

On Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th November 2010 a group of 32 people gathered to experience the 'Philip Course'. The Philip Course is a simple evangelisation course that gives participants the opportunity to revisit the profound and life changing message of the Good News in a simple and creative way.

One participant commented, 'what a wonderful tonic to have the basics of our faith revisited so powerfully as on the two days of the Philip course. It is easy to let the wonders of what we believe become everyday and worn and pushed to the back of one's mind and heart. I didn't learn any new fact about my faith but I came away refreshed and glowing, and with a deep sense of peace and joy.'



Another participant shared the following about her experience of the Philip Course 'generally as a weekend I found it very powerful, not at all what I expected. I loved the format of talk and the personal response of the prayer moment. I felt the gentle way of presenting the course made it accessible to all and not threatening.' Another added that for him 'the use of symbols was effective.' And that 'it was the use of Sacred Scripture that I appreciated most of all. Many thanks for laying on a wonderful event. Personally I am much the better for the experience.'

A couple who came on the course felt that they 'would definitely recommend it to anyone.'

As well as talks, moments of prayer and shared meals which all took place at the course venue of St Gregory's Catholic Primary School in Northampton, the course also included a visit to the parish of St Gregory the Great, Northampton where participants shared in the celebration of the 9am Sunday Mass. During the visit there was an opportunity to share some blessings of the course with parishioners through a creative presentation and a visual display. Participants on the course also served refreshments, adorned the tables with prayer and scripture materials and socialised after Mass in the parish hall sharing their experience of the course.

Members of the team are now discerning when the next course will be run.