



Sharing Our Story...

Trinity Baptist Church, Radcliffe, Manchester

Trinity Baptist Church, Radcliffe is located eight miles north of the city of Manchester, between Bolton and Bury. The church building is situated a mile away from the small town of Radcliffe on a housing estate. Although numbers attending the church services are fairly small, the church is active in the community with their toddler group, children`s group and lunch club all being well attended. Church secretary Jayne Bushell shares the story of the summer`s activities...

“Every year in August Trinity holds a week-long holiday club and completing the week with a celebration service on the Sunday morning followed by a BBQ for everyone. In 2015, a young girl attended the holiday club for the first time and her parents came along on the Sunday. They were so happy with what they had seen and heard from their daughter about the holiday club that on Sundays they began to bring her to the weekly children`s group, and then from there all three of them started attending church each Sunday. This is not the end of the Good News story because when the holiday club of 2016 was in need of helpers the same mother came to help out. She enjoyed it so much, she is now a leader each week at the children`s group. Dad is also now attending the Men`s group and keen to know more about The Lord. We praise and thank The Lord for sending this very special family to our church.”

It`s amazing to see the journey of a family from one child coming along to a one-week activity-based club, to the whole family being part of the life of a church, with mum serving and dad exploring faith.

Some questions to reflect on: What activities could your church run and what services could your church provide to make that initial connection with your local community?

What strategic steps could your church take to help people journey from ‘initial contact’ to opportunities to explore faith in Jesus?