

Sharing Our Story...

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Netherton

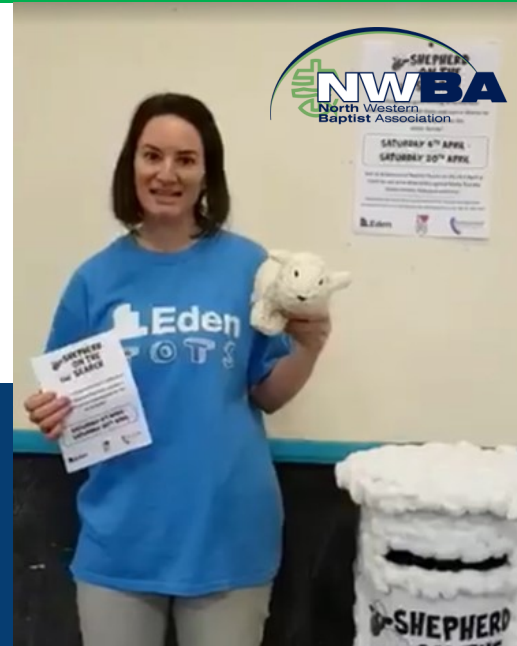
Emmanuel Baptist is located in the heart of the Netherton estate in Liverpool. The church has been supported by Home Mission for the last nine years, and minister Allan Finnegan comments 'Our Church has been supported generously by Home Mission for some time now. Without this support we would struggle to impact our community as much as we do.' Here, he shares the story of one recent event...

'At Emmanuel we love to engage with our local community. In the run up to Easter Sunday Emma, our joint Eden team leader, set the task of finding 12 sheep that had gone astray in Netherton. 'Shepherd on the Search' certainly caught the community's imagination.

Local schools, churches and businesses were asked to name 12 sheep which were then hidden in premises around Netherton. All the local primary schools took part and were given a sheet with essential clues to help them in their search. There were four family friendly prizes up for grab which had kindly been donated but local businesses and everyone who took part was promised an Easter egg and an Easter story book. We had over 150 entries so we were very glad when another local charity donated all the eggs we needed.

The idea was that having collected all the names of the sheep, entries were posted in our 'Shepherd on the Search' post box which was located in the local community centre. Everyone was then invited to our Easter Sunday service to find out who would win the prizes. The theme of our service that day was the Lost Sheep. It was a family friendly service with a coffee and pastries break in the middle of the service. Unfortunately during the break someone let all of the sheep out of the pen and the children had to find them again. One unfortunate sheep found itself stuck up high on the ceiling. It was impossible to reach it without a large ladder. We were just going to leave it but the children insisted we rescue it. So Sharon bravely climbed the ladder to rescue the last sheep to cheers from the congregation.

A brief Easter message was then shared and an invitation to Alpha was given. One couple who have never been to church before contacted us through our Facebook page to ask if they could come to the course, which is fantastic.



We are expecting over 30 people to attend the Alpha course which is very exciting. Please pray for those that attend that God will draw them closer to Him.

This is just one Good News Story that Home Mission has helped us to achieve. Our church in Netherton just wouldn't exist in the same way it does without Home Missions ongoing support. Thank you so much for your generosity."

How does your church reach out to the lost sheep in your community?

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