



NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2024

A happy new year to you all! I thought I would start us off by sharing an encouraging story around prayer. At our Debt Centre, we try to base the work we do around prayer as this is central to our theology as Christians. We had been particularly quiet over the Christmas period and we were finding it somewhat of a challenge trying to find people that we would be able to help. Now, we take absolute no pleasure in the fact that our clients can go through hardship and often have so many other things going on in their lives as well as debt, however, our prayer last week was simply that we cross paths with the people that could absolutely make use of our service, as all the statistics tell us that there *are* individuals within our community with these kind of issues. And in the space of a week, we are 1 client away from running at capacity! Again, we take no pleasure 'finding' a client in debt, but we do take so much job satisfaction from being able to make a difference in the lives of the people we support. This again can take many shapes and forms as we not only offer debt advice but CAP, as an organisation, have ongoing money courses run by our partnership churches. The money course being a practical avenue to help us budget better and keep a watchful eye over our own finances which is extremely helpful!

So far this year, we have the following dates in the diary for our monthly prayer meetings which will now take place on the **1st Tuesday of every month between 9:30am and 10:30am**. As always, drop in for as little or as long as you like. We would love to see you all!

6th February - Calderwood Baptist Church

5th March - Moncreiff Parish Church

2nd July - Westwood Baptist Church

6th August - Calderwood Baptist Church

3rd September - Moncreiff Parish Church

We are still looking for the **2nd of April, 7th of May and 4th of June to be covered**. We really do appreciate the use of any spaces, and again there is absolutely no pressure on partnership churches to host as we know you already have a lot going on, although it is a good way to keep us all involved. That said, we do not need to limit prayer times to partnership churches - just a thought!

And finally - I had the privilege of meeting with Mark Pexton over at Westwood Baptist Church this week with a view to speak there sometime in March. It really does mean a lot to know that we have so many avenues of support from both our partnership churches and other agencies. Additionally, if you would like to support us financially, then do we have an opportunity for you! You can give regularly or make one-off donations by clicking on the following link capuk.org/donate

Best wishes from Alan and the team