

member of the Church of England, I have been involved with work with other denominations and free churches for all of my adult life, and value what I learn from other Christians.

In your unfailing love, you will lead the people you have redeemed  
(Exodus 15:13)

I strongly believe in the redemptive power of Jesus to help us change our lives if we just invite him in, and also in God's unfailing love for all of us, whoever we are and whatever we may have done in the past. My prayer as I begin my role at GMCC is that through our work, in partnership with the various prison chaplaincy teams, we will help men and women to discover this truth for themselves, and to come to a relationship with God that enables them to make a new start.

As I write this, I am still "new" (starting my third week in post) and am just getting to grips with who's who and how best to fulfil my role here but hope that by the time you are reading it a little over a month from now that I will be well into the swing of things. I am looking forward to working with our clients whatever their beliefs and their needs, supporting them to start afresh and fulfil their potential.

I would like to thank all of you who receive the Prison Prayer Letter for your ongoing support and prayers.

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**for more photos and info.**

Many of you will not know that chaplain Mark was only with us for a short time. He accepted a call from the church where he belongs to help establish a new congregation in Amsterdam. This has meant a complete change for him and his family and we are sure you will join us in praying that God will bless this new venture. This left us with the task of finding someone willing to join us and face all the challenges of this crucial but difficult work. We are so pleased to be able to report that Abby Ogier has joined us and here she tells us a little about herself. She values your prayers and support.

#### Introducing our New Chaplain

My name is Abby, and I am the newest member of the team at GMCC. I am working each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as a Chaplain within the team, and will usually be around between 9.30am and 3pm (unless I am out visiting clients or colleagues elsewhere). I am delighted to have joined the team.

My background is as a Youth and Community Worker, and I have spent the past 16 years working for the national charity Barnardo's, most recently managing their services across the North West for families affected by domestic abuse. This involved working with all those involved, children and parents, those who were causing harm, those who were victims and those who were both at different times.

Outside of my paid work, I am currently training to be a Reader in the Church of England (Reader being the Anglican term for nationally licensed lay ministers), and I will be licensed as a Reader in the Team Ministry of Wythenshawe on 8<sup>th</sup> July at Manchester Cathedral. Although I am a lifelong



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1. J, P and B have attended courses and services at the chapel many times but still struggle with addiction. Pray for their deliverance from this habit.
2. T has stopped getting involved in any activities and has isolated himself from everyone at the moment. Pray that he will get involved again.
3. Pray for all the Alpha and bible study groups held in prison, that many will continue to attend and find faith, forgiveness and true freedom.
4. M has completed the Sycamore Tree course and seems like a new man. Pray that he will continue to grow in faith and understanding.
5. S has recently seen his teenage son for the first time in 7 years. Pray that their relationship will strengthen and they will make up for lost time.
6. R wants to find his faith again and is down for the next bible study. Pray that nothing will keep him from attending and that he will be restored.
7. D, L, P and M are due for release this summer and are feeling very anxious about this. Pray that preparations will go well and they will find the support they need.
8. Brightline Christian band and The Royal Standard both recently held successful gospel presentations at HMP Thorn Cross. Give thanks for all those who attended and those who made a commitment to Christ.
9. D, P, M and M have all suffered bereavements in the last month. Pray that they will know comfort, peace and hope for the future.
10. J is very low and can't see many reasons to keep on living. Pray that he will find renewed hope and a sense of purpose.
11. M's son is very poorly at the moment. Pray for healing and strength at this difficult time.
12. L is hoping to get help to deal with abuse that he suffered as a child. Pray that the appropriate support will become available.
13. D has a long standing addiction to alcohol and now has a pressing health issue. Pray for his healing and deliverance.
14. P has been doing well but is starting to go downhill again. Pray that this decline will end and that by repentance and faith he will be restored.
15. M is an older prisoner struggling as a result of being away from his family. Pray that he will be able to cope well and find the support he needs.

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16. Pray for Christie Spurling, N-Gage ministries and Gus Eyre and their work in prisons and supporting ex-offenders.
17. A is anxious about some of the problems his family have on the outside and is frustrated that he can't do much to help. Pray that he will have the faith to pray for them and be encouraged by good news soon.
18. H is due for release and hoping to be out before his terminally ill mother dies. Pray for God's grace in this really difficult situation.
19. J was very close to his grandfather who has now died. He has applied to go to the funeral, so pray that this will be allowed.
20. T's son is struggling to keep on the straight and narrow. Pray for his safety and that T will have guidance and wisdom in how to help.
21. D's brother has kidney failure and D wants to donate a kidney. Pray for wisdom and a good outcome.
22. Lyn and Mick Connolly are going to release their book "Son of a Preacher Man". Pray that many prisoners will have the opportunity to read this life-changing book.
23. B & M are hoping to represent Thorn Cross at a Halle event in Scotland. Pray that this will be fruitful.
24. S, who knows the Lord, has recently been released. Pray that his faith will strengthen and sustain him and that things will go well.
25. A wants God to free him from anger. Pray that he will have the help of the Holy Spirit as he learns to cope with difficult feelings in a better way.
26. Beci runs the Reflex outreach ministry at Thorn Cross. Pray for wisdom, strength and anointing for her and all those involved in this amazing ministry.
27. D is unhappy and fearful where he is living. Pray for safety, wisdom and the resolution of this situation.
28. G is recovering from addiction but struggling with mental health issues. Pray for his safety, healing and blessing as he searches for faith.
29. S is struggling to come to terms with the death of his mother. Pray that he will find peace of mind and comfort.
30. J has been through a difficult period but is thankful that good things have happened for him recently. Pray that God will continue to work in his life.