

<p>Monday 23rd July Please pray for a young lady whose baby is soon to go up for adoption. Pray that she copes with the heartbreak, and manages to change her lifestyle, so that in future years, should the child wish to find her birth mother, she will find someone who has matured and settled down. Please pray that the baby be placed in a loving, stable and ideally Christian home.</p>	<p>Tuesday 24th July The Friends of Fun Food team will be embarking on a 'food adventure' as part of the Bolton Lunches project over the summer holidays. Please pray the children will be inspired and have fun creating new and yummy dishes. <i>"Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger"</i> (Psalm 8:2).</p>	<p>Wednesday 25th July Please pray that the Friends of Fun Food one-to-one sessions continue to be successful with clients at Urban Outreach. These sessions allow clients to develop their cookery skills and help them switch off for a couple of hours from the other, often chaotic situations going on in their lives.</p>
<p>Thursday 26th July Praise God for the transformation that He has made in one of the ladies from Eve's Space. After many years of non-engagement with various professionals, she is now engaging and her life is unrecognisable to what it once was. And most importantly she has had a spiritual transformation and is now a child of God!</p>	<p>Friday 27th July Please pray today for all our volunteers who so kindly offer their time to Urban Outreach. This allows us to offer the range of services we do in our various projects throughout the year. Today as volunteers come to help in preparation for our Storehouse food bank pray that they will get a real sense that what they are doing is of great importance to what God is doing here in our town.</p>	<p>Saturday 28th July Congratulations to our Office Administrator, Sam and her fiancée Mike today on this their wedding day! Please pray for them as they commit before God to sharing the rest of their lives together. Pray that all runs smoothly for them throughout this special day and that God's abundant blessing remains upon them as they and their family begin this new season together.</p>
<p>Sunday 29th July Please pray for a 14 year old young person that is not from the area but has been placed in care in Bolton. He has anger issues and is regularly going missing. Pray for God's peace that surpasses all understanding to flood his heart and pray that he would begin to feel settled and secure in his placement.</p>	<p>Monday 30th July Please thank God for a looked after young person who has gone a few weeks without being reported as missing. Please pray that his care home continue to manage his risk taking behaviours and help him understand the consequences of his actions.</p>	<p>Tuesday 31st July Please praise God that a 12 year old that RUNA has been supporting is no longer going missing from home. Pray for peace and stability during the next few months as big changes take place in his family.</p>

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

Prayer Diary
June - July '18

Three circular images: 1. Friends of Fun Food Bolton Lunches logo with text 'THE ADVENTURE BEGINS' and 'we love food and holidays'. 2. Hands clasped in prayer. 3. A sign that says 'Hope'.

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

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REGULAR THINGS TO PRAY FOR			Friday 1st June
Monday	Local Welfare Provision, Bolton Lunches		Dave is returning from a trip to Romania where he has visited a charity that works with some of the poorest communities. This new foundation he is involved with will send people from the UK to help build new homes and support individuals. He will also be talking to the charity about trafficking and modern slavery. Please pray for his safe return and for positive opportunities.
Tuesday	Storehouse, Street Life Drop-In, Bolton Lunches		
Wednesday	Urban Outreach Team Time, Local Welfare Provision, Bolton Lunches		
Thursday	Eve's Space with Probation, Bolton Lunches		
Friday	Local Welfare Provision, Bolton Lunches		
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Saturday 2nd June	Sunday 3rd June	Monday 4th June	
In light of your prayer support yesterday, please will you continue to pray for our 'No Hiding Place' initiative? We are very keen to see this roll out across the town as the issue of exploitation and modern slavery is a growing problem.	<i>"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).</i> Please pray for the UOB team today as they rest, spend quality time with God and with their families. May they be re-energised and not knowing what the week ahead holds, take hold of the scripture that says <i>"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself" (Matthew 6:34).</i>	Please pray for a lady who has been badly exploited and groomed since the age of 12. She has been plied with drugs and alcohol by her abusers for many years and finds it hard to go a day without something to block out the memories. She is now at a Christian project, out of Bolton that specialises in this area of abuse. Please pray for freedom, healing and restoration.	
Tuesday 5th June	Wednesday 6th June	Thursday 7th June	
Please pray for several young people known to RUNA that are thought to be involved in gangs and drug dealing. These individuals are currently not engaging with any of the services that are trying to help and their families are finding it hard to cope. Pray for God to intervene in these situations and bring breakthrough and fresh hope to these young people.	Please pray for our Leadership Team as they meet this morning. Pray that God will provide clear guidance to help the team make wise decisions. Pray that all our staff team, trustees and volunteers remain strong, receptive and attuned to His guiding hand in all we do.	Please pray for our Friends of Fun Food team who are providing a demonstration at New Bury Pantry today. Give thanks for the positive relationships we are developing with pantry members and the continued support, guidance and skills we are providing to help them escape poverty.	

"Blessed is the man that trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord" Jeremiah 17:7.

Saturday 14th July	Sunday 15th July	Monday 16th July
Please pray for the many people we see every week through the Street Life project. Pray they would see the love of God through everything we do and that this would help lead to them finding God for themselves. <i>"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (Romans 8:32).</i>	Give thanks for the individuals and churches that are faithfully supporting our work week in, week out. Please pray that God will direct us as we explore how we can support individual churches to address poverty within their community. Pray for His continued blessings upon us in bringing more people into His arms, His love, and His Kingdom.	<i>"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:18-19).</i> Please praise God for a young person who has settled into a new school and is doing really well. Pray for continued success, sustained friendship and good emotional wellbeing.
Tuesday 17th July	Wednesday 18th July	Thursday 19th July
As the Street Life Drop-in takes place at the Restore Centre this afternoon please pray for the Lord's anointing on the workers and volunteers. Pray too for His wisdom and guidance when dealing with the many diverse problems that the people come with and pray they would leave the centre with a fresh sense of hope for their lives.	Please pray for the workers at BAND, a mental health charity in Bolton, who partner with us on the Support First project. Please pray that as they work with people with poor mental health that they are able to spend time looking after their own wellbeing and are able to find rest in their busy lives.	Please pray for the trustees of Urban Outreach as they meet today. The trustees play an important role in helping shape the direction of the charity and in making sure that we keep to our mission and values. Pray for a blessing on their lives as they undertake this work and ask that God would continue to give them insight and wisdom.
Friday 20th July	Saturday 21st July	Sunday 22nd July
Please thank God for a Support First client. He came to us with a long history of poor mental health, poor housing and drug and alcohol misuse. We have been able to support him into accessing services for his mental health and addictions and he has been rehoused in a flat with mental health support. For the first time in his life he feels comfortable, happy and supported.	The Bolton Lunches project starts in two days. Please pray for all the staff and volunteers involved that are giving up their time to serve on this amazing project. We thank God for His provision and that through this project the financial pressure on families can be reduced this summer.	As the summer holidays begin we are mindful of families that will have their children at home with very little money to do anything with them. Please pray that God would equip parents and carers with creativity, energy and patience and that the holidays be a really positive time for families across Bolton.

"As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes everything" Ecclesiastes 11:5.

<p>Thursday 5th July Please pray for a young person with emotional health problems who continues to self-harm. As she struggles with poor self-esteem and friendships, ask that God would give her confidence in her own ability and the knowledge that she is precious in His sight.</p>	<p>Friday 6th July Unity has always been a critical element to what God is doing in Bolton and remains a key element to all we do in Urban Outreach and how we serve the Church and the Borough of Bolton. Please would you pray for protection for the unity of the town and also unity within Urban Outreach.</p>	<p>Saturday 7th July Preparation for our Bolton Lunches project is well underway. Please pray for all those who will be volunteering to make the lunches but most of all for the young people who will be receiving them. We are humbled by the opportunity to provide these lunches to children over the summer holiday and by the breadth of support we get to make this happen.</p>
<p>Sunday 8th July In March we asked you to pray that the implementation of our new client database would happen smoothly. Implementation went well and the database has now been in operation for two months, helping us provide effective support for our clients. Please give thanks to God for this.</p>	<p>Monday 9th July Please pray for two siblings, aged 14 and 9 that are going missing but are not being reported as missing by their parents. Pray that the parents will work better with services to resolve the underlying issues and that the children would feel more secure and happier in their home environment.</p>	<p>Tuesday 10th July Please pray for a 15 year old that RUNA is working with who is thought to be in an abusive relationship. Pray for wisdom for those that are working with her to help educate her and help empower her to break away from this relationship.</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th July Please pray for peace in a family where there has been physical violence from the teenage son towards his mother. Pray for closeness, love and joy in the relationships between the mother, father and their son and that they are able to put some positive routines and boundaries in place for him.</p>	<p>Thursday 12th July Please pray for peace, love and complete restoration in the relationship between a mother and her eleven year old son. Pray that the mother has the strength, insight and perseverance to change her interactions with him, and that there are less incidents of conflict as a result.</p>	<p>Friday 13th July Please pray for a mother who is struggling to manage on her own with six children while their father is working away all week. She is frequently tearful and can get to the end of her patience easily. Pray that she would feel God's comfort and that He would bring her the right help at the right time.</p>

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants" (Deuteronomy 32 v 2).

<p>Friday 8th June A large family are struggling to keep on top of home conditions due to a variety of health and educational needs. Please pray that relationships with professionals are secured, the right support is put in place and that as a result conditions at home are improved and maintained.</p>	<p>Saturday 9th June Please pray for Jo and Gaynor as they bring the Friends of Fun Food project to Year 6 pupils at Moorgate School today. To help engage the children they have based the lesson on food origins and exploring new foods. Pray that the sessions will be fun and the children will be responsive to tasting new foods and trying the recipes at home.</p>	<p>Sunday 10th June Dave will be preaching at Deane United Reformed Church's 'Sermon's Day' service today. Please pray for a fresh anointing on Dave this morning and pray that God would use his words to inspire and encourage the congregation.</p>
<p>Monday 11th June Please thank God for the generosity of the people of this town. We are constantly over-whelmed by acts of kindness and generosity from individuals, schools, churches and other organisations. We could not do all that we do without this amazing support. Pray for God's blessing and favour upon all those who donate food and those that give their time, skills and money to support us.</p>	<p>Tuesday 12th June Today our Friends of Fun Food Team will be at the Storehouse food bank demonstrating how to use and cook the vegetables and fruit that we are donated from some of the large supermarkets. Pray that we will be able to encourage those who come along with easy, tasty and healthy recipes that they can try making at home.</p>	<p>Wednesday 13th June Please pray for a 15 year looked after child old known to RUNA who now lives out of area but went missing from his placement recently. Please pray that he would receive the right support in this new placement and that he wouldn't drift back into association with old contacts in Bolton.</p>
<p>Thursday 14th June We are privileged to be able to work closely with Greater Manchester Police on a number of issues. Please can you pray today for breakthroughs in exposing complicated crime groups in our town and that justice will be done.</p>	<p>Friday 15th June Please pray for a gentleman in his early sixties who has been evicted from his home due to rent arrears. Street Life is in the process of getting him a flat. Pray that he would engage with relevant services to get the help he needs to sort out his various issues.</p>	<p>Saturday 16th June Please pray for a 14 year old and her circle of friends. They frequently go missing but it often goes un-reported by their families. Whilst missing they are participating in a lot of anti-social behaviour. Pray for the involvement of the right services to help address the underlying issues with the young people themselves and also with their families. Pray that as a result there would be positive changes in the situation.</p>

"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them" Mark 11:24.

<p>Sunday 17th June Please pray for the provision of a home for a Street Life client. He is existing and not living at the moment and has so much potential but feels held back by his living situation. He is reaching out for help...and we know the One who provides, protects and loves. Please pray that God would break in to his situation.</p>	<p>Monday 18th June Please join us today as we pray for guidance in pursuing the vision for the former Baptist Church. This is an amazing gift from God and we are excited about the potential.</p>	<p>Tuesday 19th June Please pray for a boy that has been referred to RUNA Support. There are numerous concerns for his welfare and he is refusing to go to school or engage with any support on offer. Please pray that the truth will come to light and that he will open up and accept the help that is being offered to him.</p>
<p>Wednesday 20th June As children from Sunning Hill and Haslam Park Primary Schools attend an open day at the Restore Centre today, pray that the children will be moved, inspired and encouraged by the work that we do. Pray also that the staff enjoy the day and are able to build upon what is learnt back in the school environment.</p>	<p>Thursday 21st June Thank you for praying for a client who was struggling with alcohol. She has now admitted that she needs help and has been admitted to a rehab. It is not going to be easy for her but please pray that God stays with her on this journey and that she comes home clean, determined and ready for the changes that abstinence brings.</p>	<p>Friday 22nd June Please pray for a man that was known to Urban Outreach four years ago. He was quite chaotic at the time and we managed to accommodate him away from negative influences. He recently got in touch to let us know that he has found God and that he no longer uses any substances! Pray that he finds the right people to surround him and a church where he can grow in faith.</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd June Please thank God for the opportunity to feed those who are hungry through Local Welfare Provision. Pray for the individuals and families that are applying for this service, that they would be blessed by God in the midst of their hardships.</p>	<p>Sunday 24th June Please pray for one of our Storehouse guests. Her partner has been diagnosed with aggressive late stage cancer and she is very anxious about their future. Please pray for complete healing for her partner and peace and strength during this difficult time for the whole family.</p>	<p>Monday 25th June As we prepare for Bolton Lunches, there is a real sense of excitement and anticipation growing. What a privilege it is to be a part of a Borough-wide effort to tackle child hunger over the summer holidays. Praise God for this opportunity and please pray for all the logistical elements involved in bringing this project together.</p>

"He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea" Psalm 102:17

<p>Tuesday 26th June Please pray for an Eve's Space lady who previously dis-engaged from our support but is now being honest about her needs and has asked for help. She is still quite chaotic but pray that her change of mind-set will continue and that God would help us to help her turn her life around.</p>	<p>Wednesday 27th June Praise God for His provision of a place of safety for a Street Life client. After many years of homelessness and feeling beyond help she is now fully engaging with the support on offer. She is being given a chance of long term accommodation. Please pray that God would break through the strongholds and addictions in her life and bring her to faith and true freedom.</p>	<p>Thursday 28th June Urban Outreach is committed to share God's love and goodness to all those we connect with as an organisation. Please pray that we will always "...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).</p>
<p>Friday 29th June Please pray for a 13 year old that RUNA are working with who has a very volatile and argumentative relationship with her mother. Pray that both the teenager and the mother will engage with mediation services to help improve their communication and pray for peace and healing in their relationship.</p>	<p>Saturday 30th June Some of the young people that RUNA work with have significant mental health problems. In particular, please pray for peace and healing for a 15 year old and two 16 year olds who have very troubled minds.</p>	<p>Sunday 1st July A young woman has recently been referred to us for support. She has a very nervous and quiet disposition but is very willing to work with us. Please pray that our relationship with her will grow and that she will start to trust us more. Pray too that God gives us wisdom as to how to best support her.</p>
<p>Monday 2nd July Please continue to pray for an Eve's Space lady who is now in a wheel chair. She has become a Christian and is finding her strength in God. She has accepted that from a medical perspective she will not be able to walk again but is still positive and is working on strengthening her muscles to enable her to move from a chair to the bed.</p>	<p>Tuesday 3rd July & Wednesday 4th July Please pray for our partnership with Home for Good, a charity that raises awareness of the need for foster and adoptive parents, encourages families to provide loving homes for the children in care, and equips the Church to offer welcoming communities for them. We are part of an exciting steering group that exists to develop this vision in Bolton. We have recently committed ourselves to encouraging more families from churches to become foster carers. Our prayer request is for 20 new homes to become available this year for children desperately in need of a safe, nurturing and loving home.</p>	

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from me," Says the Lord" Isaiah 54:17