



## **UK Centre Prayer and Praise April 2021**

### **Leicester**

The last few weeks have been very busy, we are thankful for our team and all the work they do, at Baby Basics and behind the scenes, which help us run smoothly. Praise God for the amazing response on our latest fundraising with the Aviva community Fund, we now have enough to buy 25 new cots and mattresses. We are thankful we are still managing to fulfil all the requests for items as we get even busier, but at times can feel like a juggling act.

Our National Lottery Fund application has been submitted and we had a zoom call from the local rep. If successful we will be hoping to move premises this year to a bigger more practical space. We have begun searching for properties and have found an ideal one which we'd love to rent. We now need God's provision to make all the pieces come together. Please pray that all this runs smoothly as it is a really big step for us going forward, that we would know God's peace and provision.

### **Long Eaton**

We are thankful for the increase in awareness amongst the local midwives and health visitors who are now referring more regularly.

We are thankful for all our volunteers who have remained so faithful in lockdown.

We are praying for storage as we have grown so quickly over the past few months and are hoping to find shared premises with a local charity, Hope Long Eaton, where we can store and pack our baskets.

### **West Norfolk (sent 22/3/21)**

As we enter the week of a year of this unprecedented Pandemic, we are thankful that we have been able to continue to support our Health Professionals, and all other Multi Support Agencies who refer in to us, to provide everything requested at each referral.

It is only because of the donations and support we have received, that we have been able to do this. As the shutters came down on normal life for everyone exactly a year ago, our doors were opened wider.

The statistics are a sad reflection of the effects of the Pandemic. Although we are proud to have been able to answer every request, the volume we have achieved is by no way a celebration, more a request for prayer for so many in need.

## **Dyffryn Clwyd**

Thanks

- a successful big-grant application to our local wind-farm fund, so thankful that we don't need to worry about costs for at least the next year
- continued support from our parent church
- continued support from our local Morrisons supermarket and Co-op
- our wonderful new unit – so much better for donating/collecting + working

Prayer

- For the families and children in our area, especially affected by covid
- That we are able to make ourselves known and available to those who need us
- We are taking steps to expand our provision to neighbouring rural areas of North Wales – pray that we are not overwhelmed

## **Leeds**

In Leeds we are so thankful for receiving £1000 from the council's Winter Grant Scheme - £1000 is a lot of money for us, so we're excited to buy some brand new lovely things (and of course plenty of mattresses) to make our starter packs even more special. We have been so abundantly blessed over the last few months, by people and donations.

We would like prayer about storage space (is there ever anyone who doesn't want prayer for more storage space?!) We have expanded into the church hall during the last year, as no one else was using it, but soon we will have to squeeze back into our tiny storage room (about 2m square) and it's looking pretty impossible. We would love to be able to work out some new storage solutions without having to move away from our wonderful church base, so please do join us in prayer for a quick, clear and practical solution.

## **Preston**

We are thankful for the power of Facebook and the opportunity to go on the radio. For the midwife who came down to church to meet us and investigate the service and has now started making referrals. We feel we are off the starting blocks.

Please pray for the women who have contacted us directly asking for help that they will speak to their midwives and the midwives will contact us.

## **West Cumbria**

Praise for:

- Financial support & donations
- New links with social services & women's refuge meaning we're reaching more women.

Prayer for:

- (continued) wisdom on time management & offers of items.
- opportunities to witness our Christian faith

### **Newtown**

I'm praying that we will start really well and I really want to thank God for his provision so far. Also I have a prayer about the right people being referred at the right time...

### **Bolton**

This month we would like to give praise for the wonderful support from our community. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of those who encourage our service with kind words and provide beautiful items to allow another family to succeed.

We would value your prayers as we begin our expansion of service for children up to 3 years of age. New ways to process multiple donations and referrals across 2 storage areas and how to best support our volunteers as we transition to new ways of operation.

### **Portsmouth**

Praising God for the continued health and stamina of all of our team - we are lifting his glorious name. It's incredible no coughs, colds or injuries!

### **Guildford** , another new opening

Please pray that all the plans towards opening the centre continue to go well.  
Prayers for funding please for paid workers

### **Shoreham**

Prayers for the expansion onto a second site in Brighton - pray for volunteers and strength and God's wisdom for Cathie as she oversees the new team.

Praise reports that new areas for referrals have opened up with local health teams.

### **Folkestone**

We have been so encouraged by the response from our local community in terms of keeping us well stocked in recent weeks, with an increase in referrals this has made things easier. Also we thank God for 4 new volunteers who are washing and ironing donated baby clothes. Such a help, and done with such a positive attitude.

We celebrated our first anniversary in mid March and are thankful for all the ways that God has provided for us in our first year. We are particularly grateful for the way Hannah, from Baby Basics Dover and Deal has shared her wisdom and practical support throughout this year.

Thanks too to our team: Pippa, Paul and Helen.

Prayer for on-going good relationships our with referring organisations, and seeing new parents getting blessed by the generosity of the community.

### **Hastings**

Can we ask for guidance and clarity from God around the expansion and areas of growth - to seek new volunteers and guidance as to how to move forward.

### **Please also pray for:**

Our 50 for 50 Campaign, which is about to launch next week, to celebrate opening our 50<sup>th</sup> Centre and to raise £50,000 towards warehousing for all the donations that are coming in to us.

Thank you all for being so amazing!