



Breathe

On Friday the 21st April we began a new Christian community called 'Breathe' in the Revolution pub on Broad Street.

This is an exciting new venture for us. We've been looking for our own place from which to begin this work which hasn't been an easy journey, so instead for now we will be using other people's spaces. We received a very warm welcome in Revolution, with free refreshments laid out for us and use of the projector, for which we are extremely grateful.

There were ten of us in total, and together we shared what happened in our week with one another, spent time in silence appreciating the time to be quiet and shared our thoughts about some photographic images that we had. It was all very low key and yet felt comfortable and safe. Our prayer is that over time people will join us who are looking for a place to escape from the pressures of every day, even if it's just for a short time. Whether they are working in the city, doing some shopping or are residents, they will be welcome to join us as we share together, learn more about one another, and explore what it means to have faith in a loving God.

We recognise that we are at the start of a journey. I'm reminded at this time of the road to Emmaus and how the disciples walked with Jesus but didn't recognise him. Many people today don't see Jesus at work in the everyday and we hope that little by little, we might enable people to glimpse sight of who he really is.

We would really appreciate your prayers as we walk into the unknown knowing that God walks with us.



Volunteers needed

Could you be a volunteer with the Pioneer Project?

Roles include:

- * Hospitality team
- * Prayer leaders
- * 'Breathe' Christian community team members
- * Listeners
- * People to share in conversations
- * Help with craft activities on Craftivism mornings
- * Social media contributors

If you believe that you have the gifts to help with any of the above we would love to hear from you.

For more information please contact Julie at nottinghamcitypp@gmail.com.



Social Media

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tiktok, LinkedIn. Sounds like a foreign language? Wondering why a pioneer project needs a facebook account? You might find the following from the Methodist Church helpful :-

'The Methodist Church encourages the use of social media tools as a means of extending our engagement with people inside and outside the church. This includes:-

- Sharing our stories
- Engaging in conversations 'where people are'
- Sharing, learning and encouraging
- Reaching those who cannot physically attend church
- Forming and deepening relationships locally and globally'

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/guidance-for-churches/digital-communication-guidance-for-churches/social-media/social-media-guidelines/>

Our FB: Nottingham City Pioneer Project
Our bio: Serving the city. Meeting people at their point of need. Showing God's love in action.

Prayers for the city

As we establish ourselves in the city, alongside other churches and organisations, we want to immerse ourselves in what happens there. We were greatly saddened to hear about the church staff member who was stabbed outside St Stephens in Sneinton. Please pray for him and his family, that he might be restored to full health, and for the person who caused his injury.

Office Space

The project now has an office base which gives Julie a place from which to work when she's in the city. The address of the office is 6th Floor, City Gate East, Tollhouse Hill, Nottingham NG1 5FS. It's a co-working space and there's a Blend café on the ground floor with very tempting cakes!



Dates for your diary

Breathe (Christian Community): 12.30pm - 1.15pm every Friday in Revolution on Broad Street (opposite Broadway Cinema).

Craftivism Event: Saturday 3rd June, 10.30am – 12.30pm Tiger Enterprises, Listergate.

Food and chat evening Thursday 8th June 6pm – 7pm Emmanuel House

Volunteer evening an opportunity for anyone interested in our work to learn more. Details to be confirmed but we're hoping that this will be in October.