



WELCOME TO OUR
Centre Update
May Edition



Update from Jess & Christina

Spring is in full flow and the warm weather is here. For us believers, God's mercy is new every morning with the promise of His faithfulness (Lam 3:22-23). But for our clients, a new day isn't often looked forward to with the stresses of debt, trying to make their money stretch to pay their bills and buy food, poor mental health and physical ailments. They don't know the strength of the Lord and the perspective that His presence brings. However, even as the people of God, we know what it's like to feel pressure, sadness, fear, anxiety, and stress. But what does the Bible say? 2 Corinthians 4:7-10 says "We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies."

The power of God works best in our weakness. But we need to acknowledge our need of Him and lean on Him for strength, wisdom and faith. The more I go on in this work, the more I see my own need for God, and the need to show our clients His loving arms of grace, forgiveness, kindness and hope outstretched towards them. Jesus died so that we could all be set free to live in Him. What a comfort!

- Jess

This year continues to be a busy one, with lots of client visits, drop-ins, church talks and training! We see many clients struggling to pay for basic necessities at the moment, as the cost of living crisis is making people's budgets unsustainable. We see the real life struggle of families going without heating, food or household items. It can be very challenging but Jesus helps us to support these families both practically and spiritually. I have had the privilege of supporting one of my clients to be baptised! Praise God. In the last few months, we have started a monthly drop in at The St James Centre in Birkenhead. We are hoping to raise our profile in the area and reach out to new families. Please pray people will come and talk to us, and have the courage to ask for help.

I have had the lovely opportunity of speaking at St Mary's, St Mary's The Centre and Christ Church Barnston recently, about the amazing work of CAP Wirral and the impact we're having on our community. It was also a privilege to share a little of my own story and journey to CAP, and how wonderful it is when God turns our own difficulties into good. If you know of a church who would like to hear more about CAP and the reason behind why we personally are so passionate about this work, then please get in touch. We would love to share more about the work that we do and have people support us.

Good news! I'm now fully signed off in all my assessments, so I can complete my role independently. I am really passionate about helping those struggling with the burden of debt and poverty, not only practically but also by bringing the name of Jesus into their lives. In the midst of darkness and struggle, Jesus is working and making himself known to our clients. Please pray for hearts to be softened, and eyes and ears to be open to receive the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Christina



DEBT HELP

Our Latest Centre Figures

CURRENT STATISTICS FOR 2024

**Number of
debt free
clients:**
7

**Total amount
of debt
dissolved:**
£91,844

Event in Focus

CAP WIRRAL AFTERNOON TEA, LIFE CHURCH BEBINGTON, EASTER 2024



Easter was in full flow at our most recent client event, which brought together almost 40 of us for a lovely time of games, afternoon tea and a talk for Life Church leader, Aaron Partington. The good news of Jesus was shared, and three clients came to faith, including a 10 year old boy! Praise God for His grace and new beginnings. Our clients all went away with plenty of Easter eggs to go round for them to enjoy with their families. Jesus is LORD!

CAP Wirral Prayer Points

- Please continue to pray for our drop-in at St James Centre, North Birkenhead. Please pray for increased contact with potential clients so that we can provide support to the families in the local area.
- Please can you thank God for our continued successful drop-ins at Job Centre Birkenhead and Tomorrow's Women, and that we can build on the relationships we have with them.
- Can you please ask for continued protection over us and the befriender team as we go out into client's homes and into the community.
- Please pray for financial provision for our centre and practical resources that we can provide to our clients.
- Pray for wisdom as we help our clients go debt free, and to be able to provide the right support for them or signpost them to local relevant organisations.
- Stuart McCulloch, our new CEO, has been doing a UK Tour to the frontline in the form of consultation. Please pray for wisdom for him as he implements the changes of the debt service transformation currently underway, so that it is effective as possible.
- Pray for clients' hearts to be open to hearing the good news of the Gospel, and for the opportunities for us to share with people, and help us connect them with local churches.

Our work needs you!

We are primarily funded by donations, and if you are already giving, we thank you! Any contribution to the work we do helping people find freedom from debt is greatly appreciated. If you would like to give to CAP Wirral, here are the account details to do so:

CAP Wirral
Barclays (Liscard Branch)
Sort Code: 20 50 36
Account Number: 53556794

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Contact us today

We really value our prayer partners and faithful givers. If you would like to know more about what we do, please contact us via email or visit CAP's website.