



Weekly Prayer Focus: 10th July 2022

New Growth Ministry, Colchester

In honour of the Queen's Jubilee, Colchester was given city status. This rapidly expanding city is home to commuters who face pressure of time and work related stress, alongside families in Social Housing who are facing immense pressure during the current cost of living crisis.

In April 2017, Rev Lynsey Heslegrave, formerly of Colchester Baptist Church, started New Growth Ministry (NGM) based in the Myland area of Colchester. It had become apparent that traditional forms of Church were not going to be able to reach out to many of the unchurched and de-churched people in the North West of Colchester.

NGM describes itself as a small missional community based around friendship, food, simplicity, nature and contemplative spiritual practices. They meet in homes, community spaces and their local country park. The fellowship partners with a local Methodist Church to run MakeLunch to tackle holiday hunger and a coffee drop-in which they are hoping to develop a community pantry.

The members of NGM are always surprised by God, who makes unexpected connections, draws people to their gatherings and draws them out into the community in more perfect ways than they could plan themselves.

For Prayer

- For the progress of the Community Pantry, which has been slower than they hoped, but they now see is coming in God's timing not theirs.
- For deepening relationships in two local schools: a primary where Lynsey volunteers and a secondary where Lynsey is Chaplain and another member mentors students.
- Although they don't use many resources, they always have to trust in God day by day for material and financial provision to keep the missional community sustainable.