

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PRAYER

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JOYS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS

Firstly, the joys: In August, Becky and Stephen got engaged! Which was a wonderful thing to be able to celebrate as a church family with tasty cake and much confetti. We also had a good time away as a church at New Wine. Although many of us were serving on different teams, and so were quite dispersed, it felt like a significant step for us to be there as a church. We were encouraged and challenged, and made good connections with people doing church in similar situations to us. We've loved seeing J from church growing in faith and confidence. Having joined us every Sunday since we started meeting, he has recently started coming along to our Wednesday bible studies and is keen to be baptised in December!



But there have also been some disappointments, and church-life has felt a bit more frustrating in the last few weeks. As a church, we were hoping to be able to rent a room above Costa, in a central location, but by the time we were in a position to make a decision on it, it had already been let to someone else. We're keen to have a more permanent venue, but we're struggling to find something appropriate. We have also made a bit more progress with our discussions about leadership in the church: we will hopefully be appointing a small group of people to handle some of the more day-to-day decisions, headed up by Jason, who will also act as a pastoral backstop as and when we need it. But while we think it's been a good process to go through as a core team, it has felt long and drawn out. We'd like those decisions to be resolved quickly so that we have more capacity for outreach and engaging with the wider community.

What's coming up?

and how you can join us in prayer...

Pray for the Antioch Network weekend away (18-20th October) which most of our church will be going to.

Please pray for our continued venue hunt – that God would provide a suitable location, and that we would have the courage to go for it when we find it.

Pray for the appointing of the small team responsible for decision-making in the church; that we would be guided by the spirit in that.

Please pray for J as he prepares for baptism. Please pray that we would also be baptizing others that day too; maybe people we've not even met yet. Please pray for God to connect us with people of peace in the area.

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

