

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

‘In God I boast all day long, and we will continually give thanks to your name.’

**Psalm 44: 8**

**We have so much to be thankful for as we journey with our Lord and King. This is God’s work that we do in his power and strength, and it is so encouraging to see him going before us and giving us his victory. No matter the situations we face as we visit our clients, we know God cares for them and as we lift them up in prayer God hears our cries. As we face complex issues in seeking to support our clients we are acutely aware that we need to rely on God’s wisdom and grace and he never fails to equip us and guide us. What an amazing God we serve! We thank God that he has brought us together for this period in time to battle on through prayer and service to see his plans brought about in our lives and the lives of those we touch.**

**Head Office (Central Support Hub)**

Please do keep our Central Support Hub in your prayers. At present they are refining new structures for CAP. The strategy involves making the organisation more lean, agile and focused on the Church and our clients. The new model should be implemented before the end of May. Please pray for the various teams involved in these changes at this challenging time.

We would also value prayer that God will bring in the finance needed to sustain the ongoing work of the organisation so the work can continue. We look to God to provide what is needed.

**Clients**

We are seeing more clients booked in to the Telford Debt Centre and we thank God that we can provide a debt relief service that brings hope into their lives. Please pray that God will give us his wisdom and compassion as we strive to encourage our clients to commit to the process of becoming debt free. Due to health issues this is a struggle for so many.

As we hear in the news about the changes occurring in benefit payments please pray that our most vulnerable clients will receive the help they need. This is a time of concern for them and we want to be there for them. Pray we will be able to build up relationships with clients and offer hope for their situations which can appear hopeless to them. As we pray for them please pray that hearts will be touched and people will respond to God’s call.

**Events**

Thanks for your prayers for our client ‘Breadmaking and lunch’ event at Dawley Christian Centre on Saturday 22nd March. On the day 8 clients and 8 volunteers attended which gave us the time to spend chatting with each client. Marcelle gave instructions and the clients had fun making their own loaf of bread which turned out beautifully. Then Marcelle showed us how to make ‘pop’ scones which were enjoyed later on. We had homemade soup, rolls and cakes.

We are grateful for our volunteers that helped on the day and it was a wonderful opportunity to spend time building up our relationships with our clients. Friendship is so important and this is something our clients value.

Our next client event will be our summer BBQ on Saturday 16th August at St Johns’ Muxton. Please keep this in your prayers.

**Volunteers and Befrienders**

Pray for our wonderful volunteer team as they support us on visits and provide friendship to our clients. We have some new volunteers going through safeguarding training and we look forward to welcoming them onto the team once they have done befriender training.

Pray for those involved in our events team as we plan each event this year.

**Ann, Lizzie and Hugh**

Please pray for Lizzie as she continues to support clients, that God will strengthen and guide her. She’s also been regularly involved in the ‘How to Stretch Your Budget Café at Sutton Hill, Madeley Baptist Church Café drop in ‘Friendly Faces’ and the Community Live Well Hub at Madeley Library.

Pray for Ann who will be starting a CAP drop in at Meeting Point House the first Wednesday of each month. Ann will also be attending the SASA Wellbeing Café at Admaston House on the 2nd Wednesday in April to provide financial help to clients there.

Please pray for Hugh as he seeks to support his clients and pray that they will continue to engage with the process.

**Partnership Team**

Please pray for a new Chairman and for trustees for our partnership team as we work through the process of becoming a charity and all that this involves. Please pray for those who are applying for our charity status that that will go smoothly. Pray for new trustees coming on board as they work with us that we will become a strong team.

**Publicity**

Pray for our CAP Telford presence at the Live Well Community Hub at Madeley Library, for the Madeley Baptist drop in, the drop in at Meeting Point House and the SASA Wellbing Café where we will have a CAP Telford presence. Thank God for these opportunities to share what we do with the local community.

**Finances and fund-raising**

Please pray the Lord will provide for us as a Telford Debt Centre and for our Central Office in Bradford.

Our first fundraiser will be on Saturday 17th May at All Saints Parish Centre in Wellington. An advert will be sent out regarding this very soon. Pray that this will be a success and bring in the funds we need as well as being an enjoyable event for all who attend.

**Prayers**

We thank you again for standing alongside us in prayer. We look forward to seeing God continue to move in amazing ways for our clients and their families.

**The next CAP Prayers will be: 9am- 9:30am** on **Thursday 8th May 2025**

 Ann Trehern, Debt Centre Manager