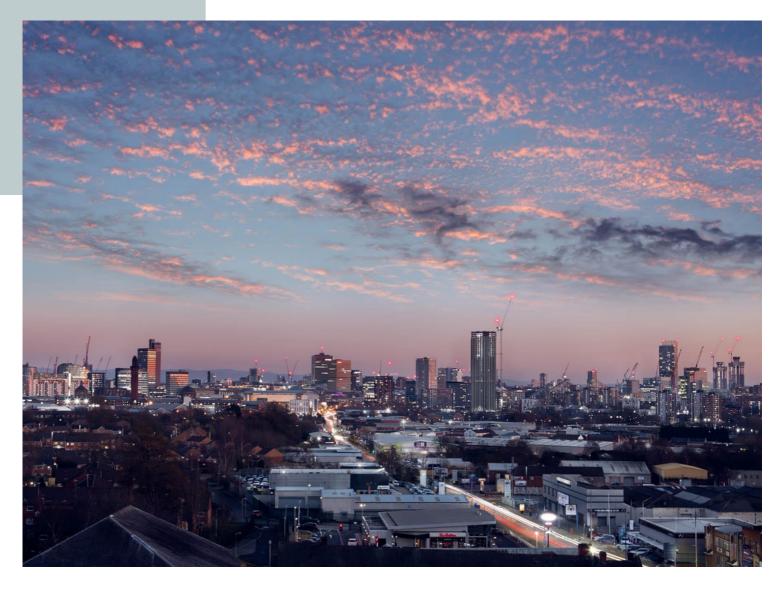
# hello friends



### april

We continue to see growth overall as a church in Sunday attendance up on average 80 people per week from this time last year. Though this is a wonderful problem to have, we know our integration process needs to scale up to accommodate the larger numbers. We're developing a strategy to address this. By growing numerically and in depth of relationships to each other and the Lord, we pray we'll be ready for our next church plant by 2027.

Please pray for wisdom, tenacity and teamwork across the whole church to retain people – to train and send more on mission to Manchester, the Northwest and beyond.

#### may

Our Discipleship Explored course was well attended and helped many to deepen their walk with the Lord. We also ran an 8-week Bible Toolkit training track to grow in our understanding of how to read and apply the Bible.

Andrew Peterson visited Manchester to perform a concert for us. It was great to see people of all different UK churches there to hear about God's love through creative expression. Please pray for those in our church working in the creative industries to make inroads for the gospel.

#### june

A 20-strong team from First Presbyterian Church Macon visited us.. It was wonderful to have senior saints share their wisdom and experience with our younger believers. The US team also got training in how to do gospel ministry in a post-Christian culture.

Cami and the team led a group of students on four days of Bible teaching, prayer and outdoor activities at our Student Getaway.

It was a blessing to be part of Northern Gospel Project prayer meeting, where 23 church leaders from across denominations and backgrounds gathered to pray for our city and church planting.

#### Some of our students at the yearly Getaway in Wales



Women's Day



**Northern Gospel Project prayer** 



Welcome Team working on new ideas



## looking ahead

As we gear up for welcoming new interns, new staff and new people to our church, please pray we'd do a good job of helping them settle in well to the city and our church.

We'll be hosting a gathering in London in November for all those who'd like to join us to find out more and catch up with each other. Keep an eye on your inbox for more details.

We love to partner with you in mission as we continue to reach out to Manchester, the Northwest and beyond.

May you know the love of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit across the miles.

In Christ,

Ralph

