

JULY/AUGUST 2020 PRAYER

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

CHANGE

There's lots of change about, isn't there?! Visually, practically, mentally, emotionally...the whole country (indeed, world!) seems to have changed around us and we, as people, as God's people, are figuring out how to adjust. Praise the Lord that he is **our rock, our fortress, our refuge and our strength** in and through every adjustment!

Changes in Cheetham Hill have been aplenty. The new Mr. and Mrs. Dimmock (Stephen and Becky!) have just returned from a wonderful **wedding** and honeymoon and are settling into their new house and married life. A few doors down awaits Dom and Hannah's **new house** where they (after a long wait!) will have moved when you read this. God has kept Emily in her flat and we are seeing Him provide a **new flat-mate** - someone who has joined Upper Room during COVID. James and Jonny remain where they are, partly waiting for a chance to upsize, in order to **host others** whom God would send.



Upper Room is now meeting more **'in person'** than before! We're coming up to our 6th Sunday back in Trinity United Church (the building we were in this time last year, before the move to the Brazilian restaurant!). Most now join 'in person', with others on Zoom (or on holiday!). Though different (particularly without our usual meal, chatter and singing) it has been good to be gathered in this way again and to be more **accessible** for those not connecting digitally (please pray we'd find a good balance going forward!). We continue to ask God **what it looks like to be his church at this time**, with Dom and Hannah steering us wonderfully through each adjustment. We have a few 'Hello's (including **welcoming a family** who have moved from Birmingham to minister with us in Cheetham Hill) and 'Goodbye's to some whom God is calling onwards in mission.

The **parks** near us have been particularly busy recently (unlike this!), thanks to the restrictions and the weather - may God lead us to those in whom he is working, wherever we are!



What's coming up?

and how you can join us in prayer...

For deep rest and refreshment, as we each take time for this in August.

For re-settling-in, with opportunities to connect with neighbours and friends as we emerge from lockdown.

For Upper Room, as we dig into the book of Daniel and navigate this stage of finding a 'new normal'.

For Dom and Hannah with new challenges in their jobs and in their work of leading the church amid unexpected changes. For Stephen and Becky in adjusting to married life.

For the area - we are under stricter lockdown again, and are close to a possible COVID hotspot within Manchester. May our friends be granted sight into the gospel, and faith!

"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