



## Off The Fence Monthly Prayer Letter

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July 2018



**“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done”**

**Proverbs 19 v 17**

### Antifreeze

#### Praise:

- For answers to prayer— we now have the perfect vehicle for Mark to transform into our mobile shower unit!
- Continued thanks for the ‘Down to Earth’ Exploring Christianity Course. Clients are engaging more and OTF team members are stepping up to lead talks and discussions when they have not done so before.
- For the much needed provision of men’s clothes.

#### Prayer:

- For guidance and wisdom for Mark as he works on the van to install two shower units.
- For God’s guidance and provision for Matt, as he finishes his internship with us and moves on.
- For peace and wisdom for Steve as he leads the Antifreeze team.

### Gateway

#### Praise:

- For the new referrals and assessments undertaken over the past month.
- That a HOPE team from Holland Road Baptist Church will be coming into freshen up the centre.
- That Gateway has received funding from a local charity specifically for costs towards the different workshops we offer.

#### Prayer:

- For the day trip to the British Wildlife Centre on the 26th July—that the weather will be kind, the women will have an amazing time and that friendships will blossom and relationships will be strengthened.
- Continued prayer that God will draw the right person to apply for the Deputy Manager post.
- For good weather for the Gateway Garden Party later on this month.

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## Schools & Youth

### Praise:

- For the great volunteers helping out with Prayer Spaces, after school clubs and transition mentoring. Also, thanks for our interns – we're very sad to say goodbye to two of them in the next month.
- For a great start to our transition mentoring programme for year 6 students at Aldrington and St Andrew's Primary – please pray for all these students to cope well with the move to secondary school.
- For the opportunity to run our first Prayer Space at St Andrew's High in Worthing – all went well and we even had a visit from an OFSTED inspector!

### Prayer:

- That each prayer space opportunity will have a positive impact not only on the students but also on the staff, parents and the school as a whole.
- For preparations for running part of the programme of activities at Cardinal Newman School's Enrichment Week.
- For the students we meet with for 1-1 mentoring. Some are finding life very hard at the moment.

## General

### Praise:

- That we have now purchased a vehicle which will be transformed into a shower van ready for outreach to rough sleepers on the streets of Brighton and Hove.
- Although an extremely busy period, Paul has had many opportunities to speak about the work of Off the Fence and to share the good news of Jesus Christ.
- That the Prayer Gathering held last month was well supported and there were opportunities to give thanks for God's provision and to pray about the individual projects.
- For the news that Off the Fence has been nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2019.

### Prayer:

- For wisdom as we look to God about the future direction and development of Off the Fence, particularly in the area of office/project space and storage facilities.
- Continue to pray for three key vacancies on our staff team – 1) Full-time maternity cover for an Assistant Fundraiser, 2) A part-time Communications Coordinator, 3) A Deputy Manager for Gateway, that God will draw the right people to these posts.
- That our new Impact Report due out this month will be well received by individuals, trusts, foundations and businesses and that God will grant us favour so that we can bless more of the poor and needy in our city.

**Thank you for your support and prayers as we serve God.**

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