



## PRAYER LETTER 24 – JANUARY 2025

*Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. (Ps. 1:1-2 NIV84)*

This January we celebrated our fourth anniversary since we first started meeting together, under COVID restrictions, as Rochdale Evangelical Church. In some ways 2024 was an especially rocky year, but towards the end we were glad to regain some stability and are looking forward with hope to 2025, as we started looking at the first few Psalms together.

Jesus is the one man who ever perfectly did what was necessary to be the blessed man of Psalm 1, but in him we are brought into “the assembly of the righteous” (v.5) and can grow to be like the righteous described in Psalm 1. We pray that we would be doing that in 2025.

Thank you so much for partnering with us in prayer at REC – we appreciate all your support and particularly your prayers. I hope this prayer letter helps you to pray for us.



### Practicalities

- We are glad to be back up to four trustees and a membership of seven including two junior members. We know it's not many, but it's progress. We may also have some other people interested in membership, so slowly but surely we are building things up again.
- We have been meeting in the Million Pavilion for nearly two years now. It's a warm, light and practical place to meet. However, those responsible for it are changing and we're praying that we will continue to be able to rent the space.

### Discipleship

- We completed our Growth Group sessions looking at Ephesians. In 2025 we are planning to use the session to dig deeper into the Sunday passage (Psalms at the moment)
- On family service weeks, we hope to spend time reflecting on how to faithfully be a church. We're starting, thinking about our presence in the community.

### Outreach

- We've been encouraged to have some visitors recently. A family came having received a magazine and a Christmas invitation through the letter box and another lady came through a personal contact.
- We are finding ways to connect with the local community including members running a library code club and committing to going to the community cafe (where we meet).

### Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for our four years, our trustees and members and visitors to church.
- Pray for visitors to keep coming and for deepening connections with the community.
- Pray for us to be able to keep meeting at the Million Pavilion on similar terms.
- Pray we would be growing as we study Psalms together.