

Although we cannot replace the family that these precious people may or may not have or had we know that organisations like ours play a vital role in helping our people experience a bit of the magic of Christmas whether that is the trimmings that we have all become accustomed to or the infinitely more important cosmic significance of the real meaning of Christmas with our special services. God, coming as a baby to save all humanity.



As Christian charities we aim to reach the least, the last and the lost in different contexts. For us that is people who struggle with homelessness and for GMCC it is those who are in the prison system or who still live with the stigma of being ex-offenders. We understand that people need to know the hope of Jesus and even more so at Christmas time. We will both be doing Christmas services and Christmas parties to ensure that our people are included in celebrating this season.

Angela van Dinter
Faith Coordinator at Barnabus



If you are free please join us at GMCC for our Free Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17th December (please call us to book a place) and Thursday 18th December at 11am for a carol service (no need to book just turn up)

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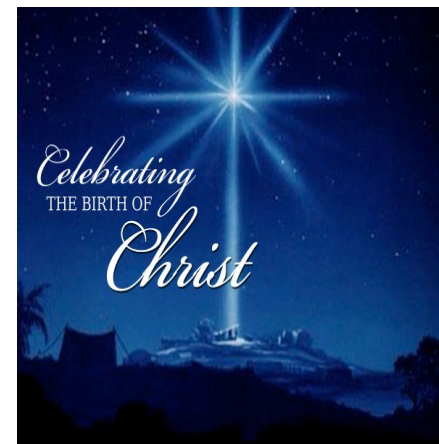
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Prison Prayer letter for December 2025

Christmas special

Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner. Christmas time is a very special time especially for us as Christians, because even though it is unlikely that Jesus was born in December it was more likely to have been at the end of October. However, as everyone has Christmas on their minds, let's remind them of the true meaning of Christmas.



The Christmas story is so familiar to many of us. Even those with no faith at all can recite the Nativity narrative with little prompting. It's easy to take that little boy in a shed for granted and forget the power and significance of the story which for believers is not only a story, but the narrative on which their whole lives hinge.

Why would billions of people base their whole lives on the story of a baby? This is not just an ordinary baby, this is a baby not born of two parents, but born of God and planted in a virgin's womb. This baby whose very name means Saviour Jesus would grow up to save all humanity. You see, He was not just a baby, he was God himself who came as his son to Save the world.

Despite being God this baby came in the most humble and vulnerable way possible, tiny and fragile he came into the world. It is true that both our guests at Barnabus and those who GMCC serve are not babies but it is true that in many ways they are vulnerable and fragile. Many are without support or family and they look to organisations like ours for that support.

December 2025

- 1 Pray for J at Forest bank, that truth may be revealed and justice will be done.
- 2 Pray for D, who was recently re-called back to prison
- 3 Pray for J, who has recently been released. That he might join the church that is welcoming to him.
- 4 J who is out in December and does not have much support.
- 5 D whose mum has just died.
- 6 D who has been locked in a negative and destructive cycle for a long time and cannot seem to change and find a new way forward.
- 7 Z who has moved on to a new jail which he feels positive about.
- 8 The men who have done the Alpha course in the last 2 months, that it will help them deepen their faith and draw closer to God.
- 9 S who is struggling to get in touch with his daughter.
- 10 J who has been told he cannot be in contact with his children (for good reasons) and he cannot accept this.
- 11 G who is a young man and has moved to Manchester recently for a fresh start.
- 12 C who has been made a Cat C and is keen to move to a Cat C jail to progress with his sentence.
- 13 Praise God for our chaplain R, who recently received his level 2 enhanced clearance
- 14 Praise God for our Christmas carol service and Christmas dinner that is happening in a few days times.
- 15 Pray for all of our guests / clients at GMCC as we close at Christmas.
- 16 Pray for J, who is waiting to hear from court soon.

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- 17 Pray for P, who has recently got out again after being recalled. Pray he settles in well again at GMCC.
- 18 Pray for more funding to come in, so all our staff can keep their jobs
- 19 Pray for all prisoners in the prisons we work with that they will manage to get through the holiday season.
- 20 Pray for all of the prison staff and workers who will have to work over this Christmas season.
- 21 Pray for S, one of our volunteers who still needs a miracle.
- 22 Pray for A, one of our other volunteers who needs your prayers.
- 23 Pray for the families of prisoners who will have to celebrate Christmas without their loved ones.
- 24 Pray today for the prisoners and staff in prison as they prepare for Christmas day.
- 25 Pray for all prisoners, ex-offenders and staff workers in the prisons across Manchester as today we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.
- 26 Pray for everyone in the prison system who have just had Christmas day yesterday.
- 27 Pray for everyone as we head towards the end of the year. Pray for all prisoners and prison workers.
- 28 Pray for all staff workers and volunteers who work with prisoners outside in the community as some have time off over Christmas.
- 29 Pray for refreshing for all of us at GMCC as our centre has been closed over Christmas and will be closed over new year.
- 30 Pray for all of us here at GMCC as we prepare to open up again next week.
- 31 Pray for our volunteers and staff as they start the new year 2026 afresh.