

through our café or through all the other ways and means we seek to utilise as a Charity to achieve our aims.

Please do keep Debbie, Mark and the other staff and volunteers in your prayers – we want them to know the wisdom and grace of Jesus to allow them to be effective in their calling and mission within our mission and ministry of GMCC.

We have also seen the refurbishment of the café at Methodist Central Hall over the summer this year – the café is a really welcoming place to visit and is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 11am to 2pm – feel free to visit at any time! The café and kitchen provides a great space for training and volunteering as well as making tasty food for our visitors and clients who come in to see us on Oldham Street in the City Centre.

We are working together with the leadership of the Methodist Church that meets at Central Hall in a really collaborative way now and one of their ministers will be joining the GMCC board of Trustees in the near future.

We do sense that God is doing a ‘new thing’ amongst us, our role is to continue to sense the leading of the Holy Spirit and to follow that with all that we do as a Charity. God is making a way in the wilderness and through us, we can bring his streams of love, life and hope to those who feel like they are in the wastelands.

Keep us in your prayers, it does make a real difference – we would love to hear from you if you have any other thoughts, comments or ideas for us to consider with our mission and ministry as a Charity.

With Love & Blessings in Jesus,

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PRISON PRAYER LETTER JANUARY 2018

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland” – Isaiah 43:19

Dear Prayer Partners, Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your continual support in prayer for all we are aiming to do with Greater Manchester Community Chaplaincy (GMCC). Your support and prayers are making a real difference.



We have seen some significant changes in recent months with some key roles and people. Arthur Whillans has done a fantastic job in serving as our Centre Manager and Chaplain for the last 5 years and been involved with GMCC for many more years than that. Arthur stepped down from that role in July 2017 and has been assisting our new team in this time of transition for which we are really grateful. Arthur and Marlene, have both played a key part in the ministry and

mission of GMCC over many years and I know you will want to express your thanks to them both for their dedicated service in the love of Christ for those who are ex-offenders here in Greater Manchester. They have impacted many people's lives in a life changing way for Jesus which is of course of incredible eternal value. We will be formally marking our thanks to them in the near future and I would encourage you to keep them in your prayers as they move into a new season of service and ministry in the Kingdom – they also have earned a well-deserved rest and to have more time for their wonderful family with a growing number of grandchildren in recent years.

We therefore welcomed Debbie Joyce as Centre Manager and Mark Penman as Chaplain to the team at GMCC in September. As Trustees, we felt that it would be a good opportunity to split the role of Centre Manager and Chaplain to enable our work, mission and ministry to move forward in a more sustainable and strategic way. We want to set ourselves up to reach more people with the love, mercy and grace of Jesus, whether that is in Prison,

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1. **D** has grown greatly in his faith in recent weeks and is now being released. Pray for him as he begins his new life.
2. **M** has just moved to another prison. Pray that he will continue to grow as a Christian.
3. **A** is in prison for the first time and finding it hard to cope. Please pray that God would place the right people around him.
4. **D's** sister has died and he is out next month and wants to go straight. Please pray that the unfortunate death of his sister would act as a catalyst for change.
5. **J** has been given a long sentence that he is finding hard to accept. Pray that with all the time he has that he would be searching for God.
6. **M's** brother was seriously assaulted on the outside and is still in hospital. Please pray for healing for his brother and also for him to remain calm.
7. **M** has been hurt whilst in prison and it is his first time, he is also struggling with mental health issues. Please pray for the love of God to comfort him and also for healing and a sound mind.
8. **B** is mourning the loss of his mum and brother and cannot see much reason to keep on living. Please pray that he would understand that he has been fearfully and wonderfully made and that he was created for an amazing purpose.
9. **GMCC** hold a Bible group each Tuesday with City Centre Ministries. Please pray for God's presence and power as the group restarts after the holidays.
10. **P** is mourning the loss of his mum and is finding it hard to cope. Pray for comfort and peace.
11. **J** feels very isolated and is physically and mentally unwell. Pray that God would bring healing to his life, also that the right people would help bring him from isolation to being insulated with friends.
12. **L** is very anxious and longs to be closer to his family. Pray that he would be less anxious and that Christian family would surround him.
13. **A** comes across as very paranoid and suspicious. He needs help but is reluctant to accept it. Please pray that there would be an openness for him to get help.
14. **J** has just been released after serving his first sentence and says he is never going back. Please pray that he will make the right choices.
15. **A** that he is able to continue standing as a Christian on his wing and that he continues to be a strong role model.
16. **A** has been feeling very low as he doesn't like this season. Please pray that he settles down and makes it through the holiday period with no problem.

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17. **G** has been struggling with paranoia and general side effects of smoking weed for years, please pray that the voices in his head would be gone and that he can have perfect peace.
18. **G** is in need of some good friends that will not take advantage of him, in prison and on the out.
19. **J** will be released after the New Year, please pray for divine appointments in housing and work sectors.
20. **F** is also going to be released sometime in the New Year, please pray that the correct housing can be found in an area that would suit him.
21. **I** has asked for GMCC to go and visit him, to look into different options before his release, please pray for wisdom and direction.
22. **L** has been in and out of prisons and homes most of his life, he puts on a show of no fear– but really he is scared of being on the streets again, please pray for the Holy Spirit to do a work in his life.
23. Please pray for all the prison staff and chaplains at this time as they deal with a multitude of different issues and behavioural problems.
24. Please pray for the men that our teams meet in prison through our regular Bible studies that they would receive Christ as their saviour.
25. **M** to become more consistent in his drug recovery process. He gets clean and does ok for a short while. Please pray that through Jesus he can find freedom.
26. **L** is trying to give up drugs and longs to live without them, please pray that he would have an encounter with God and that he would be delivered from addiction.
27. **N** has become regular in the Bible group and is hearing the gospel for the first time. Pray for his heart to be opened.
28. **P** has failed several times, even after being given help, due to his alcohol problem. Pray for real change and a new life.
29. **R** has been a great help but now faces a serious health issue. Please pray that he will be restored.
30. **W, A, and T** that they will remember the good times they had in the Bible group and all that they learned and that they will turn to the Lord.
31. Pray for wisdom, strength and encouragement for all those serving the marginalised and vulnerable in our society.