



PRAYER LETTER 23 – NOVEMBER 2024

The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:5 NIV84)

As we enter the Christmas season, we are very aware in Rochdale of the need for the light of Jesus Christ to come to the lives of the people of our town. We're also very aware of how people don't understand the light or recognise him. Our prayer at this time is that we would be effective at introducing people to the Light of the World. We'll be looking at John 1 in December in our Sunday services to encourage us to focus on Jesus, in whom is light and life. Thank you so much for partnering with us in prayer at REC – we appreciate all your support and particularly your prayers. I hope this prayer letter helps you to pray for us.

Celebrate Christmas with Rochdale Evangelical Church



Christmas Cracker - 1st December 11 am

Fun for all the family looking at the Christmas story. Free refreshments from 10:30

Carol Service - 22nd December 11 am

Free refreshments from 10:30

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Christmas Outreach

- We have delivered ~500 evangelistic winter *Life* magazines in the area and to people we know. Inside are invites to our Christmas services (see left).
- We had our family Christmas Cracker on Sunday and had a new family visit having received the magazine through their door.
- We have our Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December.

Discipleship

- We finished our sermon series on Acts in November, which has challenged us to be a mission-oriented church trusting in the empowering of God's Spirit.
- We're continuing looking at Ephesians in our Growth Group, thinking about what it is to be God's grace-formed community.
- In December we will be looking at John 1 together on Sundays and we will be starting a series in the Psalms in the New Year.

Trustees and Members

- We are thankful to be in the process of appointing two Interim Trustees for the church, which will restore us to the appropriate number. They are a couple with pastoral ministry experience and will provide very helpful support for Stephen and Rhiannon.
- We want and need our membership to grow. We pray that as we seek to reach the community people will become Christians and join, but we also would love for committed Christians to join the work of the harvest here.

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for visitors to the church (pray they would return!) and for new interim trustees.
- Pray for people to respond to the magazines and invitations to the church, especially that they would respond to the gospel.
- Pray for the church to grow in depth and in numbers (whether people becoming Christians or joining to serve Christ in Rochdale).