

<p>Monday 22nd January Please give thanks and praise to God for answering our prayers for a young lady who endured a serious assault last year. We prayed that she would find somewhere to live, her relationship with her daughter would be restored, and that she would reduce her alcohol intake. Praise God that all these things have happened!</p>	<p>Tuesday 23rd January Please give thanks for all the volunteers who give up their valuable time to help with the Street Life drop-in and the other projects within Urban Outreach. Pray that the Lord would bless them for their support and commitment.</p>	<p>Wednesday 24th January Please pray for an 11 year old known to RUNA. She is not reported missing often but from the contact RUNA has had with her appears to have much instability in her life. Please pray for her peace and safety and for her to become more settled and secure.</p>
<p>Thursday 25th January Please pray for Friends of Fun Food and all the team at Johnson Fold Pantry today as they continue to run the weekly food and sports events to encourage families to eat healthier meals and do more activities together. Pray that the team will be encouraged by seeing a lasting change in the families who have attended these sessions.</p>	<p>Friday 26th January Please pray for Laura as she goes off on maternity leave today. Pray for both her and the baby's protection during labour. Please also pray for Samuel and the family as a whole as a new generation is born and all the amazing changes that will take place. Pray also that the rest of the food team are able to take the extra work load on well!</p>	<p>Saturday 27th January The Friends of Fun Food team have been facilitating a three week Cooking on a Budget course at one of the male hostels in town. Please pray that this would be a positive way forward for the guys that attend, and that they would be better equipped to move on into their own accommodation.</p>
<p>Sunday 28th January Please pray for continuous positive relationships with professionals Urban Outreach interacts with. In this climate of 'cuts' please pray that we can be a source of support and help to any professionals who are struggling and feeling overwhelmed. We want to be salt and light! Matthew 5:13-16.</p>	<p>Monday 29th January Please thank God for Local Welfare Provision and its availability for so many people in crisis situations. We are so grateful that Bolton Council provide for those in difficult circumstances with access to food and utilities. Pray that through this people will be pointed in the direction of further support if needed and are able to move out of the situations they are in.</p>	<p>Tues 30th & Wed 31st January As the New Year is underway and as we focus on all that God has in store for 2018 please pray that everyone at Urban Outreach will be attuned to God's whisper and leading in all that we do as an organisation.</p>

"Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true." Hebrews 6:11

Prayer Diary

December '17 - January '18

"Bind up the broken hearted and set the captives free" Isaiah 61:1

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REGULAR THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Monday	Local Welfare Provision
Tuesday	Storehouse, Street Life Drop-In
Wednesday	Urban Outreach Team Time, Local Welfare Provision,
Thursday	Eve's Space with Probation
Friday	Local Welfare Provision, Winter Watch (January)
Saturday & Sunday	Winter Watch (January)

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Friday 1st December

Please pray for Dave as he does a lesson on justice to pupils at Bolton School today. Please also continue to pray for the preparation and logistics for the Christmas Dinner on Jesus project.

Saturday 2nd December

In September we prayed for a young lady battling alcohol addiction. She has made positive changes but her dad is terminally ill. She is attending church. Please pray that she finds the comfort she needs in God and that she doesn't start drinking again. Pray also for her dad as he is desperate to see his daughter change.

Sunday 3rd December

Dave is speaking at St Andrew's Church Advent Service this morning. We really appreciate the partnership we have with this Church as they seek to see the Gospel proclaimed in word and deed throughout Johnson Fold. Please pray that His Word will build the church up.

Monday 4th December

Please pray for a 16 year old and a 17 year old known to RUNA who currently both appear to be sofa surfing with friends. Pray that they will feel encouraged to choose more stable accommodation and that they would engage with the help that RUNA is offering them.

Tuesday 5th December

Please pray for two sisters that RUNA suspects are frequently missing from home even though it goes largely unreported. It would seem that this is the case too with other family members. Please pray for protection and that God would bring stability to this family.

Wednesday 6th December

Please pray for progress on an education health care support application for a boy in Year 6. He has no school place at the moment because he was excluded from his last school. The application is in progress and his needs are very complex. Please pray for the right educational setting for him and a quick assessment process.

Thursday 7th December

Please pray for a family who need a home. Pray that a house would be released to them quickly so that they don't have to keep staying with different family members. Pray for protection over the children and that they have a safe and settled family life very soon. Pray too for their parents to grow in confidence and keep implementing safe boundaries for the children.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Saturday 13th January

Please thank God for His amazing provision for Urban Outreach last year both in terms of finance and food. As we plan ahead for 2018 please pray that God would give us wisdom, faith to follow His leading and ongoing provision. Ask Him to provide for all our needs, in terms of funding, buildings, food, staff and volunteers.

Sunday 14th January

We ask for relaxation and spiritual refreshment as our thoughts and prayers go out today to all those clients we work with who have aches and yearnings for something greater than the life they presently have. Please ask that God use the staff and volunteers at Urban Outreach to reach and bring the Good News to all those that have an ear to hear.

Monday 15th January

Please pray for preparation for our trustees meeting on the 18th. Give thanks that the King remains Sovereign over all that we do, and pray that He will continue to be our guiding beacon of light over the year ahead.

Tuesday 16th January

Please pray for a 15 year old with mental health problems known to RUNA who has spent more than one period of time in crisis accommodation. Pray that he will have and accept the support that he needs to live a stable and peaceful life.

Wednesday 17th January

Please pray for a 13 year old known to RUNA who has experienced very troubling family events recently. Pray for healing and peace for the whole family and a brighter future away from abuse.

Thursday 18th January

Please pray for a young female who has just come out of rehabilitation for drugs and alcohol. This is a new start for her. Pray she gets her own property in a safe place, and does not return to her old life of sexual exploitation.

Friday 19th January

Please pray for a gentleman in his early 60's. He was previously evicted from his home and slept in a car. He came to UOB with many complex needs. Street Life has been able to get him accommodation in a small bungalow, registered him with a doctor, sorted his finances out and got all the relevant services involved. Pray that he would engage with the support on offer.

Saturday 20th January

Please pray for a lady we are working with who has severe mental health problems and is in and out of hospital because when she isn't coping she takes an overdose. Pray that we get a breakthrough with this lady and that she will receive the help she needs to help her get through this dark period in her life.

Sunday 21st January

Praise God for the gifts He has given each one of us so that we might serve others. Please pray for the Eve's Space team as we love and serve the women He has brought to us. Pray that we may faithfully display the grace and mercy we ourselves have received that they may know our Father's amazing love for them.

"For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." Isaiah 61:11

<p>Thursday 4th January Please join us in giving thanks for the amazing breakthroughs, miracles and answered prayers we have witnessed this past year. God is so good and we give Him all the glory and praise! Please ask God to push our faith and our expectations even higher as we look forward to what He is going to do in our town in 2018!</p>	<p>Friday 5th January Please pray for God's guidance and direction as we seek permanent solutions for the sorting and storage of items for our various food related projects. Give thanks for the week-in week-out generosity of individuals and organisations that support our work. Pray that in 2018 we will be able to extend our reach to all those in Bolton that He is calling us to support this year.</p>	<p>Saturday 6th January We have so much to thank our Heavenly Father for and as we focus on some of these things we can also bring to Him our concerns and requests for help. One of these is our desire for new office premises. We are outgrowing our present 'home' and as we pray as a team at UOB for wisdom and a way forward it would be great to know that you too are joining us.</p>
<p>Sunday 7th January 'Young people!' What is going on? Our young people seem to be under attack. Exploitation, peer pressure, sexuality issues, broken families, the list is endless. Our suggestion is to speak out that "enough is enough!" So, together let us 'explode' into prayer so that where there is darkness, light will expose these areas bringing God's freedom, hope and love.</p>	<p>Monday 8th January "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart!" The gift of new life is amazing and as we all wait in anticipation for the arrival of Samuel and Laura's first child please pray that all goes well. Pray that physically and emotionally God will prepare them for their baby's arrival as they embark upon their new adventure as a family.</p>	<p>Tuesday 9th January Please pray for a 14 year old and a 16 year old who are both in abusive relationships and have mental health problems. Please pray for protection, healing and a reduction in the missing incidents that make them so vulnerable.</p>
<p>Wednesday 10th January Please pray for all our volunteers at Urban Outreach, as they serve God and those needing our support across Bolton. Pray for our 'van team' who will be collecting and delivering food to foodbanks. Pray for safety and opportunity as they show God's love and concern to those we are feeding, and for their conversations with staff at agencies and food suppliers.</p>	<p>Thursday 11th January Please pray for a family to be flooded with the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be freed from religious rules. Pray that God would break in powerfully with His truth and show them who Jesus is.</p>	<p>Friday 12th January Please pray for each and every member of the UOB team; that we would grow in our knowledge and love of the Lord, that we would continually be filled to over-flowing by His Spirit and that His love, grace, mercy and compassion would flow out of us to each and every person we meet.</p>

"Do not be anxious about anything; but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

<p>Friday 8th December Please praise God for answered prayer regarding a lady working with Eve's Space who has managed to escape a dangerous domestic violence situation. She is acknowledging His hand on her life. Please continue to pray for her as she begins her new life and everything that entails, physically and emotionally and that she would continue to know His presence.</p>	<p>Saturday 9th December Please pray for a mother and adult son who recently both made a commitment and accepted Jesus into their lives. They are vulnerable to the temptation of things that they are trying to put behind them. Please pray that they would fall more and more in love with Jesus and that He would give them the strength to stand firm.</p>	<p>Sunday 10th December Please give thanks to God for a woman who invited God into her life three years ago. She has been on a journey but has now left rehab and is totally substance free. Pray that she continues to grow in her relationship with Jesus and that as she settles back into the community and church that people will surround her with prayer, love and practical support.</p>
<p>Monday 11th December Please pray for a mum who has just lost her baby in the early stages of pregnancy, and also for her young son. Pray for God's comfort and love to wrap around them so they can feel Him tangibly. Pray for them to be drawn to Him in the radiant warmth of His love and light. Please thank God for His provision of a new flat for them in a peaceful area, free from anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>Tuesday 12th December Please pray for Storehouse as we open this morning. Pray for protection and for Christ-centred conversations of hope, life and love with the clients that come in. We want people to leave Storehouse different from when they come in and it is only through God that this can happen.</p>	<p>Wednesday 13th December Please pray for a teenage boy who is struggling with his education and keeps truanting from school. Ask God to flood His heart with peace and an enthusiasm about school, and to give him his love for football back. Please also pray that he would make confident, safe choices to stay away from a negative peer group who drink and take drugs. Pray for God to completely remove the desire to use substances.</p>
<p>Thursday 14th December As the Christmas Dinner on Jesus project comes closer please pray for all involved. Ask that the project runs smoothly, that the costs are covered and that those nominated will be blessed this Christmas in receiving their hamper.</p>	<p>Friday 15th December Please pray for two 17 year olds known to RUNA who spend lots of time with undesirable friends and girlfriends. Pray that they will make use of the opportunities in their supported accommodation and choose positive and healthy relationships.</p>	<p>Saturday 16th December Please pray for a soon-to-be 18 year old known to RUNA whose girlfriend is expecting a baby imminently. He has been moved out of Bolton. Pray for nurturing and safety as he goes through these changes in his life.</p>

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

<p>Sunday 17th December What an opportunity we all have at this time of year to share 'The Love of God.' Please pray for everyone involved in Christmas Dinner on Jesus whether donating food, packing, delivering or in fact receiving a hamper. Ask that everyone will be impacted and encouraged by seeing God's amazing love in action!</p>	<p>Monday 18th December We are always conscious that Christmas can be such a tough time for many of those we work with. Please join us in praying for opportunities to share the joy and hope of Christmas with them this week.</p>	<p>Tuesday 19th December As the Streetlife Drop In opens it's doors at The Restore Centre today and every Tuesday, please pray for the Lord's anointing on the workers and volunteers. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance when dealing with the many diverse problems that people come with and pray they would leave the Centre with a new hope for their lives.</p>
<p>Wednesday 20th December Thank you for praying for all of our clients that are struggling with their addictions. Thank God for the wonderful support they receive from the drug and alcohol team we have in our town. Together let us pray for this service, especially for the staff who face difficult decisions each day.</p>	<p>Thursday 21st December As we make the final preparations for Christmas Dinner on Jesus please pray for the logistics of delivering the Christmas hampers, for the last minute packing and sorting out of routes. Pray that the weather and traffic are kind tomorrow to the people who are giving up their time to deliver the hampers.</p>	<p>Friday 22nd December Woohoo! Today is distribution day for Christmas Dinner on Jesus! We thank God that Jesus is right in the midst of all that is going on today. Please pray for the team and all the volunteers, businesses and agencies that are involved. Pray that everything runs smoothly and safely and pray that each recipient of a hamper be touched by Him and His love for them.</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd December Please pray for the people who are finding it difficult financially at this time of year, especially as the secular media and shops put the focus on the materialistic part of this season. Help people to find peace and joy in spending time with family and pray that they can gain a fresh revelation of the real meaning of Christmas.</p>	<p>Sunday 24th December Christmas can be a difficult time for so many people – money worries, loneliness, bereavement and past experiences can all be contributing factors. Please pray for those around Bolton that will suffer instead of celebrate this Christmas. Pray that the hope and peace that is proclaimed will somehow be realised in each of their lives.</p>	<p>Monday 25th December As thousands of people open their Christmas Dinner on Jesus hampers today please thank God that the name of Jesus is being proclaimed in so many households. Let us pray that the hampers bring the joy intended to these households this Christmas and that the effect will continue to ripple into the New Year and beyond.</p>

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound." Isaiah 61:1

<p>Tuesday 26th December Please pray for a 15 year old that we are working with who has been placed in accommodation in Bolton. Please pray for more suitable accommodation to be found for him and for a more positive future away from crime and exploitation.</p>	<p>Wednesday 27th December Please pray for a 14 year old known to RUNA who is getting involved in antisocial behaviour and carrying weapons. Please pray for safety and that she receives the help she needs to have a positive life and a joyful future.</p>	<p>Thursday 28th December Please pray for siblings aged 12 and 13 known to RUNA. One sibling has recently been taken into care and the family have also recently experienced bereavement, violence, illness and a birth! Please pray for peace for the whole family.</p>
<p>Friday 29th December Please pray for a 14 year old known to RUNA who is currently sofa surfing between unknown friends and people met on social media. She is putting herself in potentially risky situations. Pray for a more settled and safe future.</p>	<p>Saturday 30th December Please pray for a 17 year old and a 16 year old who are both in relationships with sex offenders. Pray that they will be freed from abusive, exploitative people and be able to develop more positive and healthy relationships.</p>	<p>Sunday 31st December Every worker's heart at Urban Outreach is to see people saved, healed, restored and entering into all God had planned and purposed for them since before they were formed in their mother's wombs. Please pray for even more souls to be saved in 2018.</p>
<p>Monday 1st January Praise God for the New Year! Let us spend time today giving God the glory He deserves for all that He has done for us, giving us new life in Jesus. Romans 5 v 8 'But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' Thank you Lord!</p>	<p>Tuesday 2nd January As most of the UOB team come back to work today, pray we would return refreshed and renewed by His Spirit ready to continue the work He has called us to do. Pray that His love and compassion would flow through us to all that we meet.</p>	<p>Wednesday 3rd January As Winter Watch opens this Friday please pray for the food team and our valued volunteers as they prepare to get the Restore Centre ready. Pray that God would protect and equip them for the tasks that need to be completed. Pray also for safety as they prepare and cook the meals for this weekend.</p>

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and he shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end." Isaiah 9:6