

PRAYER & PRAISE FOR NORTHAMPTON Summer 2016

In **July**, Prayer and Praise for Northampton was held for the first time at St Gregory's Catholic Church, Abington, still looking festive after the celebrations of the Indian members of the parish. Praise and worship was led by Owen with musicians from five different churches. For our prayers, we heard first from Kathleen about the Life House, a safe place for some young single mothers and their babies to live.



Looking ahead to next year, Maria told us about 2017 being the 50th anniversary of the start of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, with celebrations planned at the Bethel Convention Centre in March. Then we saw a video of J. John encouraging everyone to come to the *Impact Northamptonshire* event at Sixfields Stadium on 20th May. John Nightingale updated us on the Manna House move to 39 St Giles Street, and spoke about how churches had started to work together in Northampton in the 1980s. Long may it continue!

Around 70 people from over 20 different churches came to Prayer and Praise for Northampton at Kingsthorpe Baptist Church in **August**. Next door neighbours, Kingsthorpe Methodist Church have moved in whilst their church building is being transformed.



After a time of praise and worship led by Phemi, we heard from Catherine about their highly successful Girls Brigade, which has just celebrated 100 years of existence at Kingsthorpe. Then we watched as Nikki Jenkins demonstrated Godly Play, telling the story of Moses and his people in the desert, in a special way for children. Filmed by husband Stuart, and relayed onto the screen, everyone was drawn into this bible story and invited to pray with their neighbour at the end of it.



Together with Virginia, a Chaplain from St Andrews Hospital, Stuart also spoke about Spirituality and Mental Health, and encouraged churches to consider how they might help patients once they are discharged from hospital. In an update on Mission Northamptonshire, Colette told us about plans and prayer meetings for the next month, and author Joe Story introduced us to his series of booklets "A voice of faith".



Prayer and Praise for Northampton was held for the first time at the two churches above, and is now on holiday. There is no venue for Prayer and Praise in September. **Could your church host this event in the Autumn?** To find out more, please contact Teresa Brown.



That the world may know... John 17:23