## Please pray for St Andrew's Kendray

## Prayer Letter #54: Jan - Apr 2025

## PRAISE AND THANK GOD FOR...

• A good first year of *The Road to Recovery* – 22 addicts have attended at least one session and heard something about Jesus since we launched last January. A few have become regular weekly attendees at the meetings. S has professed faith in Jesus. K asked for a Bible and came to a Christmas Carol service with her mum. Meetings are typically small (7-10 people).



- Four people (T, J, C, H) who professed faith in November.
- T & J who will renew their baptismal vows on 5 January and have their young son baptised.
- **B** who professed faith in July, but after an Autumn wobble, seems to be going on well with the Lord.
- How the church family invited friends, family and neighbours to our Guest Carol Services and that many came! One service was packed out with over 200 people... extra chairs needed... people sitting in the foyer... some on the floor. Praise God many times!

## PRAY FOR...

- A new *Taking a Look* course for enquirers starting on 8 January (running for 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings).
  - ➤ Please pray that people who invited friends and family to a carol service, will also invite them to this, and that they will come.
  - ➤ Pray for God to be at work by his Holy Spirit convicting people of sin, righteousness, and judgement, and bringing them to repentance and faith in Jesus.
  - For **P**, **K**, **V**, **E** who have expressed an interest in coming to TAL.
- More people to come to *The Road to Recovery* in 2025. There is SO much substance abuse and addiction on our estate. Many precious souls desperately need the freedom, hope, and salvation that Jesus offers.
- S (who has professed faith) to be set free from his addictions so that he can regularly come to church.
- A new member of staff. In January/February, we are advertising for an Assistant Minister or Minister-in-Training to replace Jonny Parker who will be leaving us at the end of May and moving to America to do some further theological study and training at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). Please pray for us as a church as we prepare to say 'goodbye' – we will all miss Jonny, Ruth, and the boys very much indeed.
- We are also going to lose and miss Sian Pearson as our Youth Worker in 2025. She and her husband Curtis will be leaving in August and will also be a huge loss to the whole church family. Please pray that they will find the right jobs to move onto.
- Wisdom for the elders and other leaders as we discern how to adjust what we do (and who does what) in the light of the above staff changes.
- 1 March 'Marriage Matters' conference. Pete speaking on 'A Biblical Vision of Marriage.'
- New sermon series' a 4-part series on the New Creation in January, followed by a longer series working through Ephesians.
- Early April Two Easter Assemblies for the local primary school
- Please continue to pray for God to revive his church in Kendray – that we would delight in Jesus and live for him more wholeheartedly to the glory of God in the wider community.

Thank you so much for your prayers.

With love from us all,

Pete, Sharon, Ben, Rosie & Sam

