



## Overview of Mosaic

### **How the Mosaic Outreach Project came into being**

In 2007, the members of Bilton Evangelical Church started to develop a vision for a coffee shop in Bilton village where members of the community could meet in a relaxed, welcoming and secure environment and enjoy a great quality cup of coffee. The vision grew to include the coffee shop as a launch pad which enables the church to run community based projects and provides the opportunity to understand and address practical, emotional and spiritual needs within our community.

Why Mosaic? A mosaic is a beautiful picture made up of tiny individual fragments each with their own unique character and beauty. We are all unique individuals created by an amazing God. He wants us to love Him and love each other, and together create a beautiful mosaic picture, a picture of a whole and complete community, with nothing broken. As Christians we believe that without God we are a bunch of broken people in a broken world, but with God we can be made whole again and have the promise of a fulfilled life.

### **Mosaic Outreach Ethos**

As stated above, our initial aim is to provide a secure and relaxed environment. We aim to achieve this so that people will return on a regular basis and thus allow us to get to know them and build relationships with them. Ultimately, out of the building of relationships will come the opportunity to share our faith in Jesus Christ.

As ambassadors for Jesus, we aim to ensure our service is honouring to God and honouring to those we are serving - serving with a servant heart; being helpful without being pushy; being sociable without interfering. To meet people's needs without being patronising; be Jesus without preaching to people. As stated in the BEC church banner, our mission is Loving God, Loving People, and Transforming Communities. At Mosaic we do this through our service to our customers and showing Jesus' love through our actions.

Mosaic also has an established ministry to its volunteers, which was not originally envisaged but has evolved naturally over the years. Some of the fruits in this area have been very visible, with some 'not yet Christians' coming to personally accept Christ and going on into a deeper personal relationship with Him. We have also seen volunteers grow in confidence and be equipped to be able to apply and take up employment or move on with their lives after personal setbacks, with Mosaic being cited by them as a key element in the process. Being mainly staffed by volunteers, some of whom have varying needs has its challenges but is a rewarding aspect of BEC's involvement in the community.

Mosaic is now in its ninth year and is going from strength to strength. One of the Supervisor's is stepping down after three years of service; we therefore now need to recruit a new Supervisor. This person will support and work alongside our existing Manager and Supervisor to bring the ethos of Mosaic alive.