

NOTTINGHAM

Celebration & Prayer The Church in Action



A summary of projects featured and how to pray

FAITH ACTION NOTTINGHAM

We are a network that promotes collaboration, relationship and unity among Christian organisations who are working to tackle poverty in Nottingham. Faith Action Nottingham is coordinated by Transforming Notts Together. If you'd like to find out more email Hannah at hannah.buck@transformingnottstogether.org.uk

TRANSFORMING NOTTS TOGETHER

We aim to help tackle poverty by transforming the lives of the poorest and most marginalised in our communities in Nottinghamshire through the local church. Find out more at transformingnottstogether.org.uk

NOTTINGHAM CITY PRAYER

Nottingham City Prayer is a widespread movement of Christians across Nottingham regularly joining in prayer to see Christ's Church united, God's power released and the city blessed. www.nottinghamcityprayer.com



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Children and Families

100 HOMES

A campaign to recruit 100 new foster homes from the church across Nottingham by March 2021. www.nottinghamcityprayer.com/100-homes



Thank You God	 For 14 new foster homes already approved. That God is clearly stirring His church to respond to the great need facing vulnerable children in our city.
Please God	 For more people to come forward to start their journey towards being a foster carer. For help as a team, of people from many churches, to engage the wider church with the need facing children and the call for the Church to rise up and take action.
For the future	• For 100 new foster homes coming from the church in Nottingham

EDEN TOP VALLEY

We are hoping to recruit and set up an Eden Team based in Top Valley, a 'forgotten' estate in Nottingham - 4000+ people live in Top Valley. The team will be focussed on reaching out to young people who live on the estate and supporting the creation of a youth church. Supported by Bestwood Park Church and St Philip's Top Valley. www.message.org.uk/eden



Thank You God	 For the partnership with The Message Trust and the support and time they are giving to help us set up this Eden Team. For the doors that God is opening so far for the potential Eden Top Valley team.
Please God	 For people to catch the vision and feel called by God to join the Eden Team in Top Valley. Please pray especially for the team leader role that the right person will be found and recruited. Please pray for the funding applications that have been submitted and that we are working on to cover the costs of the Team Leader's post and start up costs for the "project".



Children and Families

SAFE FAMILIES

Facing life alone is hard and, when you feel there is no one there to support you, it is a scary place to be. Therefore, at Safe Families we offer support, hope and belonging to improve the lives of those in our communities.We link children, young people and families with local volunteers who can offer them help and support. www.safefamilies.uk



Thank You God	 12% reduction in the flow of children going into care in Nottingham. For volunteers who consistently go above and beyond in supporting the families we serve.
Please God	That we continue to find favour with the local authorities we work withThat the care leavers pilot is successful.
For the future	 How we expand our service in Nottingham and then into Nottinghamshire.

ST NIC'S CHURCH NOTTINGHAM



A city centre church with involvements and partners across the city. The St Nic's model is to work alongside partners; however we do also have some exclusively internal initiatives such as the English Language School.

Thank You God	 For the growth in the St Nic's language school which serves 50+ students from a range of countries & backgrounds. That a new family have moved into St Nic's Hope into Action house, we pray the house is blessed & the family feel settled.
Please God	 That we are able to continue to train and equip church members to be involved in Welcome Boxes, and that they develop supportive friendships with Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the city. That God blesses those involved in leading & volunteering within St Nic's in the City with wisdom and opportunities in integrating people they serve into community, especially those involved in English For life Language School and Welcome Boxes.
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Children and Families

TLG NOTTINGHAM

TLG Nottingham is an independent alternative provision school that works with struggling young people who may be at crisis point in their education. Ultimately, we want our students to grow into a personal relationship with Jesus. All our staff are practising Christians. We aim to re-integrate as many students as possible after 1 - 2 terms. www.tlgnottingham.org.uk

Thank You God	 For continuing provision in sending us pupils who we can work with and support. For a good reputation with schools across the city that we have worked with for nearly 10 years.
Please God	 For our students to grow into a knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and for their barriers to be broken down. For our staff to be sustained and strengthened to be able to continue to provide the very best for our students.
For the future	• For our impact and influence to grow throughout the city so we can work with more young people and see lives transformed for good.

WOVEN CHURCH

Bee Family at Woven Church is a free after school group aimed at primary school children and their families. The basic idea is that we create a safe space for families to have fun and engage with each other. Doors open at 3:45-6pm. We have games, crafts, help with homework & a hot meal together.

wearewoven.church

Thank You God	 We have been awarded a grant from the All Churches Trust to help us update our kitchen allowing us to cater for more people. We have a group of regular families who come week after week. Community is growing, this is exciting.
Please God	 That word is spread about what we are doing here and more families join us. For God to continue to inspire us as to how to reveal Jesus to those who come, in a way that is not overwhelming but gentle and kind.
For the future	 That we grow in number and that Bee Family may play a role in aiding strong healthy families.
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Finance and Debt

THE ARK GEDLING

The Ark (Phoenix Farm Open Door Project) is a welfare rights advice centre providing advice and assistance on issues such as employment, benefits, housing, debt and social issues. It is also a community meeting place providing hot drinks, internet access, computer training, community activity groups and a job club. thearkgedling.org.uk



Thank You God	For volunteers who serve so patiently and compassionately.For churches who support us and encourage us.
Please God	More volunteers.Levels of deprivation in our area decrease.
For the future	Continued positive impact in our community.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY



The West Bridgford and South Nottingham Debt Centre is a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) service that provides free debt advice to anyone facing debt issues in NG2, NG11 and NG12. The service is provided by members of 10 partner churches in the area visiting clients in their homes. capuk.org

Thank You God	 Thanks for clients who have already become debt free since we started in 2018. Thanks for clients who have become followers of Jesus through the local CAP service.
Please God	 That directly and through referral agencies those who most need help would contact CAP. That we would have volunteers to expand to Job Clubs and Life Skill Courses in 2020.
For the future	 That other churches would open CAP centres to serve unmet need across Nottingham.
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COMMUNITY MONEY ADVICE

CORNERSTONE MONEY ADVICE, KINGS MONEY ADVICE & TRENT DEBT ADVICE

Free, confidential, impartial money management and debt advice. We are all part of the national debt charity Community Money Advice (CMA). www.cornerstonemoneyadvice.com k-mac.org.uk www.trentdebtadvice.org

Thank You God	 All the clients who have engaged with our advice centres. The clients we have enabled to become or who are becoming debt free.
Please God	 Clients continue to come to their appointments. Wisdom for the team as we meet clients with increasingly complex needs both financially and personally.
For the future	 Succession planning and continuing this area of Trent's Compassion ministry.

KINGDOM BANK

Kingdom Bank is a Christian Bank with a mission to 'Grow God's Kingdom and Change People's lives for good'. We work with many Churches and individuals offering a range of savings, lending and insurance products.



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www.kingdom.bank

Thank You God	 For customers who choose to deposit into a savings account enabling us to lend money to churches, charities and individuals to support our mission to grow God's Kingdom. For all our customers engaged in social action project work that support people to change their lives for good.
Please God	 Bless the Church in Action event and His name will continue to be glorified through the work of FAN. That more people across Nottingham will come to know our Lord and Saviour through the work of FAN, FAN members and local churches.
For the future	• That God will continue to show us His will as the Bank progresses into 2020.
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Employability and Social Enterprise

NOTTINGHAM CITIZENS

Nottingham Citizens is a non-partisan alliance of 37 civil society institutions comprised of trade unions, faith groups, charities, schools and universities, all working together to make Nottingham a better place to live.

RADIANT CLEANERS

Radiant Cleaners is a Social Enterprise cleaning company which provides supportive employment to those who need it most. We have employed 30 people over the past 2 years and currently employ a team of 17 people, paying the Real Living Wage and offering holistic support. Amongst the cleaning team are those who have been homeless, struggled with addictions, experienced domestic violence or have criminal records. www.radiantcleaners.co.uk









THE ARCHES

The Arches is a practical resource and community centre for those in need in Nottingham. Our desire is to demonstrate God's love in a practical way through generosity and treating people with dignity and respect. We aim to support our visitors to build self confidence, empowering them to reach their potential.



thearchesnottingham.org

Thank You God	 For God's continued provision of volunteers and resources via our partners, donators and the city, and the incredible generosity of people who support us in a number of different ways. That we are seeing lives transformed through people meeting Jesus and getting involved at The Arches, and that we are all known and loved.
Please God	 That God will continue to provide what we need to help with practical needs. That God will continue to touch lives, heal brokenness and form community.
For the future	 That we will find creative ways to continue to do His work, drawing lives towards him through the ministries at The Arches.

BESTOP KITCHEN

A weekly social eating event that takes place at Bestwood Park Church, providing 2 course meals for 80+ people every Tuesday and Third Thursday.



Thank You God	 The support we have from the local community for Bestop Kitchen. That a number of people who have come to Bestop Kitchen have come to church services and "joined" the church.
Please God	 Those in our community who are isolated and who have not yet heard about Bestop Kitchen. When people come to Bestop Kitchen that they feel welcomed and supported.
For the future	• That the culture of prayer and being prayed for will grow at Bestop Kitchen.
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GRACE CHURCH NOTTINGHAM

Grace Church Nottingham runs a food bank twice a week, and a midweek church service aimed at people we have met through the food bank. We have a drop-in café called the Social Hub, where visitors can receive a free lunch, coffee and a listening ear.

gracechurchnottingham.org

Thank You God	 For changing the lives of people through the foodbank & service. For wonderful provision for our food bank through Grace Church members.
Please God	 Precious people struggling with addictions, illness and other things receive new life and fresh hope from God. More people connect with the 12 o'clock service and weekly small groups, and grow in their faith in God.
For the future	 To see 40 people regularly attend on a Wednesday (and a small group), and for a fringe membership of 30 people attending when they can. More salvation! More discipleship!

HOLIDAY FOOD & FUN CLUBS



Holiday Food and Fun Clubs provide safe spaces for children and families to have access to food, games and community. Last Summer, church-led holiday food and fun clubs in Nottingham fed over 120 families including more than 140 children.

transformingnottstogether.org.uk

For the future	 That every family in Nottingham would have enough money to feed themselves in term-time and in the school holidays.
Please God	 For more families in need to hear about the Holiday Food and Fun Clubs in their local area. For more connections and relationships to be formed in the Holiday Food and Fun Clubs.
Thank You God	 For the churches who are cooking meals for families. For the local shops, supermarkets and councillors who donate food & vouchers to local holiday food and fun clubs to make it possible.

HOPE NOTTINGHAM

Hope Nottingham runs a holistic community support hub in Beeston, together with a network of 15 foodbanks and 5 job clubs across Nottingham in partnership with many local churches and the wider community.



www.hope-nottingham.org.uk

Thank You God	 That we receive so much support to serve the needs of people across Nottingham. Last year we received 90 tonnes of food donations and provided 13000 food parcels (130,000 meals). For the growth in our employability programmes, particularly job clubs, now in 5 locations, helping 2 people into work every month.
Please God	 That we would become more effective in sharing the Good news of Jesus and disciple the people that we support. That leaders of our foodbanks would have the energy, wisdom and provision to develop holistic community support relevant to each location across Nottingham.
For the future	 That we would continue to develop our Employment Pathway, so that those we support are able to get into good paid jobs and so become free from reliance on foodbanks.

PLACES OF WELCOME

Places of Welcome is a growing network of local community groups providing their neighbourhoods with places where all people feel safe to belong, connect and contribute. www.placesofwelcome.org.uk



Thank You God	 We are thankful for the growth of Places of Welcome in Notts, for new projects and for existing ones who are joining in. We are thankful for the volunteers who run Places of Welcome in their local areas, who serve tea & coffee week in week out.
Please God	• That more people would know about Places of Welcome and that there would be a Place of Welcome in every part of Nottinghamshire, and Nottingham city.
For the future	 That every single person in Nottingham would know that The Church is welcoming, and welcomes them.
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RENEW 37

We provide a space for people to come together in a safe environment to make friends, share hobbies and learn new skills. Our aim is to combat isolation and provide a distraction for people with mental health issues. Everyone is welcome here and all our activities are free of charge.



renew37.co.uk

Thank You God	 For God's provision to enable us to finance and staff the project. For the positive impact we are seeing in the lives of people that are coming to us.
Please God	For God's continuing protection.That people in the community who need to will find their way to us.
For the future	• That God will guide us as we seek to develop future activities.

WAINMAN TRUST

Currently we run three over 60s friendship groups in Clifton and Arnold, and we are aiming to build a care community within 6 miles of the City centre. www.wainmantrust.co.uk



Thank You God	For provision of finance, equipment and staff.For our volunteers.
Please God	 Land for the care community. We ask success for opening new clubs that are being considered.
For the future	• Wisdom and openness to how God wants to lead us and where.



Homelessness

ACTS OF KINDNESS

We are called Acts of Kindness. We feed the homeless and poor people of Nottingham. We serve hot and cold food. We provide clothes and we do signposting. We also run Parkgate Community kitchen, a weekly community meal in Clifton.



Thank You God	 We are thankful for God's provision, and for the support from our local community. We are so thankful for God's protection on us and the homeless people.
Please God	 Our prayer is that God will increase our funding. We want more wisdom from God, so we are always relevant to the people who we serve.
For the future	• Our prayer is that people will always be drawn to us, and we will be able to meet their needs.

HOPE INTO ACTION

Hope into Action provides temporary accommodation to homeless individuals within Nottingham city. Hope into Action is a registered charity whose unique purpose is to enable churches to house the homeless.



www.hopeintoaction.org.uk

Thank You God	 For our church partners and that God will bless all our volunteers. For the generosity of our investors and those who regularly donate to support us to continue our work with the homeless.
Please God	 That our tenants feel safe and loved and develop good positive relationships with the church volunteers. Pray that through this The Church will demonstrate God's love for them. Please pray for all our tenants who are struggling with debt, addiction, relationship, or health problems.
For the future	 For continued funding that we continue to grow & provide more homes for some of the most vulnerable members of society.
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Homelessness

MATTHEW 25:40

Matthew 25:40 is a charity whose aim is to invest in servicing the city's community of homeless and vulnerable people. In doing this, we strive to help those that are 'in need' gain back their independence, along with supporting other faith based organisations. www.2540.co.uk



NOTTINGHAM NIGHT SHELTER

Emmanuel House offers a range of services for street homeless people in Nottingham, including food, clothing, showers, friendship and a range of support services to enable people to move on from homelessness. The Night Shelter provides beds, food and shelter in church halls, currently throughout the year, for around 20 homeless people per night.



Thank You God	 For the churches that make their premises available for hosting the night shelter, and for the volunteers who keep the shelter running. For the privilege of being part of the Nottingham City Rough Sleeping Strategy and the funds we receive from the Government to keep the shelter running during the summer months.
Please God	 That God would bless our efforts in seeing a reduction in the numbers of people sleeping rough on our streets. That God would bless the move-on support work at Emmanuel House that works to access more permanent solutions for rough sleepers and their support needs.
For the future	 That God would expand the accessible, affordable accommodation available for homeless people in Nottingham.
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Nottingham Night Shelter

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Homelessness

OPEN HOMES

We run Nottingham Nightstop, which provides emergency accommodation for homeless 16-25 year olds in volunteer hosts' homes. We also run Supported Lodgings which provides longer term placements with a Support Worker. www.openhomes.org.uk



Thank You God	Successful start of the Supported Lodgings project.New offices which will enable us to continue growing our projects.
Please God	More volunteer hosts for both Nightstop and Supported Lodgings.Continued funding.
For the future	• To be able to fulfil the vision for our shared houses project.

STREET PASTORS

Street Pastors is multi-church response to urban night time problems; over 60 volunteers representing 40 Nottinghamshire churches patrol the streets of Nottingham city centre on a Friday and Saturday between the hours of 10pm to 3am to help all those who find themselves vulnerable in the city centre at night-time. streetpastors.org/locations/nottingham



Thank You God	 For the incredible sacrificial volunteers we have who are always ready to help those who are vulnerable. Great partnership working with the Police, local businesses and churches across the city.
Please God	 That we can bring our Prayer Pastor team to grow & continue to train more Street Pastors to be out on the streets of Nottingham. For people to access the Night Time Economy in Nottingham safely so that our city can become a more inviting place to be.
For the future	 To expand our ability to be a light in the city & have more volunteer patrolling the streets.



Modern Slavery

JERICHO ROAD

Jericho Road is an organisation which supports women working in the adult industry across Nottinghamshire. We provide support and friendship to women across Nottinghamshire, enabling them to make life-changing, informed choices, and assisting and supporting those who wish to exit the sex industry.



www.jerichoroad.org.uk

Thank You God	 Staff team & volunteers from many churches in Nottingham. Every positive interaction and conversation with the women that we work with across the project, on street outreach, at drop-in, at befriending appointments, in Off-Street venues, and in prison.
Please God	 For the women we work with to have opportunities to get involved in community through JRP and into local churches. Ongoing support and progress to women we've recently moved into independent accommodation.
For the future	• For women to meet with Jesus and to have radically changed lives through him - freedom from addiction, healing from trauma, physical healing – life to the full!

SALVATION ARMY

We work with survivors of Modern Slavery through our Connect programme, which aims to help survivors move towards rebuilding their lives and settling in Nottingham. We are a pioneering programme - firstly mentoring, working together to achieve client led goals.



Secondly, a weekly drop in, giving survivors continuity of support and build a community, run with support from a group of volunteers. www.salvationarmy.org.uk

Thank You God Please God For the future	 For relationships made with agencies in the city, who can refer survivors into our programme. For seeing a successful mentoring group, impacting someone's life and building confidence. For the weekly drop in to get up and running with users and a strong volunteer team. For more mentor trios to be created. To see survivors settle into life in Nottingham and have a community of people around them.
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Prisons THE GATEWAY

Our mission is a place of sanctuary and prayer, open to all, where people are welcomed and valued. Our vision is for a transformed community where everyone enjoys wholeness and life in all its fullness. For all those seeking support and prayer, particularly exprisoners.



Thank You God	 For the vision of a safe, inspiring city of peace to live and work in. We give thanks for the visions of sanctuary for this city to meet many different needs.
Please God	 For direction and clarity of the way forward and for a team to form around us to share and implement the vision. For an appropriate, physical space in the city to begin to meet, pray and offer prayer ministry.
For the future	 We pray for all those we will serve, particularly ex-prisoners, that they may experience restoration and the healing power of Jesus Christ.

NOTTINGHAM PRISON CHAPLAINCY

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The Nottingham Prison Chaplaincy is a multi faith team supporting staff and prisoners. Some local churches offer support including leading services and discipleship groups.

Thank You God	 That prisoners are coming to God and seeking a relationship with Him. For the growth of the Sunday service and Communion service, and Bible study group.
Please God	 Help prisoners who are finding hope in Jesus to not fall into cycles of re-offending and crime. Create even more opportunities for prisoners to hear about God.
For the future	• To see outporing of The Spirit and a move of God in the prison.

Rehabilitation

BETEL NOTTINGHAM

Betel is a Christian Charity which offers free, life-transforming help to people with drug and alcohol addictions. Our peer-led residential communities provide structured and supportive communal living, & instill discipline, value and skills through therapeutic work in a variety of charitable businesses. www.betel.uk



Thank You God	 For our new Girls' house and planning permission granted to build more accommodation on our existing property in Manna Farm. For the support and recognition we receive from local authorities, churches and supermarket chains.
Please God	Financial provision.Spiritual growth and maturity in our residents.
For the future	• Our building work in Manna Farm to be completed by the end of 2020, increasing our capacity to take in more men as well as enabling us to have one local base for all our male residents.

BREAK THE CHAINS

As a new start up we seek to partner with Jesus and His Church to Renew, Restore and Rebuild people and organisations in body, mind, spirit and soul. We will be delivering Christ centred: health & wellbeing projects, coaching and mentoring, prayer for healing & freedom, consulting/training & Education, public speaking/ preaching & teaching – invite us! www.breakthechains.org.uk



You God Please God For the	 for our future ministry. For God's provision in all aspects of life. Continued provision to enable this ministry to thrive for a long time. To see lives transformed through God's healing power. For God given growth and for everyone to live their life to their God
future	given potential.

Rehabilitation CARPENTER'S ARMS

We provide supported accommodation for men aged 18-65 who are seeking freedom from an addictive lifestyle. The programme is Christian, abstinence-based, and seeks to address the root causes of the addiction.



Thank You God	 So many lives renewed and set free from addiction by faith in God. Our wonderful volunteers, staff, donors and Trustees, who all give so selflessly.
Please God	 More lives changed more deeply by the work of the Holy Spirit. Skilled staff and volunteers for the new centres that we want to open.
For the future	• The ability to open more centres and therefore see more lives transformed by the Lord.

TEEN CHALLENGE

Teen Challenge UK is a Christian Charity that is working to put hope within reach of those trapped in addiction. We have six residential centres throughout the UK and also run a 12 month Leadership Academy.



www.teenchallenge.org.uk

Thank You God Please God	 For all the people who have found Christ as their Lord and Saviour through the ministry of Teen Challenge. For the men and women who have been set free from addiction through the power of the gospel. Pray in the labourers. For revenue to continue to sustain and further the ministry of Teen
	Challenge.



Asylum Seekers and Refugees

ENGLISH LESSONS

Churches and organisations around Nottingham are working together to provide English lessons to people with English as a foreign language. These include: Sunflower, Arimathea, Heart Church, Refugee Roots, Cornerstone & St. Nic's.



Thank You God	•	For those individuals delivering these English lesson sessions across Nottingham.
Please God	•	Bless them and use the English lessons as an aid to integration and inclusion within Nottingham.
For the future	•	Our prayer is that people will always be drawn to us, and we will be able to meet their needs.

REFUGEE ROOTS

Refugee Roots is a Christian charity that helps asylum seekers and refugees build relationships and build a new life in the UK. A range of initiatives include befriending, accompanying asylum seekers to appointments, information, advice and guidance, as well as groups and activities, such as free English conversation classes. www.refugeeroots.org.uk



Thank You God	 For the wonderful people whom we have the privilege of serving. In them we see Jesus calling us to love with no walls, no separation or division. God led us through significant change through our rebranding and became a registered charity.
Please God	 Pray for us as we work each day, as we are often faced with complex and difficult situations that are not always easily solved. Pray for God to lead us in the recruitment of a Treasurer, Income Generator and Secretary on the Board of Trustees.
For the future	 Pray for our fundraising and finances; to see increase and blessing in this area.
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Asylum Seekers and Refugees

WELCOME CHURCHES

Welcome Churches trains and equips local churches to welcome refugees arriving in their community. Through our Welcome Network, we profile refugee-welcoming churches around the UK so that people can welcome a refugee who is moving to a new area. In Nottingham there are 2 churches running our Welcome Boxes project. welcomechurches.org

Thank You God	 For all of the wonderful people from around the world who are seeking refuge in Nottingham. For the churches & volunteers who are committed to welcoming & supporting newly-arrived refugees and asylum seekers in the city.
Please God	 For justice and fairness in the UK asylum system so that refugees can successfully rebuild their lives in the UK. For the people we meet who may have experienced or witnessed torture, violence, persecution and threats to their life. Pray for healing, safety and protection for them in Nottingham.
For the future	 That God's Church would be known for welcoming and including refugees and asylum seekers into their community.

WELCOME

TRANSFORM

TRANSFORMING NOTTS TOGETHER

We aim to help tackle poverty by transforming the lives of the poorest and most marginalised in our communities in Nottinghamshire through the local church. We are a joint venture between the Church Urban Fund and the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. transformingnottstogether.org.uk

Thank You God	 For growth of Faith Action Networks in other parts of county e.g. Mansfield/ Retford. For recent growth in staff numbers and the capacity this gives to see more lives transformed.
Please God	 Help us to develop conversations about new Faith Action Networks in the county, & see the church rise up in unity to support the vulnerable. Guide us as we develop our work supporting churches to be more dementia friendly & inclusive to older members of their communities.
For the future	Continuing wisdom as we try to follow God's lead for growth.
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