

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PRAYER

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### WE HAVE LANDED!

All 7 of us can officially say we live in Cheetham Hill, Manchester!

The moving in process can be summed up by a typo in a text to a friend: "I have just moved to Manchester :) Whoops!" We are often somewhere between "whoops!" and "whoop!". Some days it is a joy to be here and life is exciting, others it feels like we've just jumped off a cliff. We are glad that on all these days, our God is with us here!

### CHEETHAM HILL AND OUR NEIGHBOURS

Cheetham Hill has a bit of a bad rep in the city from some rioting in the 90s.

However, most of our neighbours say that it is a fair area - that there are troublemakers, but that we'll be fine if we keep to ourselves. (Planting a church is definitely 'keeping to ourselves' isn't it?!).

During the past month in our streets, in shops and at the leisure centre, we have met Pakistanis, Bangladeshis, Iranians, Kurds, Nigerians, Afghans, Jews, Spanish, Ukrainians, Poles, Somalis, Sudanese, Arabs, Syrians, Senegalese, Indians, Congolese, ... - oh, and Brits too! The diversity is amazing, but people really don't know each other and community is lacking as people keep to themselves. How much loneliness does that cause?

### THE CHURCH PLANT

The plan is to launch in January. We (the planting team) have started meeting weekly for prayer, getting to know each other and planning with some wonderful people who are committed to or considering joining the plant. In the meantime, we've dispersed ourselves on a church-planting-learning-spree, spreading ourselves out amongst a few other church plants to learn from them, get some experience doing smaller church and, in the words of John, the network leader, "feel the pain" of church planting.

### "ARE YOU HAVING A BREW ON?"

Turns out if a neighbour asks you this, they're inviting themselves in! 5 hours, a few life stories, some opinions about food and a gift of a tv later, we also had the privilege of hearing of this person's experience of church and God, and their desire to know God better.

-This is why we moved here!

There are many other stories like this from the few weeks we've been here... it seems that God is at work in Cheetham Hill!



**What's coming up?**  
and how you can join us in prayer...

#### CHEETHAM HILL PEOPLE

That God would be present in and deepening the relationships we're building with people here.

#### CHURCH PLANT LEADERSHIP.

The diocese is advertising for a network leader for north Manchester, who will start with leading our plant. Pray God leads the right person to it.

#### BECKY'S JOB

Becky's applying to work as the operations manager for the church planting network - pray she'd get it!

#### END OF THE 'HONEYMOON PERIOD'

Pray for us as we realise that we are here to stay and that this isn't a short term thing.

#### LEARNING WHAT IS USEFUL AND KNOWING HOW TO USE IT!

As we explore through being part of other church plants - pray we'd be teachable and learn what God wants us to.

#### A GOOD BALANCE OF REST, WORK AND WORSHIP

Rest is important, so is worship and we want to see people changed for God's Kingdom - pray we'd know how to join with Jesus in doing the Father's work.

**"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matt 5:14)**  
- our prayer is for God's light to shine in Cheetham Hill/Crumpsall