

## **Unlock Benwell**

Mike Atkinson aged 51 – Mike has lived and worked in the west end of Newcastle most of his life, predominantly as a lecturer at the local college which is just a few minutes walk from Benwell. During the past 20 years Mike has been involved in various community projects around the Benwell area and has a close affinity with the local people.

Mike and his wife Jill run a house group and enjoy creative ways of exploring bible stories. Mike is also actively involved in the Diocese Evangelism Task Group and takes part in local mission weekends spreading God's love.

Mike's one time hobby (wood crafts) has turned into a business and he now supplies crosses and other Christian symbols and gifts to outlets up and down the country. Mike's other hobbies include sculpting, weight lifting and restoring a very rusty 41 year old car which he uses daily.