

Newsletter Update

Friday 30th August 2013

Stats

1,765 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
 178,265 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
 423,600 People living there (240 per street)

****[Click here to see our research sources.](#)**



Dear Carl,

During my last few months working as a GP, I sadly saw several people struggling under a mountain of debt. What was worrying was that many of these people were in employment or severely disabled. Some had fallen victim to payday loan firms, others just could not keep up with the cost of living, usually due to an unexpected change in circumstances. The truth is, many of us are only one pay packet away from getting into serious financial trouble! For many parents, this time of year is expensive as they have tried to entertain children over the 6 weeks holidays and are having to pay for new school uniforms!



Jesus in Matthew 6, tells us not to worry, to have faith in God and in Acts 4:32-35 we see a beautiful picture of the early church sharing their possessions with those in need!

In the News



This week, the 'Post Office' released a survey of 1,163 adults who were all employed with a current account. If this sample is representative, 1 in 6 workers (4 million), run out of money each month causing stress and anxiety. The 'Office for National Statistics' recently said that the average salary over the last decade rose only 1.3%, the lowest since records began in 1948. At the same time we all recognise the increase in the cost of living.

Source: "[The Workers who can never make ends meet: Four million suffer sleepless nights because they run out of money every single month](#)" 22nd August 2013, Daily Mail, Becky Barrow.



Testimony from Christians Against Poverty:

[Blind lady is healed](#)

I am a great supporter of Christians Against Poverty (page 174, Neighbours, Transform Your Street). I believe they offer a high quality service to mostly non-christians who are in serious debt. This week I was sent a newsletter from them telling me the



testimony of a lady who was blind, whom God has recently healed. Please visit www.capuk.org to read this testimony for yourself.

We have a God who is able to help all of us, whatever situation we find ourselves in. His answer to our prayers is not always in our preferred timing or in the way we would like or expect, but He does answer our prayers! Have HOPE!

PRAYER

Matt 6:25-34

Lord, in these difficult financial times, when some are struggling to pay debts and bills, help us to be generous. We pray for a sense of peace in our street, and that our neighbours will look to You for help.

CARE

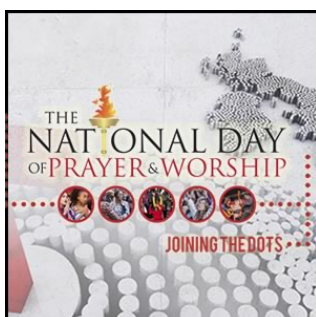
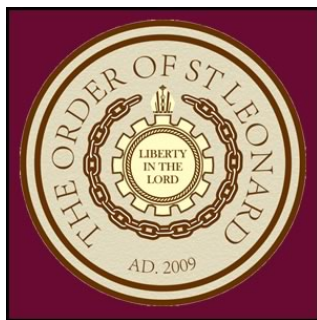
Do you have any surplus children's clothes, gardening equipment, or food, you could give a neighbour?

AND/OR: Consider making a donation to Christians Against Poverty www.capuk.org

SHARE

Could your church get involved in "Back to church Sunday?" www.backtochurch.co.uk

Is there a neighbour that you could invite to a local [Alpha Course?](#)

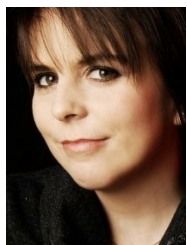


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towns and cities*

Starting 18th October to 9th January, Neighbourhood Prayer Network in partnership with HOPE, UCB and many others, will be encouraging people to take part in forty days of prayer, for the year of mission in 2014.

We will be publishing this guide as part of our newsletter each week, but you can obtain the full guide from UCB2GO.co.uk from the end of September, only cost is postage.

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

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