we do for the Lord will achieve anything without prayer.

We want to be a people marked by our prayerfulness

Prayer Gathering - **every Thursday**, 8-9pm, 4 Charleston Way.

Prayer for healing/prayer ministry - **Every Sunday**, after Worship.

Prayer Conference (**Storehouse**) - Fri 17th & Sat 18th March

See Peter Symmonds (878390) for further details about Prayer ministry.

Worship Gatherings 10.15am onwards

- Come for a time of spiritual and social refreshment
- Music begins at 10.15am
- Physical Refreshments available before and after
- Celebrating Communion first Sunday of the month
- People to pray with you afterwards if you desire

Sundays in Loirston School Hall

* These teams are examples of the teams that are, or might form - the list is not exhaustive