

September 2010

M4L Partner in Mission: Newcastle City Centre Chaplaincy

Revd Glyn Evans serves as the Newcastle City Centre Chaplain with a team of others who visit various retail stores, businesses, public services and St James's stadium.

The purpose of NCCC is:-

- *To learn the nature of commerce, business and other City based institutions and firms and to understand the effects of City working life on individuals and on groups.*
- *To share the insights of Christian belief and faith in the life and stresses of the City centre.*
- *To minister to the needs of individuals and groups within the City.*
- *To work with others toward a more humane society.*

A prayer for the current financially difficult times:-

Lord God, we live in disturbing days:
across the world,
prices rise,
debts increase,
banks collapse,
jobs are taken away,
and fragile security is under threat.

Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer:
be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands,
and a light in the darkness;
help us receive your gift of peace,
and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Mission4Life
Empowering Northern Synod churches

**Each month we are being asked to pray for a
Mission4Life Partner.**

**Here are the prayer requests
for July - September 2010.**



July 2010

M4L Partner in Mission: Grindon Community Project

Helen Stephenson is the Church Related Community Worker in Grindon an estate on the South side of Sunderland. Here the small URC has maintained a presence through often difficult times.

The CRCW project has brought together a wide range of community groups and has played a leading part in developing a sense of community that is bringing back pride into the area. The land at the back of the church is being developed into a community garden. Family zone works with children and young people during holidays. Monthly Messy Church is enabling many more people to engage with church and its worship life.

Living Christ,
we see you at work in Grindon,
across the North East and throughout the world
and come to give you thanks.
When the hungry are fed and the needy clothed,
We thank you because we see your love at work.
When prisoners and patients are visited,
We thank you because we see your love at work.
When the stranger is made at home,
We thank you because we see your love at work.
When people with no power and no voice
are listened to with respect,
We thank you because we see your love at work.
When other people care about us and for us,
We thank you because we see your love at work.
When you give us a new chance and a new hope,
We thank you because we see your love at work. Amen

August 2010

M4L Fund

At the October 2009 Northern Synod meeting the Mission 4 Life fund was launched. It has three main strands:-

- 1. It provides a means whereby the Churches of the Synod can support each other and ecumenical partners in new ways of being church, and in reaching out to the communities around us and to groups of people who are vulnerable. Churches and individuals are encouraged to raise funds and give direct to M4L to help this.*
- 2. Small grants up to a maximum of £2000 (£10000 pa budget) are available to seed fund mission projects – a luncheon club, Messy Church, multicultural events, open air family days for a community, etc.*
- 3. Larger grants over several years to allow longer term budgeting for a Partner in Mission are also made.*

Please pray for the growing support for this fund in giving, prayer and the development of mission projects and partners in mission.

God of love,
Take and use the M4L fund
As part of establishing your kingdom.
Strengthen the unity of the churches of the Synod,
As we give and pray in support of each other.
Give each church a heart for mission
And so show your love to the communities around
Let each church proclaim the good news of Christ.
Bless those churches seeking grants
and the mission that they engage in.
Bless the Partners in Mission in what they seek to do.
May praises resound to you through this work. Amen.