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GERARD KELLY AND VICKY BEECHING JOIN SPRING HARVEST THEME GROUP

The Spring Harvest Theme Development Group is pleased to welcome two new members who have made significant contributions to the Church in recent years.

Popular speaker and author Gerard Kelly, and acclaimed songwriter and worship leader, Vicky Beeching, join the group responsible for the formulation of the theme and teaching material, taught throughout the daily Spring Harvest programme.

Gerard, who has led Bible teaching at Spring Harvest for many years, is now based in France as director of The Bless Network. Author of several books including “Spoken Worship”, Gerard is a gifted poet, most recently attracting many to his works through his “twitturgies” – modern day personal liturgies posted on the social networking site Twitter. He re-joins the Spring Harvest Theme Development Group after taking a break to pastor a large international church in Amsterdam.

Vicky returns to her native UK after spending six years living in the USA and leading worship across the country. An Oxford Theology graduate, Vicky has worked with Vineyard and Soul Survivor in the UK alongside songwriters Matt Redman, Tim Hughes, Brenton Brown and Brian Doerksen. Passionate about worship and justice, motivated by the stories of her missionary grandparents, Vicky brings a wealth of worship experience to the group.

Wendy Beech-Ward, Director of Spring Harvest, said “We’re really pleased to welcome Gerard and Vicky onto the theme group and are sure that their expertise will have a significant impact on the Spring Harvest programme”.

The Spring Harvest Theme Development Group meets formally eight times a year. Other members of the team include: Russell Rook (Chair, Chapel Street), David Bendor-Samuel (CEO, Memralife Group), Pete Broadbent (Bishop of Willesden), Graeme Bunn (Spring Harvest), Krish Kandiah (Evangelical Alliance), Ian Macdowell (Spring Harvest), Ruth Valerio (A Rocha) and Wendy Beech-Ward (Director, Spring Harvest).

Notes to editors

Attracting over 35,000 Christians, Spring Harvest is a cross-denominational, multi-week event that takes place at Butlins Minehead from 9-24 April and Butlins Skegness from 9-19 April 2011. Both Resorts offers Guests comfortable Self-catering or Half Board accommodation in units for up to 8 people. Bookings can be made online at www.springharvest.org.

The event invites Guests to experience a comprehensive adult, youth and children’s programme of Bible teaching, worship, workshops and seminars. There are also many Butlins leisure facilities at each Resort and a late night programme offering comedy, drama, worship, chat shows and the best UK Christian bands.

Book online at www.springharvest.org or call Butlins on 0845 070 4743.

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