

# Newsletter Update

Friday 16th August 2013

**Stats**

1,749 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)  
 176,649 Houses on those streets (101 per street)  
 419,760 People living there (240 per street)

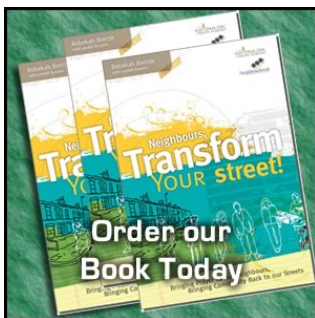
**\*\*[Click here to see our research sources.](#)**



**Dear Carl,**

Thank you to all those who gave feedback about last week's new prayer resource *"Neighbours, we don't always get on well with"*. The feedback was very encouraging!

This week marks the 36th week of my pregnancy, so I am getting a little slower at responding, but I do intend to respond as soon as possible! I have now left Medicine permanently to concentrate on being a new Mum and on Neighbourhood Prayer Network!



**Those over 65 no longer considered Old!**

A BBC article, "Few over 65s feel old, but half object to ageism," 15th August 2013. [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

A YouGov survey of 2000 people aged 65-93, for a firm providing support services for older people found the following:

- \* 47% complained of ageism
- \* 63% felt being old was just a mindset
- \* 39% said they were happier than at any other time in their life
- \* 48% felt their generation was ignored
- \* 37% felt treated disrespectfully



In the Bible, God's attitude to age is clearly different to the way modern day society views age. Abraham and Sarah had a son in "old age", Moses, Joshua and Caleb were all reported to be over 80 when they began their roles in leading the nation of Israel to the promised land.



Medically, I have seen 103 year olds who are fitter than 30 year olds and have witnessed first hand the incredible contribution those over 65 make to our society , through volunteering, babysitting Grand-children, continued work and the wisdom they bring in church life. Please let us respect people over 65 and change our mindset towards those over 65!

Please pray that all people regardless of age will feel valued in our society whether they be a baby or over a 100!

**Testimony from Salford, Greater Manchester**



*I just want to let you know I've been reading your book and it has been really encouraging, particularly inspiring me to pray regularly for my neighbours and looking for ways to share with them.*

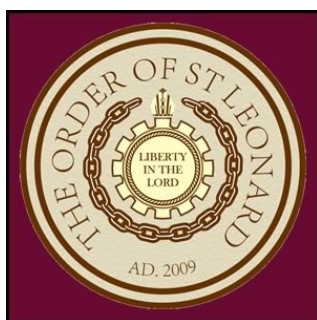
*Last week, I passed one household who asked me to play them a song on my guitar. They said they were having a BBQ and would give me a burger as a reward! I went home and grabbed my guitar and ended up playing a few Oasis songs for them and they loved it! It was a really nice way of breaking the ice with some neighbours I've never spoken to before.*

*Also, I am planning to pray for one street in my area each week on my way to our prayer meeting we hold in a local cafe.*

*Finally, we started something called 'partners in prayer' this month where nine churches in the area have committed to praying for one another and their areas over a period of a month. I'm hoping for more churches to join the initiative in time.*

*For more details, see: <http://www.salfordprayer.info/partners-in-prayer>*

*Ian & Morag Peacock*



## Neighbour Friday

MATT 18:5-7

## PRAYER

Lord we pray for protection for the children in our communities, many of whom are often inadvertently exposed to online pornography at an early age. Please protect children from stumbling across these images and from peer pressure at school to look at them. Pray regularly for the children on your street and for their local schools.

These prayers appear in the "Prayer for Today," a UCB publication you can order free of charge.

Keep Praying and Bless, Prayer guides available here:

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## CARE

Could you help a neighbour who is sick, disabled or elderly, take out their bins on bin day AND consider whether where or how you park, affects your neighbour in a negative way?



## SHARE

In September, many churches run Alpha courses or similar courses. Is there a neighbour you could invite? Is Alpha something you could get involved in? See pages 200-221 in "Neighbour's Transform Your Street."

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

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