

# JULY/AUGUST PRAYER

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

## THANKFULNESS

Praise God! There are lots of things that we are thankful for, including...

- God's presence with us as we meet on Sundays and Wednesdays - we recently enjoyed exploring what it means that following Jesus is both beautiful and costly in our first all age service
- The church hall where we're currently meeting (it is a temporary venue but has been a great blessing) - praise God for kingdom-focused partnership with other churches in the area
- Some newcomers sticking with us and being part of the church community, despite us moving around
- The way God has built us up in faith and unity through us studying Acts together
- Spirit-filled and productive church team meetings - many thanks for praying for good communication amongst the core team - it has improved!
- Chances to enjoy Manchester, the Peak District, music and other activities with church family
- God's kindness - yesterday we saw two wonderful answers to prayer: Stephen found out that his first work placement is in the North West and Emily got a new job!



## TRANSITIONS

During the summer, we are all going through times of longer rest and transition. Some of us have already taken breaks, all of us are imminently off to New Wine and various other trips are on the horizon (not to mention the many weddings we are enjoying zipping around for!). Pray for God to speak as we reflect and look forward to the coming year.

Please pray for our resting - we've noticed a fair amount of tiredness recently - please pray we'd be obedient to Jesus in the commitments to work and rest that we're making and for grace for one another. Whilst we might know lots more about life here than we did a year ago, we still have much to learn, so please pray for humble and God-dependent hearts - that we might go forward boldly with whatever God is calling each of us to.

Please pray for God to provide a new house for James, Jonny and Stephen as they look for somewhere with space for another person (possibly an asylum seeker) to join them and more space for midweek church meetings. September is also marked by new jobs for Stephen, Dom and Emily, as well as new classes of students for Becky to teach. Praise God that we get to go through times of change with Him - the one who doesn't change!

## How can you join us in prayer?

- We don't have a permanent venue yet. Please pray for our Father to provide a suitable venue for us to meet in on Sundays.
- We have been praying for a leader for the church, and no one person has emerged to lead. With the encouragement of the network leaders, we have decided to explore an eldership team as the leadership model. Please pray for the church core team as we seek the Spirit's guidance on this - and for unity as we discern the next steps in establishing it.
- We continue to reach out to neighbours, shop owners, Zumba and badminton friends and other contacts. Please pray for God to connect us with people of peace in the area - and for those who've come to church a little, that they'd return!
- Pray for shifts in the spiritual atmosphere of Cheetham Hill - that many would be open to the gospel.

**"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**