

September Prayer Letter – Eloise Marsland

Hey!

Firstly, I just want to say how thankful I am for your support in praying for me in this year ahead! Here's a little bit about what I've been up to during my first two weeks as well as a few things you could pray for.

We started off the year with a Staff 'Not Away' Day followed by a few 'Not Away' Days just as the trainees. It was great to be able to pray, plan and read the Bible together – in person! At a very uncertain time as the Church continues to adapt to our current circumstances, it was great to spend time reading Psalm 84 and being reminded that our relationship with the Lord provides a safe home (v3-4), a surprising strength (v5-7) and a secure blessing (v10-11).

I've also been getting involved with the kids and youth work, attending the Sunday Children's group and various youth groups on zoom, as well as helping to prepare some of teaching material.



The trainees preparing to join the weekly meeting discussing the upcoming sermon via Zoom.

If you'd like to see one of the things we got up to during our first week as trainees click on this link

<https://online.fulwoodchurch.co.uk/6-september/> and fast forward to 19:25.

Thanks again for your prayers.

With love,
 Eloise

Give thanks

- The opportunity I have this year to spend time reading God's Word, serving the Church and growing in relationship with God.
- An encouraging and thought-provoking induction week thinking about being 'Listening Disciples' and 'Praying Disciples' as well as getting to know the other trainees.
- Time catching up with friends and getting to know my new housemates.

Please pray

- Settling into my role as a trainee, to use my time well and for patience as we figure out what I'll be doing week by week.
- Building relationships with the children and youth, particularly how to do this while all the gatherings are online.
- Preparing to start in person midweek and Sunday children's and youth groups and that this wouldn't be hindered by the new guidelines.

- That by God's grace and for His glory, I would come to know Him more and grow in Christlikeness throughout this year.

Looking ahead

24th September: Bible Training Yorkshire, weekly day of Bible teaching, starts

October: Midweek youth group starting back in person

October: Sunday children's groups starting back in person