



## Christians at work in Luton

### Praise in the Park



Luton is a special place, a gathering of the nations. Roughly a third of the town are Muslims, a third white British and a third other nations. This means the church is very ethnically diverse and we are serving amongst many Muslims.

Historically our Muslim neighbours have been more effective in showcasing their faith than we have as the church. They run open air events to celebrate Eid and invite others to various Iftar events during Ramadan. As the church in Luton, we are looking at new ways we can showcase the vibrancy of our life together to the wider community.



One way was to take over the main park in the town from 12 to 8pm on Saturday July 4th. We had a continual flow of Praise activity from a stage, activities for children and youth as well as stalls offering information and prayer. We even had local employees on hold advertising job and training opportunities. The mayor of Luton, a Muslim gave a very positive address about the event and our work as Christians in the town. He was in turn presented with a Bible to mark the occasion. Conservative estimates are that over 600 people attended.



We were able to show the people of Luton that the church is alive and healthy. It was also a great opportunity for the whole church to be involved, people from different traditions, denominations and ethnicities all proclaiming Christ together.

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Would the community perceive the absence of your church or organisation? Chances are they would, considering the valuable ministries and services it offers. Stay tuned for further updates on the thriving church in Luton as it remains actively engaged with the community

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