

In January 2016 I started to volunteer at GMCC, initially I said that I only wanted to work Tuesday and Wednesday, but again God had other ideas for me so I was then asked to take minutes at a meeting on Mondays, so this I did. Money was a bit tight so again after much prayer, two vacancies became available for six paid hours per week; I applied for the post and was successful, so now I am the café/admin support.



I really enjoy my work here, and love getting to know people and being able to chat to both our clients and

customers I serve, and of course my colleagues. There are so many needy people come into the café who need help in many different ways, not just financially some just to have conversation. I feel that the work I do is very rewarding, and I am where God wants me to be and doing what he wants me to do.

Andrea Reid

Café/Admin Support

Answered Prayers

A wonderfully successful Sycamore Tree course with 19 out of 20 prisoners completing the course

A is back on courses, totally off drugs. Oh Yes!

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PRISON PRAYER LETTER JANUARY 2020

This month our article has been written by Andrea, one of our faithful staff/volunteers, who has been with us since January 2016. and now works on 4 days each week.

She is an integral part of the team and has become the face of Café Central. Thanks to Andrea and all the other volunteers we are able to continue the work we do.



Andrea's story

After working in the NHS for 26 years, the Lord told me it was my time to finish.

So after much prayer by myself and close friends, I decided to take early retirement from the NHS. But my biggest question and thoughts were what I would do with all this spare time, but God had already got that planned out for me.

In the mid 80's I, along with others from my church, started to attend the prison rallies at the Methodist building, this gave me an interest in the prison fellowship. As I worked full time I couldn't get involved, but I always felt that someday I would like to get involved in some way.

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- 1 C is very tearful at being in prison during this season especially as it has happened before.
- 2 D who is waiting to go to a secure hospital, that the provision will be made at the right time for him
- 3 C whose mother died recently, that he will find comfort and support in this difficult time.
- 4 Please remember all in the prison estate keeping our prisons working over the holiday period and maintaining public safety.
- 5 J who lost a close family member recently, that he and his family have continued support
- 6 C whose brother has died in tragic circumstances, that he receives the love and compassion he needs
- 7 J whose faith is something secret, that he becomes free of whatever is holding him back from sharing his faith
- 8 P who recently started a new job, that he is able to flourish and excel in his new role.
- 9 M. Young man who needs to be filled the Holy Spirit
- 10 T is experiencing family upset and is very frustrated he isn't able to do much as he is in prison.
- 11 D who is very knowledgeable of the Bible pray for a close walk with Jesus
- 12 M an older prisoner who can't see the point in carrying on, that he has renewed hope and a sense of purpose.
- 13 P recently moved to rehab – for firmness and faith
- 14 S who got out just before Christmas and was very anxious about this.
- 15 A who is hoping to get permission to visit a relative.
- 16 M who is no longer suicidal and fully involved in chaplaincy activities, pray for his salvation

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- 17 D and J who are volatile and complex men who are hard to help, that someone can get through to them
- 18 Pray for all our homeless clients in this cold weather, that they are supported and safe.
- 19 M is new to the justice system and very nervous about being in prison, pray for peace of mind
- 20 J who is waiting for sentencing and is expecting a long time, that he finds favour and has peace during this tense time.
- 21 D whose dad is terminally ill and who has come back to Manchester so he can visit him.
- 22 Pray for A & A two new GMCC clients who we are very happy to support throughout their time with us
- 23 Pray for the Chaplaincy team at Styal Prison, for all of the hard work they do with the women in their care.
- 24 O is struggling with issues of guilt around his offences. He is working hard at making sense of these feelings
- 25 That S will respond to one of our volunteers who is trying to get in contact with him
- 26 J and C who were released in November, that they are doing well in society.
- 27 That R receives the housing and support he needs to continue doing well since he's left prison
- 28 For E who is going through the immigration process, that she has favour at this time
- 29 R who states he wants to become a better man that he is encouraged and supported by those around him.
- 30 M who is struggling following an assault in another prison, that he is comforted and supported.
- 31 M. Young man who needs to discern between superstition and scriptural practice, that he would be led by the Holy Spirit alone.