

# Catalysing Kingdom Communities

*HeartEdge brings together churches integrating congregation, commerce, culture and compassion in their mission. **Jonathan Evens**, Associate Vicar for Partnerships at St Martin-in-the-Fields, sets out the vision of HeartEdge and its integration of commerce into its model of mission by drawing together ideas and approaches found in the writings of the Vicar of St Martin's, Revd Dr Sam Wells.*

HeartEdge is a growing ecumenical network of kingdom churches and other organisations in the UK and beyond. It's a network seeking to catalyse kingdom communities hearing a call to foster, embody, model and advance the gifts the Spirit brings, gifts of forgiveness, reconciliation, healing and resurrection.

We are seeking to find our way to becoming abundant communities that open space for generosity and cooperation. We believe churches and communities thrive when the gifts of all their members are released and they build one another's assets. Thus is deficit turned to plenitude, threat turned to companionship, and fear turned to

joy. That is the life of the kingdom. We're not trying to make the world more like us; we're wanting to reflect the generosity, grace and glory of God – and to receive the gifts God sends us in the unexpected people who turn out to populate God's kingdom.

We believe that God is giving the church everything it needs for the renewal of its life in the people who



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