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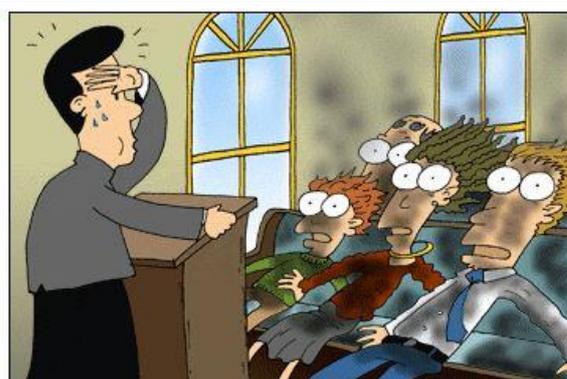
All services start at 11 am unless otherwise stated

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| Sunday January 25th | Service with David Newall |
| Sunday February 1st | Service with Jenny McGhee. Communion Service |
| Sunday February 8 th | Service with Sheila Coop |
| Sunday February 15th | Service with Judith Haughton |
| Sunday February 22nd | Joint Missional Partnership Service at Hurst Nook URC at 10.30
Transport can be provided. |
| Sunday March 1st | Service with Sammy Spaine |
| Sunday March 8th | Service with David Hey |
| Sunday March 15th | Service led by the Leaders- Mothering Sunday |
| Sunday March 22nd | Service led by Wendy Duckworth- Mission Aviation Fellowship |

Our services will normally be live via zoom. The ID you need for any of Beulah's services is 483-214-0593 and the password is 92315



Thanks to Richard Germain (See Mark 10:25) 01-10-2007
YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FIT A CAMEL THROUGH A NEEDLE



Thanks to Richard Germain 02-09-2007
THEY ALL LATER AGREED THAT IT HAD INDEED BEEN ONE POWERFUL PRAYER

“Come and see”

The Christmas season is over and life is supposedly “back to normal” (whatever that means!) We are now moved on to the Epiphany. The term epiphany comes from Greek meaning "revelation from above" and the Cambridge Dictionary describes it as "a moment when you suddenly feel that you understand, or suddenly become conscious of, something that is very important to you." We might use the phrase "an 'aha' moment" or "a lightbulb moment" to mean the same thing.

In the church it is used to describe a Christian festival celebrating the manifestation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and it apparently pre-dates the celebration of Christmas Day as 25th December. The scripture readings will focus on the visit of the magi to the baby Jesus, Joseph and Mary meeting with Simeon and Anna in the Temple and hearing their claims, and then Jesus' baptism - all events which help us to realise that Jesus is God's 'new thing' as he breaks into history and human life.

John's gospel doesn't tell the story of Jesus' baptism except indirectly when he says: "The One who authorized me to baptize with water told me, 'The One on whom you see the Spirit come down and stay, this One will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' That's exactly what I saw happen,..." (John 1:33-4).

Soon after John's response to the challenge by the priests and Levites as to who he was, he points out Jesus as the one he meant and two of his disciples rush off to find out more from Jesus himself. They receive the invitation to "Come and see".

I wonder ...Do we rush off to find out more?

..... or do we think we already have the answers - after all, it's 2000+ years later and it's all written down for us (although there are four accounts of pretty much the same stories)?

I wonder ...Do we accept the invitation to 'come and see'?

..... or do we leave it to everyone else and just jump on the most suitable/acceptable bandwagon to make us feel comfortable and safe?

I wonder ...How come we don't all agree on everything - especially as (at the time of writing) it's the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?

..... or are we afraid to say what we truly believe in case it gets us into trouble or difficulty?

Do you wonder what would have happened if those first disciples hadn't done as they did; if they hadn't come, and seen, and followed; if they hadn't been prepared to work together to figure out how to resolve their different understandings; if they hadn't seen the importance of sharing their faith at all costs?

Happy New Year to you all!

HMP MANCHESTER; HMP FOREST BANK; HMP BUCKLEY HALL;
HMP & YOI STYAL; HMP YOI THORN CROSS & HMP HINDLEY

GREATER MANCHESTER COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY

Prison Prayer letter for January 2026

Happy New Year 2026

If you are reading this, you deserve a Big Thank You. As a result of your work, prayers or both, you are doing wonderful things in the cause of Prison Ministry. I hope that you are resolved this year to continue. As we hear in Matthew 25:40, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'



The New Year offers a feeling of hope, a feeling of possibility. The Gyms will be so busy for the next few weeks, but it won't last! Good intentions, eh? I hope and pray that whatever plans and dreams you have for the year ahead bring you peace and happiness.



You don't need me to tell you about the many, complex challenges faced by the Criminal Justice System. Many of you will have experienced some of them first hand. Let us start this year with a firm intention to keep praying for progress and improvement. There are so many good people, striving on a daily basis, to enhance

progression and reduce reoffending. Let us keep them, their safety and their determination, in our thoughts and prayers.

Sadly, society is fascinated by the perceived darkness of our Prisons. The media rightly reports error and failure. It is a shame they tell only a part of the story. As a people of the light, we seek to find it wherever grace takes us. I am constantly inspired by the ability of Chaplains and



Volunteers to bring hope and positivity to the most unlikely situations. This gift, to willingly walk alongside a soul in torment, can bear enormous fruit. Whether it is battling an addiction, a mental illness or sheer frustration, life can be bleak for many in our Prisons.

It is refreshing therefore to report that this can be overcome. Sometimes, that journey from a very desperate place can begin with a smile, with a conversation, with the humanity and time of another. Thank you to those wonderful colleagues who make this happen.

We are Shepherds, I suppose, and those behind bars are our flock. Like the Good Shepherd of the Gospels, we are always on the lookout for the lost sheep. As we know from Matthew 18:14 ‘...it is never the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be



lost.’ As you go about your ministry of prayer and good works this year look after the light you carry. It is precious and priceless when shared.

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09-12-2025

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Please make cheques payable to: GM Prison Prayer
and state if you would like to Gift Aid it
Check out our Facebook Page or www.gmccsupport.org

For your prayers

Please remember especially in your prayers Mary Howarth and all are who are looking after her so well. Pray also for Lucy, who is at home but feeling quite isolated; Wynne who has had an operation cancelled at short notice twice in recent weeks; Sophie and Jonathon Mossop who are grieving after the death of Ray on 29th December; Bob and Sylvia Pray for all those who are housebound and missing the opportunity to gather together. Congratulations to all with birthdays in the coming weeks.

Messages from the Leaders:

Thank you to Ian for all the various maintenance jobs he has been doing and for liaising with the Contractors who have fitted the new fire doors in the coffee lounge and the roofer, who has cleaned out all the gutters. We hope the new radiators in the Hall and especially in the Primary Lounge will make a difference to the heating in the building. We are grateful that the bequest from Irene Binns has helped fund the recent big jobs.

Thank you to all who shared in the Santa lunch, which proved to be enjoyable, though tiring. We received very positive feedback.

Thank you too to all who shared in the Carol Service and for the generous collection, which meant that £130 was sent to Oldham Foodbank. We have received a letter of appreciation from them.

The Leaders are meeting on Mon 26th January so if you have any suggestions/ feedback please chat to any Leader before then. We will keep you updated with any response/ actions after the congregation meeting on January 18th.



Forthcoming events:

A service for Christian Unity will be held at Macedonia URC on Weds 21st January at 7.30. Sheila has organised this so it would be good to support it if you can.

The Missional Partnership is arranging to show the next season of the Chosen:

Macedonia on Tuesdays at 4pm & Charlestown on Wednesday at 7:30pm

Feb 3rd / 4th	Hosanna / Entry
10th / 11th	Propesied / House of Cards
17th / 18th	Raised / Woes
24th / 25th	Every good thing / The same coin

March 3rd / 4th	Glorified / Because of me
10th / 11th	Eternal / Reunions
17th / 18th	Victorious / The upper room pt1
24th / 25th	Light / The upper room



A Prayer for the week of Christian Unity:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18 to 25 January. The theme this year is “There is one body and one Spirit”, based on Ephesians 4:4.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You bring us together in all our diversity, as family and church.

In the face of so many situations on earth, where hope has given way to despair and hearts are wounded and emptied by disappointment, renew our strength and unify us. Help us to share Your hope wherever we find ourselves.

You are the true Light, who casts out the darkness of sin, despair and brokenness, who shines into our hearts, releasing the joy and the true hope of Your eternal love for all.

Amen.

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