



JANUARY/FEBRUARY PRAYER

From Dom, Hannah, Jonny, Emily, Becky, Stephen and James

NEW BEGINNINGS...SORT OF

At the start of 2019, we all came back to Cheetham Hill with a sense that it's becoming more like home. We don't take that for granted, and we're grateful for God's kindness. But as well as thankfulness for the not-new-ness, there are also a few new things happening...



Church planting! We'll be launching on **24th Feb**, in an upper room above a restaurant on Cheetham Hill Road (our high street). We're starting out with a format of a lunchtime meal, followed by prayer, sung worship, and teaching. We're hoping that it'll be very accessible and relational. There are still question marks over what leadership looks like, so please pray for that ongoing process. (Oh, the church name is as yet TBC...but stay tuned!)

Becky has started work with Adult Education Manchester, covering English language lessons. We're reliably informed (by her) that it's rewarding, fun, and fits really well with her sense of God's purpose for her in Cheetham Hill.

Dom has started a new job as an English specialist TA at Droylsden Academy, preparing for teacher training in September. He's having a great time :)

OTHER RECENT, GOOD THINGS

A refreshing retreat together (in December) to Brandsby Hall: basically Downton Abbey, but in real life, and for the kingdom.

A Mosque visit and meal at Manchester Central Mosque.

Church plant team relationships continuing to grow healthily, and **prayer rhythms** becoming established, led by the amazing Jonny.

Hannah and Dom tutoring their neighbours' son, and eating (very well, and very much!) with the family most weeks.

Jonny and John Lin (from the church plant team) playing badminton at the local club. Pray for relationships to grow with others there.

Stephen continuing to meet up with J, and with T. They're asking great questions, and T is encouraging others to connect with Stephen about God!

Stephen having several interviews for engineering work for next year.

A Muslim friend/colleague of Emily's giving her a £55 wine voucher (Muslims aren't usually permitted to drink alcohol). Who says 'interfaith dialogue' can't be fun?!

How can you join us in prayer?

Church Plant Launch! Boom. We're raring to go, but please pray:

- For us to be, from the start, a community where anyone can meet God, know love, and become whole.
- For smooth logistics + great communication as we launch.
- For resolution of leadership questions, and trust in God.

Broader requests:

- Shifts in the spiritual atmosphere of Cheetham Hill: from fear/tension to hope and darkness to light.
- For our Father to guide our relationships so we connect well with those who are hungry to know him.
- Continued growth in love among the church plant team: so we can really welcome people into family.
- For Becky and Emily's flat to be...more fixed!

"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