

North London

Welcome to our first Myriad North London Hub news email.

We hope that it will be a good way for teams, contributors and supporters to keep in touch with what's going on in our learning community.

We also hope that you will be joining us in praying for everything that God is doing through our worshipping communities since our first Gathering in January. It was an amazing time where we worshipped, prayed, learned and made plans for the emergence of 10 new worshipping communities.

I've have been further encouraged in the past few weeks by a **stat from YouGov**, that there had been an increase in the number of people expressing a belief in God. This was matching some of the things we have been seeing at our base at St Barnabas, with new people arriving every week - expressing a desire for a real answer to the problems they experience and see in our world today. We know that Jesus has those answers - and there does seem to be a real opportunity in this season to introduce people to Him, more and more.

The Psalmist wrote (Psalm 139:23-24):

*Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

It's brilliant to realise that even as people are searching for Him, God is searching for us. He knows our hearts. I'm praying for more of him at work in your lives and your communities.

Until next time,

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North London Myriad Hub Leaders

***Story by
Community
Lunch Alpha**



Over the past few months of Community Lunch Alpha, we've seen people getting curious, exploring faith and asking some great questions! We've been growing closer to one another as a community, and each stepping forward on our faith journeys. Every week has been different, and there have been all sorts of unexpected things coming up, and we've really experienced God at work in that. Excitingly, some of our number are exploring baptism at the moment, and we're looking forward to being able to celebrate with them.

The first Myriad gathering provided a great opportunity to take some time as a team to share our hopes and dreams for the group. And we got further with action planning than we'd expected! Something really positive for us that's already come out of Myriad and into our regular rhythm of life is we've committed to having monthly team times to celebrate, plan, and pray together. Our first team time has been such an encouragement to me, and I think it's drawn us closer as a team.



***Myriad
Gathering
Story by
Community
Lunch
Alpha**

Refresh is a community for parents and carers of 0-2s that launched in January. We include a thought based on a Bible verse as part of our meeting which is mostly attended by families who would not otherwise find themselves in church. We have created a culture of belonging before believing and want to bless the families by exceeding their expectations. Each week we use a countdown as a prompt to gather together and pause play for a few minutes to listen to one of the team share a short thought. They are so keen to hear the message that we have to stop the timer before the 2 minutes is up! After listening, there is at least one adult who comments, "That was exactly what I needed to hear today." We watch God move and tears fall when someone's life is being touched by his Spirit and then we offer to pray for them. Beautiful!

***Story by REFRESH**



** This term we have surprised them with freshly baked heart cookies from the Hope Cafe for Valentine's Day*



*Last week we surprised them with a fresh * fruit and pancake breakfast.*



Important dates

- Thursday 24th April - Mid-stage Gathering on Zoom
- Friday 11th July - Myriad Gathering Stage 2 @ St Barnabas Church
- Saturday 12th July - Myriad Gathering Stage 2 @ St Barnabas Church

Stage 2 Topics

- Leadership
- Forming a Team
- Developing a Healthy Team
- Missional Habits
- Healthy Team Rhythms
- Setting Culture

Please Pray

- For all our leaders: that God would be speaking as they continue to develop vision during this Myriad Stage
- For the people from Community Lunch Alpha getting baptised in a few weeks
- For the Refresh team to continue to find an openness for prayer in those who are attending