

In August 2021 I was released with nowhere to live. I stayed at my Nana's overnight and went back to GMCC the next morning. Everyone there was delighted to see me and they started helping me find accommodation, alongside my Adult Social Worker, I eventually got temporary accommodation with the Salvation Army through Salford Council. In October 2021 I started volunteering with GMCC primarily as an office worker but that changed to working in the Cafe and Kitchen as well. Over the next few months the council kept trying to remove me from the hostel! Fortunately, in August 2022, Salvation Army offered me a flat in the building next door which they owned. A year after I was released I moved in to my new flat which God had provided for me. Over the next year and 3 quarters I have made lots of new friends and continued working with GMCC and continuing to build a relationship with God.

Throughout all my difficult times God has looked after and provided for me as one of his children and all I've needed to do is put my faith and trust in him. Remember God always has a plan for everybody even if it isn't clear.

GMCC Client and volunteer R

Café Central is part of Greater Manchester Community Chaplaincy (GMCC), a Manchester based charity whose vision is to help offenders and ex-offenders of all faiths and none to positively reintegrate into society.

Café Central is staffed by volunteers, over 50% who have had a "lived experience" of offending and who are in the process of rebuilding their lives. Café Central began as a place for clients of GMCC to meet with our team and enjoy a hot drink and chat. It has since developed into a professional 5\* food hygiene rated kitchen and Café open to the public offering a wide range of meals and providing outside catering.

The Café also provides training to clients in hospitality and catering and since 2014 has provided training/cooking skills to many and over the last 18 months 12 volunteers have gained accredited qualifications of which 5 have gone onto paid employment and the rest on to further study or other opportunities.

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**PRISON PRAYER LETTER JUNE 2024**

Back in June 2017, I had just got my own place, was in a relationship, was in college, had a voluntary job and loads of friends; but did not have a relationship with God.

My whole life changed though, when I was arrested! I lost my friends, my relationship and voluntary job, plus my college place and accommodation were likely to be lost too. I was in an extremely difficult place mentally because of the court case, and started to think about building a relationship with God.

In April 2018 I was sent to HMP Manchester, where I struggled at first, but eventually got a job in the printshop: and not long after I decided to attend a Church of England service, where I met Kath.

I continued going to Church and joined the Bible Study Kath ran on my wing and a few months later I got a job in the printshop which I felt God had provided for me.

In October 2019 I was released from prison into a probation hostel! the following day I signed up to GMCC, where I found all the staff, volunteers and other clients really helpful and friendly. I started attending their Thursday groups and continued building a relationship with God.

In January 2020 I moved out of the probation hostel into new accommodation. It was extremely unclean, but God provided me with alternative accommodation a few weeks later. In early March 2020 I was recalled to HMP Forest Bank I struggled there but was fortunate to get a move to HMP Wymott a couple weeks later- then lockdown started- a week after I arrived! I was sharing with a guy, but it was difficult, a couple of weeks later I was moved to a wing with a



whole room to myself. I struggled on the first landing but God looked out for me and moved me to a different landing, and I made plenty of friends there and got provided with a job.

## June 2024

- 1 Please pray for all children who have parents in prison-especially at this time, when they are taking exams, SATs, GCSEs, etc
- 2 Please give comfort and healing to J. who has cancer
- 3 We lift up in prayer the family of C. who died recently.
- 4 Please Lord would you send a job of work for T.
- 5 N. Asks for prayer for his ongoing health problems.
- 6 Dear lord, we pray for peace in all those countries of the world in which there is conflict.
- 7 An anonymous person ask for prayer for his father, 'he is a good man but needs prayer'
- 8 We pray for a successful and permanent healing for D. after his recent operation
- 9 Dear Lord, would you please send comfort and resources to all those who, on their release from prison, are in poverty.
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- 11 . Thank you Lord, for all those who, out of their own resources, provide financially and practically to help those released from prison.
- 12 Please strengthen N who is dealing with the challenges of yet a third cancer diagnosis.
- 13 For peace in the communities which make up Greater Manchester: on the streets, in the homes and in peoples lives.
- 14 Please come in power upon C and minister to the many issues, mental and emotional, which he has in his life.
- 15 Please provide an employer who will take on D. on his release from prison.

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- 16 We lift up E. before you Lord, who needs to make a plane journey and is very nervous.
- 17 Please minister in your power to S. who has a lot of mental health issues.
- 18 Thank you Lord for S. — thank you for their faithful service.
- 19 We hold up all the ladies who're imprisoned in HMP Styal at the moment, that each one would find peace and healing in their situation.
- 20 Dear Lord, please minister to K. who has slipped back — please renew his Faith & give him your Grace to get back on track.
- 21 Bless I. and A. as they settle into different jails ; that they would continue to progress.
- 22 Thank you Lord for G. and his unashamed excitement in the way his lives out his Faith on the Wing.
- 23 Thank you Father God for the way that you enable K. to relate the officers, especially those ones who escort the lads to the Services & Prayer Times.
- 24 Please pray for the Tuesday Bible study, and especially for A. who leads it.
- 25 We lift up to the Lord, M., who has struggled with drugs for years and has made many attempts to get free from their addiction.
- 26 Thank you Lord for those people who are skilled in computers and technology who use their skills to facilitate our Services, both inside the prisons and in the GMCC.
- 27 We pray for S. who has a heart for helping other people – that he himself will know the Lord more fully.
- 28 Please Lord, bless the Alpha team as they go into HMP Manchester to hold Bible studies.
- 29 Thank you Lord for the musicians and actors who provide their services for free to enhance our Sessions with the lads and girls, 'on the in' & 'on the out'.
- 30 Please bless T. Lord as she works so hard to pay her bills.