

## West Bridgford and South Nottingham Debt Centre

### News and Prayer Letter - Aug 2020

*“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you – I, even I, am the Lord and apart from me there is no saviour – See, I am doing a new thing! – Yet you have not called on me” (Isaiah 43:2,11,19,22).*

The CAP Debt Centre is run by a group of local churches, giving real hope and practical relief to anybody in South Nottingham seeking a way forward out of debt.



#### **New things**

God will turn up to help us survive, but he wants so much more for us than that. I have heard many Christians reflecting that, in this time of adversity, God has led them through difficulties and frustrations into positive new things. I hope that is also true for you. Here is the debt centre news, some prayer already answered; and some work in progress, where we need to continue call on God our saviour.

- As we emerge from lockdown, I have started to ‘see’ some new clients, who have been able to start their journey out of debt. Building trust and a sense of working together via video is nowhere near as good as face to face, but better than just the phone, and it has been easier than I feared. This bodes well for helping the many people we know have built up debt already during lockdown, and the others we anticipate following post furlough redundancies. **Pray** for these new clients to have hope and courage stick with the process, and for others to ask for help.
- The Debt Centre has identified a successor as Centre Manager, Jane Gray, who is planned to take up role from 1 November subject to the CAP HQ process and training. Chris is working with her on transition, and thereafter he will continue as a client debt coach. Jane brings many gifts and skills as a CMS pioneer missionary as well as a business entrepreneur, and her energy will improve our reach across the community. **Pray** for Jane as she works through all this and starts to work alongside Chris.
- The Job Club launch has been greatly affected by the restrictions: our coaches will start on-line training in September, but it’s too early to say when the actual meetings will be able to start. **Pray** for Vicky and Karen through this protracted set-up, and for other volunteers to join them, and that we can start the ministry soon.
- The Nottingham Faith Action Network has collaborated to serve the community during lockdown, for example by integrated foodbank provision, and the debt centre is involved in FAN looking to follow God’s lead to build on this in a range of areas including financial resilience. **Pray** for Christians across the City to work together as never before in living out God’s Kingdom.

#### **Prayer Meeting Wednesday 19 August 7.00pm, by Zoom.**

We have an opportunity to join together for our monthly prayer hour. Please let me know if you would like a Zoom invitation.

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