



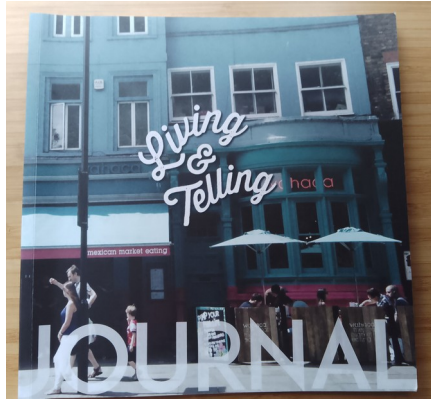
PRAYER LETTER 21 – MAY 2024

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' (Acts 1:8 NIVUK)

Our mission at REC is to be disciples-making disciples in Rochdale. That means a focus on evangelism, so people can become Christians, and a focus on a healthy church, so that people can be discipled (more on what we're doing at the moment below). We've looked at both the book of Acts and the book of Galatians recently and have been struck by the significance of the Holy Spirit in enabling and transforming us for this mission. We're reminded that we can't do it alone and nor should we think we can! So we really appreciate your partnership and prayer, because we know that we're dependent on God's work in our church, if we are to be effective in our mission.

Living and Telling

At the moment on Sundays we're doing an evangelism training course called *Living and Telling* produced by Agape. We want to equip ourselves to be better evangelists in the different spheres of influence we find ourselves in. The course defines evangelism as: "Taking the initiative to talk about Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God." Pray for us to be equipped to do just that and that God would use us to bring people to faith in Jesus!



Members & Trustees

We mentioned a need for members and trustees last time. That's still the case, but we have had positive responses from a supporters' zoom call (more calls to come) and other local churches. Please keep praying!

Growth Group

We've been studying 1 Timothy, which is all about being a healthy church (see 1 Timothy 3:15). As we finish in the next few weeks we're going to start thinking about what we do at REC and what we need to add and change. Please pray for wisdom for us in that process.

For Prayer:

Please give thanks for:

- enthusiasm for evangelism and good engagement with the Living and Telling training
- encouragements about help to keep the church going
- good discipleship happening in the Growth Group as we study the word

Please pray for:

- Spirit-empowered courage for us to take evangelistic initiative
- at least 2 mature Christians to join us at REC for 2 years to enable our mission
- Spiritual wisdom as we plan our evangelism and discipleship for the next few months