



**VISIONARY
LEADERSHIP**

Vineyard National Leaders' Conference
28th -31st January 2013

My dear friends,

We are very glad to welcome you to the 2013 National Leaders Conference!

The Lord has brought us a long way since the first such gathering of 22 leaders happily packed into a room, in 1989. In 2012 there were well over 1000 of us worshipping, ministering, hearing the superb teaching and generally enjoying reconnecting with one another. As each year grows in size, so does the anticipation and expectation.

The theme for this year's conference is "Visionary Leadership". As the Vineyard movement continues to grow both nationally and internationally, the concept of leaders who seek, impart, release and see vision fulfilled is so very important to us. We look forward to all that the Lord will do through this national conference.

We are thrilled to welcome our speakers this year: Rich Nathan (Vineyard Columbus, USA), Mike Pilavachi (Soul Survivor, UK), Alan Scott (Causeway Coast Vineyard) and Jason Clark (Vineyard Church Sutton) as well as Eric Pickerill, Andy Smith, Debby Wright, Jen Rankine, Helen Murphy, Katie Rogers and Glyn and Sophia Barrett (!Audacious, Manchester).

There will, of course, be our customary mix of worship, ministry, teaching and training, plus plenty of time to connect with one another, one of the most valued and valuable aspects of the National Leaders' Conference.

We are thrilled that you are joining us for what we are sure will be a wonderful "family" time together.

JOHN AND ELEANOR MUMFORD
National Directors
Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland

Conference Schedule

Monday 28th January

6.00pm - 8.00pm	Conference Registration
8.00pm - 10.00pm	Worship & Evening Session
10.00pm - 11.30pm	Bar

Daily Schedule

8.30am - 9.20am	Morning Prayer
9.30am - 11.10am	Worship & Morning Session
11.10am - 11.30am	Break
11.30am - 12.45pm	Interviews
12.45pm - 2.30pm	Lunch
2.30pm - 3.45pm	1st Seminar
3.45pm - 4.15pm	Break
4.15pm - 5.15pm	2nd Seminar
5.15pm - 8.00pm	Dinner
8.00pm - 10.00pm	Worship & Evening Session
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Main Session Speakers

Monday

Evening Session	John and Eleanor Mumford
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Tuesday

Morning Session	Rich Nathan
Interviews	Juliet Barber with Debby Wright, Eric Pickerill & Andy Smith
Evening Session	Jason Clark

Wednesday

Morning Session	Rich Nathan
Interviews	Rick Williams with Jen Rankine, Helen Murphy & Katie Rogers
Evening Session	Mike Pilavachi

Thursday

Morning Session	Rich Nathan
Interviews	John Wright with Glyn & Sophia Barrett (!Audacious, Manchester)
Evening Session	Alan Scott

Tuesday Seminars, 2.30pm - 3.45pm

Building teams that make the church grow **Steve and Juliet Barber - Auditorium**

Having led and developed two churches Steve and Juliet have spent a great deal of time developing leaders and facilitating church growth. In this seminar they will talk about how to be a leader that builds teams and communities around them, an essential skill to advancing God's Kingdom.

Steve and Juliet lead Leicester City Vineyard Church and also coordinate the VCUKI Church Planting team.

Risk taking in leadership **Tom Murphy - F1**

This seminar will explore how we grow and develop as leaders who are led by the Holy Spirit into taking more risks, so that we can see the Kingdom of God extended in our cities and communities. Tom has been involved in developing a number of different ministry areas at Trent over the past sixteen years. He will share some personal experiences of the highs and lows of taking risks in ministry, as well as looking into the biblical and theological impetus for taking risks.

Tom is senior associate pastor at Trent Vineyard.

Dying well **John Wyatt - G4**

Tragic media stories about people who wish to kill themselves, and debates about euthanasia and doctor assisted suicide have become common on our televisions and in newspapers. At the same time many Christians face silent fears about their own mortality or have watched loved ones struggling with dementia, disability and terminal conditions. What does it mean to die well and to die faithfully as a Christian believer?

John Wyatt is Emeritus Professor of Neonatal Paediatrics at University College London, and a frequent speaker on medical and ethical issues in both secular and Christian contexts.

International missions **Jon Franklin and Andrew Myatt - Y7**

This seminar will be looking at the Vineyard approach to mission and the five core values which serve as our foundation for international ministry. An essential guide for anyone already involved in or looking to get their church involved in international cross cultural church planting.

Jon Franklin and Andrew Myatt run the VCUKI Missions Task Force and have many years experience of local church based mission as well as Vineyard Partnerships.

Tuesday Seminars, 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Eleanor Mumford Auditorium

The title and more information on this seminar will be displayed on the screens and is also available from the information desk.

Reaching and keeping men **Jon Burns - F1**

Is the Church too domesticated? Why do most churches have more women than men? Why hasn't the aggressive expansion of the kingdom captured more knights? Let's explore together some top tips for grabbing and growing guys.

Jon and Sandra Burns are senior pastors of a new church plant into central London. He is the Founder and CEO of the Lionsraw movement.

Our fragile minds **John Wyatt - G4**

Mental health issues remain one of the great taboos for church leaders and for Christian doctors alike. Yet many of us struggle silently and alone with depression, anxiety and other mental problems. This seminar will discuss a personal experience of psychiatric illness and recovery, and the redemptive and healing realities of Christian love and the Christian gospel. It is by confronting and sharing our painful vulnerabilities that we discover the profound reality of grace.

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Pressing through pastoral disappointments **Chris and Maggie Parsons - Y7**

Over time the joy which is so central to our calling can evaporate in the heat of day to day ministry. It's then easy to be thrown off track when things go wrong in our church or ministry area. How can we prevent this happening? This seminar will provide some insights into the way we can approach our calling and help us to become better at pressing through our disappointments. There will also be an opportunity for prayer ministry.

Chris & Maggie Parsons are the Senior Pastors of West Suffolk Vineyard, they also serve as Regional Leaders for London and the South East.

What does your website say about your church? **Mark Crosby and Jonny Norridge - F3**

Before coming to your church potential visitors will be checking out your website and deciding whether to visit your church or not. Many will not come to your church simply because of your website. Why is that? What do you need to do? Is there a secret formula to a good church website? All these questions and more will be covered in this practical seminar.

Mark Crosby is the Director of Communications for Vineyard Churches and serves at Leicester City Vineyard. Jonny Norridge runs New Pollution, a Creative Design agency and also serves at Trent Vineyard.

Wednesday Seminars, 2.30pm - 3.45pm

Leading as a couple **John and Debby Wright – Auditorium**

John & Debby have led together in Pastoral ministry for over 25 years, and being complete opposites in many ways their complementarity has been a great strength to their leadership. With personal stories of the joys and the stresses of leading as a couple, they'll be open about their journey, and how by the grace of God they are still best friends!

John and Debby lead Trent Vineyard in Nottingham, a church they planted over 16 years ago. Trent is a large vibrant church known for being outward focused and compassion driven. They have 2 sons, Zack and Jordan.

Simple church, a strategy for growth **Andy and Bethan Chapman - F1**

From the roots upwards, a tree is designed to grow and bear fruit. To do this, they have structure. Churches need structure too – not too little, but not too much - in order to grow healthily and be fruitful. So is there a way to keep church simple & accessible, yet growing at the same time? What can we do to facilitate health & growth in our churches? This seminar will share practical ideas on how we might do this.

Andy & Bethan are the senior pastors of Riverside Vineyard.

Why serve our communities? **Dave and Nicola Bass – G4**

Marion lives on her own in a run down part of Newcastle, the area has been starved of investment, and yet she is determined to see the community thrive. One Saturday afternoon a bunch of Christians turn up to help tidy some gardens. Why are these people doing something for free? She gets chatting and the next month helps line up some more projects, excited to be at the centre of it all. Why is Marion now part of Tyneside Vineyard? Simply because she was served!

David with his wife Nicola planted Tyneside Vineyard six years ago and they have loved serving their city from day one.

Dare to share - communicating God's heart **Claire Lynch – Y7**

We all love prophecy, when we're receiving it. But we can feel a little less comfortable when we are the one sharing! How can we encourage a culture of risk taking - no superstars, everyone gets to play? This seminar is for those wanting to empower the people they are leading to grow in this gift, ranging from introducing those new to faith to this gift to setting up a prophetic ministry team.

Claire will be drawing on her experiences of leading Severn Vineyard with her husband Owen.

Forum – Children **Nigel and Jo Hemming – F3**

Come and join us to chat, share stories, connect, and pray for the children of our Movement. Children's leaders, church leaders and those who work with children outside the church are all welcome.

Nigel and Jo are senior Pastors at Winchester Vineyard, and also lead the National Children's Taskforce, some of whom will be taking part in this session.

Isn't Christian morality immoral? **James Mumford - Arches**

What are the distinctly Christian 'positions' on hot-button controversial moral issues? And can they only be understood from within the church? Or is there a way of presenting them to a world which is sometimes hostile to Christian faith? This seminar will take up the question of what makes up distinctively Christian ethics from the perspective of what struck pagan outsiders about the early church's practices and beliefs about morality.

Dr James Mumford was educated at Oxford and Yale, has a PhD in moral philosophy and theology. He is married to Holly and his hobbies are Holly, football and the Coen brothers.

Wednesday Seminars, 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Outside the church there is no salvation? **Jason Clark - Auditorium**

'We are part of a church planting movement, yet we live in a time where more than ever before people are disengaging from church and Christianity altogether. This seminar addresses the most popular objections and concerns people have about church. The aim is to give you a background and confidence in why we need church; drawing on the bible, theology, church history and current contexts.

Jason and Bev lead Vineyard church Sutton on the southwest edge of London.

Revisiting personal growth **Lulu Williams - F1**

The consequences of sin has touched and affected every aspect of our lives - body, mind, emotions, relationships, as well as spirit. In the busyness and challenges of life, our attention to growing in personal wholeness can take a back seat. In this seminar we shall look at how beliefs affect our behaviour, and how we can take steps to deal with unhelpful thinking. We shall also consider how we can learn to respond more positively to others through our speech and interactions as we grow in the fruit of self-control.

Lulu with her husband Rick planted the Riverside Vineyard in 1988. In 2011 they transitioned the leadership of Riverside to take up the role of Associate National Directors, and to lead the National Church Development Team.

So you want to plant a church? **James Rankine - G4**

James and his wife Jen love talking about and being involved with church planting. This session will look at and grapple with questions such as; "Why do we plant churches?", "How do churches get planted?" and "How do you explore the idea of church planting?" For the church to have a future, the next generation needs to take the baton and face the challenge that God is looking for future leaders of His church. James, with his wife Jen, leads the Cardiff Vineyard and heads up The Cause to Live For (20's-30's) network for Vineyard Churches across the UK and Ireland.

You are the project **Andy Smith - Y7**

Your calling to lead people is about more than results. We often think the ministry we lead is the project. When in reality, you are the project. In this seminar, we will be talking about how Jesus uses the calling he places upon us to shape us into His likeness.

Andy pastors Belfast City Vineyard together with his wife, Harmony. Andy serves on the church planting task force, and is passionate about seeing many healthy churches planted in Ireland.

Forum - Trustees **Peter Sturrock and Jeremy Cook - F3**

This forum will focus on essential compliance and legal updates affecting churches. There will also be plenty of opportunity for questions.

Jeremy and Peter serve Vineyard Churches as trustees, Jeremy is chairman and treasurer, Peter is secretary and legal adviser, and both are senior pastors of churches, Hull Vineyard and Aberdeen Vineyard respectively.

Compassion and The Arches **Helen Murphy and Team - Arches**

"Our responsibility to the poor was etched into our spirits right from the beginning as the Lord made it a personal issue with us in the Vineyard." (John Wimber) In this seminar Helen and team will be sharing about embracing the poor in the New Arches Venue, giving their insight, explaining some of the issues they are grappling with and telling stories of transformation.

Helen is associate pastor at Trent Vineyard and overseas Pastoral Care, Girls Room and Compassion Ministries; she also founded The Arches Project.

Thursday Seminars, 2.30pm - 3.45pm

Doing Sundays well, the nuts and bolts Mark and Louise Williams - F1

Our Sunday Celebrations are the shop window for the church – where people come to see who we are and what we're about. We'll examine the vision, culture and structures that make Sundays the best they can be. We'll look at developing an invitation culture, recruiting teams, staying outward focussed – from the car park to the coffee, from kids work to ministry time, and everything in between.

Mark & Louise Williams, Associate Pastors at West Suffolk Vineyard, are responsible for the day to day management of the church including oversight of Sunday Celebrations.

Training to pursue God's call to lead Mike Newport and Neal Swettenham - G4

As we press the pedal of church planting over the coming years, there is an urgent need to train and equip emerging leaders. Over the past three years VCUKI has developed the Hub training programme. There are seven Hub centres across the UK and Ireland, training more than 250 students; 100 of these are also undertaking theological study. If you sense God calling you to train for the future, come and find out more.

Mike Newport has been involved with the development of the Hub and is church planting with his wife Flic and their three children. Neal Swettenham is Theology Co-ordinator for VCUKI and leads Melton Vineyard with his wife, Eluned.

Inside out: Discipling the fringe Chris and Fliss Lane - Y7

Sooner or later you're going to run out of people. People like you, that is – and the sooner it happens the better. At that crucial moment your church will plateau. It will hesitate at a crossroads. The choice will be simple: do we stay as we are, or do we begin to reach out and disciple the fringe?

Chris and Fliss Lane have been in ministry for over thirty years. They helped pioneer the Vineyard Movement in the UK and founded the St Albans Vineyard nearly 25 years ago.

Forum - Students John Clarke - F3

The Vineyard is strategically placed to reach University students. With doors opening and partnerships forming this is a great time to pioneer student ministry, grow your church and church plant in University cities and reach thousands for Christ. John will give us a snapshot of what is going on across the UK with space to look at your own strategy. If you have a heart for students, this forum is for you!

John Clarke is the Senior Assistant Pastor at Hull Vineyard and leader of VCUKI Student Taskforce.

The Girls Room - making women's ministry happen and enjoying it! Helen Murphy - Arches

Hormones, sex, depression, addiction – there are no taboos in the Girls Room. These are just some of the variety of topics discussed at our events for women, all done in a relaxed environment – usually involving wine, food, shopping and coffee. This seminar looks at the how, the what and the why of women's ministry in a way that is fun, inspiring and real.

Helen is associate pastor at Trent Vineyard and overseas Pastoral Care, Girls Room and Compassion Ministries; she also founded The Arches Project.

Thursday Seminars, 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Women in leadership: Theology and challenges Juliet Barber - Auditorium

In the Vineyard we teach that women can lead in all areas of church life. Juliet will talk about the biblical basis for this and discuss some of the unique challenges that women may face in leadership. This seminar may be helpful for those who have questions about women in leadership. It may also help women who are called to leadership and men and women who are engaged in the training and releasing of women leaders.

Juliet and Steve lead the Leicester City Vineyard which they planted five years ago. Juliet and Steve lead the VCUKI Church Planting Team and Juliet coordinates the Hub Training program.

Creating fun, outward communities Jim Denison and Nic and Chris Kimmance - F1

It is one of the greatest tragedies that church has become a place of boredom and ritual. It seems that it was always intended to be a place of life and vitality! How can your church become a place where people have FUN and remember it in the morning? How can you get over your false stereotypes and begin to practice the "art of throwing great parties"?

Jim and Korenne are the Team Leaders for Canterbury Vineyard in Kent. Chris & Nic Kimmance are Senior Pastors of Ashford Vineyard which they planted in 2010.

Vineyard worship in the local church - our values and distinctives Jimmy and Kate Cooke - G4

The simple, intimate love songs birthed out of a small group in Southern California in the late 70's became the framework for what we now know as Vineyard worship. But what does Vineyard worship look like in 2013 in the local church? Jimmy and Kate will take a fresh look at our worship values and their distinctiveness. They will share their thoughts and

experiences about how to impart these values to musicians and worship leaders.

Jimmy and Kate Cooke lead the UK Worship Task Force, Jimmy is also General Manager of Vineyard Records UK.

Developing a sustaining spirituality Erik and Rebecca Jespersen - Y7

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me... Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (Matthew 11:28-30 MSG) Jesus invites us to cultivate an authentic spiritual life that is deep-rooted and well-watered. This seminar explores how such spirituality is developed in our lives and of those we lead. Erik & Rebecca share their own journey, through years of struggle and chronic illness, towards the unforced rhythms of grace.

Erik & Rebecca live in Woking, where they've led a Vineyard church since 1997.

Peace on earth: Starting in your community Dan Green - F3

The word 'peace' may conjure up images of hippy flower power, tranquil lakes, white doves and Gandhi. It is also a prominent theme in the Bible. Drawing on his experience of living in the Middle East, Dan suggests that peace making is an essential part of Jesus' mandate, and his followers should be on the forefront of efforts for peace.

Having recently returned to the U.K from Jordan, Dan and Karen Green now live in Bristol and lead Bridges for Communities.