

***Telford Debt Centre Prayer Bulletin - January 2025***

‘He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit.’

**John 15:5**

**The only way we can accomplish anything for God is by abiding in Him and being led by the Holy Spirit. As we begin this new year with all its challenges, I am conscious of our need to be led and guided by our Heavenly Father. As we seek to reach out to those struggling with complex mental and physical health issues we need to rely on the wisdom of God and abide in Him for our strength. It’s his presence with us that makes all the difference, and He will give us his peace as we walk with him. Only His power can change the lives and circumstances of those we seek to help.**

**Head Office (Central Support Team!)**

The strategies, plans and budgets will be going from the Head office team to their trustees this month. Our CEO Stuart McCulloch asks for prayer that these plans will represent God’s will for a stronger church-based movement against poverty as CAP heads towards its 30th year in 2026.

**Clients**

Pray for our clients that struggle to pay for energy bills in this winter season. Also, for those who may have overspent during the Christmas period. Pray for those that battle depression, especially at this time of the year, and find it hard to be positive amidst rising prices and financial pressures.

**Events**

On Saturday 7th December we had our client Christmas party. Despite strong winds a good number of clients attended and it was a blessing to see so many of our volunteers engaging with them on the tables. Marcelle and Barry prepared an amazing Christmas dinner with wonderful mouthwatering deserts. Throughout the afternoon Lizzie conducted a quiz and sprout bingo and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Ness and Liz manned a craft table for the children. Hugh gave a gospel message and we ask that you pray that God would continue to water seeds that were sown on the day. Thank you for your prayers.

We are so grateful for everyone that helped to make it such a lovely time for our clients and their families.

On Sunday 15th December we received over 50 hampers for our clients. We are so grateful for all those who prepared hampers and dropped them off to us at Elim Community Church for distribution. Our amazing volunteer team delivered them to our clients and their families. What a blessing it was to hear the responses from clients, one lady remarked, “It made my Christmas. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.” What a blessing!

**Volunteers and Befrienders**

Thank God for our fantastic team who have helped in so many ways over the last year and pray God will lead us ever closer to Him and to each other as we work together this year on new projects and seek to make a difference in the lives of our clients.

**Ann, Lizzie and Hugh**

Pray for Ann, Lizzie and Hugh (who has finished his training and is coming on board as a Volunteer Debt Coach). Hugh will be starting to take one client a month so will need your prayers as we all do for wisdom and sensitivity as we seek to support our clients through very difficult challenges.

Pray God will guide us as we consider how to best help our clients who have complex issues.

Pray God will bind us together as a team and do great things through us this year.

**Partnership Team**

Please pray for the partnership team. We are in need of a new Chairman as well as trustees, as we explore the prospect of becoming a charity.

**Publicity**

Please continue to pray for opportunities to share the work of the Debt Centre through this year. Pray God will open doors for us and more people will discover the amazing work that CAP does to transform lives.

**Finances and fund-raising**

We thank God for the finance that has been raised last year and we ask for your prayers for guidance as we discuss fundraising events for this year. This year the Telford Debt Centre will be 10 years old and this may be an opportunity to promote the work we do as we celebrate in the coming months.

**Prayers**

We are so thankful that you stand with us in prayer for we know prayer changes things. May God draw you closer to Him and encourage you this year. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us and with Him we can expect to see great things happening. God bless you!

**The next CAP Prayers will be: 9am- 9:30am** on **Thursday 20th February 2025**

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