



## PRAYER LETTER 26 – MAY 2025

*And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience...(Col. 1:10-11 NIV84)*

We're slowly working our way through Colossians at the moment in our Sunday services and when we meet for Growth Group. I was struck again by these verses where Paul prays that the believers in Colossae would have God's power so that they can endure and be patient! Endurance and patience are so important to keep following and serving Jesus in a world broken by sin.

I think as we reflect on the last 18 months, we're glad that things have stabilised somewhat in the church, although we remain numerically small and vulnerable. However, we realise all the more how much we need God's mighty power to keep going – enduring and being patient. As the Colossians needed Paul to pray that for them, we would be so grateful if you would continue to pray that for us!



### Venue/Location

For various reasons we are unsure about our venue, the Million Pavilion. It has become more complicated on a Sunday and the "landlords" change in September. We're thinking about the best location and time to meet both for the little church we have and to better reach the community in Rochdale.

### Practicalities

We're currently completing all the work for our AGM and reports to the Charity Commission. We have mentioned in previous prayer letters potentially appointing a Gospel Worker. We've had some interest in the role, but we're currently considering the best way forward to both grow ministry and get help dealing with the administration for the church.

### Outreach

We've done quite a few things since we planted the church to share the gospel. At the moment we're feeling our limitations.

We want to think of faithful and effective ways to engage people and, while we have had quite a few people visit the church in the last year, we are praying people would come back again and joins us regularly.

### Prayer Points:

- Give thanks the church is now more stable and pray for us as we plan the next phase.
- Pray for wisdom in our plans to reach out, especially in light of our venue and the time we meet. Please pray for growth – we want to see people saved and workers for the harvest.
- Pray for wisdom as we seek the best way forward to grow ministry and do administration.