

Healing on the Streets of Tyneside



Healing on the Streets (HOTS) started in Newcastle a year ago. HOTS is a simple yet profound way of demonstrating the love of God and extending compassion to the people of Newcastle.



Each Saturday from 2-4pm at the Monument or Northumberland Street in Newcastle we provide an opportunity for members of the public to receive prayer. In the last year we have seen increasing numbers of people receive healing and many coming back for more prayer. We are also enjoying increasing unity from people from different churches in the city, and favour from the Newcastle civil authorities who give

us permission to pray for people on the street.

For many people that we meet, in particular teenagers, the Church has become an institution and impersonal. HOTS allows us to challenge this view and offer a personal touch of the love of Christ, through our face to face contact with the church on the street. Jesus sent his disciples in pairs in Mark 6: 7-13, Luke 9:1-6 and Matthew 10:1-16 to the towns and villages to preach the gospel and to heal the sick.

We believe the same commission applies to us today. God is powerful and compassionate and He still heals and answers prayer today.

One of my most profound HOTS experiences was praying with other members of the HOTS team for a 16 year old girl who



accepted Christ for the first time. She visibly experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and we encouraged her to let other people know about the experience she had just had. In

less than one hour she brought her friend who wanted us to pray for her about bullying at school. After this experience I

My testimony is that in the last year with HOTS I have seen more people healed through my prayers and had more people saying to me that they want to follow Jesus for the first time, than I have seen in my previous 12 years living in England.

thought what it would be like to see 100 decisions like this on a Saturday in Newcastle and have the right strategy and resources in place to signpost these people to churches that could follow them up?

The great thing about HOTS is that you are not there on your own. You are with a bunch of normal people who have busy lives, jobs

and family commitments (doctors, business people, students, university professors and church leaders) who are also passionate about sharing the love of God with people in Newcastle.

We have many training events throughout the year and it is mandatory for people to attend the training before joining the HOTS teams. We want to make sure that people we are praying for are treated with the utmost dignity and respect, the training gives excellent instruction in how to pray with non Christians outside of the church context.

The next training is on Friday 6th of November 7pm-9:30pm and Saturday 7th of November 10am -1pm followed by HOTS

at Monument or Northumberland Street from 2pm-4pm. The venue for the training is Brunswick Methodist Church Newcastle, at the back of Fenwick Store.



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Meet our new FP team...



Hi, I'm Charlotte. I've just finished studying a BA in Architecture at Newcastle University, and want to give a year of my life to God. I'm a creative person and love to paint or make anything- that includes choc chip cookies! I'm going to be working on many different creative projects throughout the year, including the Carol Service, Ball, and Kids Work under 5's. I'm also going to be helping with

Alpha Courses and Art Classes. I became a Christian when I was about 6, but encountered God in a new way two years ago. I can't wait to see the things he has in store for me, and I'm totally excited about the changes to come.

Hi. I'm Jamie. I'm 18 years old and have just finished my A levels in Biology and Religious Studies. I have recently moved to the area from Teesside and will be working with Open Door Tyneside as part of my project work. I am looking forward to being stretched in my abilities in the coming year, and getting to know City Church better. Besides that, I love nothing more than kicking back and watching Premier League Football.



Hello, my name is Viv. I'm 22 and have recently completed a Graphic Design degree at Northumbria University. I have been coming to City Church since 2006 and became a Christian in my first term at Uni. I have since become an active member of both Student work and wider Church life and have helped with the Alpha Course, Kids work and Youth work. My main focuses this year will be on Design and Communications, Student work, Alpha and Ignite. I am really looking forward to the challenges ahead and growing in my walk with God. Away from Church I am passionate about sport, particularly Cricket, Football, Athletics and Rock Climbing. I also love cooking and growing vegetables in my back yard. I really hope this year I will be able to devote more time to theological study, prayer and serving a Church I love so much.

Hello, I'm Joel. I spent the first 18 years of my life in York and made a dramatic change when I moved with my parents to the Isle of Man at the beginning of my gap year in summer 2005. Whilst on my gap year, I travelled to India with Tearfund for 5 months. I then came to Newcastle in summer 2006 to study mathematics and computer science at Newcastle



University, from which I graduated in July. In June of this year I got married to Lucy and we are now happily living in High Heaton. Over my three years of university, as well as finding my wife, I developed a passion for pastoring students. I was heavily involved with the student work and this will be the main focus of my FP year.



Hi! I'm Daniel, and I came to City Church in 2006 to start an English degree. I lived in Paisley (Scotland) from age eight to eighteen, and am therefore a Scot by residence, but an Englishman by blood and birthplace. This year, on FP, I will be supporting Malcolm Warin with the English Language School, which is held in the CastleGate on

Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We aim to bless the attendees by teaching them English, and by lavishing the love of Jesus upon them. I'll also be assisting on our Alpha Courses, and finally, I'm excited to be able to join the Farsi City Group this year and get to know our wonderful Iranian and Afghan brothers and sisters. If I don't know you yet, then please come say hi, because I also hope to get connected to many people in our church family this year.