



Churches Together in Shirley and District Prayer Guide

April 2022

Introduction

This guide gives a list of the activities going on across our churches with suggested prayers for each of them. It is so encouraging to see the breadth of these activities; we need to cover each of them with prayer if we are to see the fullness of God's blessing on them.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph 2:10

It's good to thank God for all those people who work hard serving him in these ventures and to ask for his Spirit to refresh and enable them in their work.

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will and may he work in us what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen Heb 13:20-21

We also need to pray in all sorts of different ways for the Holy Spirit to guide and work through all these endeavours, so that we can see people's lives touched by God and coming to Christ.

I urge then, first of all, that petitions prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people This is good and pleases God our Saviour who wants all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim 2 1, 3-4

The list below gives information about many of the activities that our churches are doing in our area, but there are others, which do not appear on the lists of individual churches:

Let's pray for the annual CTiS events - our united service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January, that it will be a great celebration of the previous year and an opportunity to re-commit ourselves to work together to build the Kingdom of God in our area - the Good Friday and Christmas services in Shirley precinct that they will be powerful acts of witness to the good news of the gospel in our community.

There are also many house groups and discipleship groups that run each week. Let's pray for the leaders of these groups that they will have strength and wisdom for their task and that God will fill them afresh with his Holy Spirit. May the groups be places of strengthening and encouraging of God's people. We have recently been joined by representatives from the New Community Church, Southampton. They are a city-wide church, but have a number of their members living in the Shirley area and have local house groups here. We thank God for all these people and their important contribution to the church in our area. We pray for God's blessing on them as individuals, and also on the local groups.

We should also give thanks for the great opportunity that we have to go into schools and present lessons, assemblies and other activities to the children. Let's pray for the Collective Worship Team, who coordinate much of this activity and also run other events outside of the school, such as the Light Party, the Easter Experience and the Holiday Club. We can pray too for School Pastors who provide pastoral support in our schools and for other individual opportunities we have as churches in this area. May they be a means of children being reached with the good news of the gospel and being drawn to know Christ.

Let's also commit our future direction as the church in Shirley into God's hands. As we look at the list of our activities, where are the gaps? Where is God leading us into new initiatives? Are there any avenues where we can fruitfully work together? One idea that has emerged is the value of having subgroups focussed on different areas. The Collective Worship Team for example are working very effectively in local schools and organising events for children. Let's pray for the subgroup looking at youth work in the area, which has recently been established; that it will prove fruitful in developing that area of our church life and our contribution into the community. Let's pray too that God will guide us to new areas where we can bring in the Kingdom of God.

May this guide encourage us all to pray for one another and so share in this great work to which we've been called - to be the body of Christ in Shirley.

By this all men will know that you are my disciples; if you love one another. John 13:35

Further details on our activities can be found in the Directory of CTIS Activities which is available via our website www.ctis-southampton.co.uk

Christ Church Freemantle

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of Activity	Description
Church Meeting	Sunday Church Service	Parish Communion with Sunday School
Church Meeting	Holy Communion	Midweek communion service
Church Meeting	Sung Evensong	Formal evensong service

Prayer Items

We thank you for the weekly meetings of Christ Church Freemantle. We pray that they will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the appointment of Rev Angi Nutt, who has recently started as the Vicar Of Christ Church. We pray that she will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for the task of leading the church and that you will guide her in all she does. We also pray for the churchwardens and others in the leadership team, that they will have strength and wisdom for their roles.

Specific items for prayer

For our work with children and families - we give thanks for the team working in this area and pray for growth in numbers and commitment, and for the connections with the Freemantle Church of England Academy School next to the church.

For a continued deepening of faith and understanding for the whole church community

Elim Christian Centre

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of Activity	Description
Children (5-11 years)	Explorers	Children's club (6-11 years)
Children (under 5 years)	Tots & Co	Parent and toddler group
Church Meeting	Sunday Church Service	Morning Service with separate activities for junior church and youth
Church Meeting	Worship/prayer meeting	Worship and prayer
Everyone	Oasis	Meal for anyone who wants to come along
Youth	Connected	Youth Club

Prayer items

We thank you for the weekly meetings of Elim Christian Centre in Freemantle. We pray that they will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the minister of Elim Christian Centre, Rev Brian Wallis. We pray that he will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for his task of leading the church and that you will guide him in all he does. We also pray for the leadership team that you will fill them with strength and wisdom.

We pray for Elim Christian Centre. We thank you for the work they do among children, for the Tots and Co. group for preschool children and for the Explorers for juniors. We pray for the people who run these groups that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will run excellent activities and that the children will receive grounding in the Christian faith through them.

We thank you for the work of Elim Christian Centre with young people. We thank you for the Connected youth group as it goes through a transition phase. We pray that you will guide them as to the future of the club and that they will provide a good grounding in the Christian faith for their own young people and also be successful in reaching other young people in their area with the good news of Jesus.

We pray for the Oasis event providing a meal for anyone who wants to come along. We pray that it will be an opportunity for people to enjoy sharing a meal with others and that it will help build good links in the local community.

Specific items for prayer

For guidance and wisdom for work on the church building, to further our ministry into the community.

Freemantle Baptist Church

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of Activity	Description
Children (5-11 years)	Livewires	Children's club for key stage 1 children, siblings and parents
Children (under 5 years)	Bubbles	Parent and toddler group
Children (under 5 years)	Flowerpots	Parent and toddler group
Church Meeting	Sunday Morning Worship	Worship with Junior church activity groups. Communion on the third Sunday of the month
Church Meeting	Sunday Evening Worship	First and third Sundays of the month - first Sunday communion, third Sunday - informal gathering
Everyone	Coffee Morning	Coffee and chat
Social Action	Christians Against Poverty Drop in	CAP Drop in session offering debt help

Prayer items

We thank you for the weekly meetings of Freemantle Baptist Church. We pray that they will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the minister of Freemantle Baptist Church, Rev. Linda Hayes. We pray that she will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for her task of leading the church and that you will guide her in all she does. We also pray for the leadership team that you will fill them with strength and wisdom and that they will be a good support for Linda.

We pray for Freemantle Baptist Church. We thank you for the work they do among children, for the Bubbles and Flowerpots groups for preschool children and for the Livewires group 4-7 year olds and parents. We pray for the people who run these groups that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will run excellent activities and that the children will receive grounding in the Christian faith through them.

We thank you for the Coffee Morning run by Freemantle Baptist Church giving people the opportunity to come together for coffee and a chat. We pray that it will develop fellowship among members of the church and also be a means of introducing people outside the church to the message of Jesus.

We thank you for the Christians Against Poverty drop in centre run each week by Freemantle Baptist Church. We pray that people who need help in this area will hear about the centre and come along to receive the help they need. Please give wisdom to those providing the advice.

Specific items for prayer

Freemantle Baptist thank God for many encouragements, especially with their toddler mums. They are running a course called Life lines for a few of them and would value prayer for that.

Freemantle United Reformed Church

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of Activity	Description
Church Meeting	Sunday Church Service	Sunday church service
Children (5-11 years)	Brownies	Junior age girls group
Social Action	Southampton Sunday Lunch Project	A free hot lunch is offered to individuals who are homeless, disadvantaged, alone, etc. in a warm and safe environment
Youth	Girl Guides	Activities for girls aged 10-14
Everyone	Badminton and Table Tennis Club	Club for all ages and abilities
Everyone	Repair Cafe	Service for repairing small items together with provision of refreshments

Prayer items

We thank you for Freemantle United Reformed Church. We pray that their weekly meetings will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the minister of Freemantle United Reformed Church, Rev Dr Sarah Hall. We pray that she will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for the task of leading the four churches for which she is responsible. Please guide her in all she does. We also pray for the leadership team in the church that you will fill them with strength and wisdom, so that they are a real support Sarah.

We pray for Pat Oliver the Community Minister serving the United Reformed Churches in our area. We pray that she will be a great support to the work that they already do in the community and will be guided by your Holy Spirit to take this area of church ministry forward in the future.

We thank you for the work of Freemantle United Reformed Church for children in our area, with the Brownies. We pray for the people who run this group that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that it will have excellent activities.

We thank you for the work of Freemantle United Reformed Church for young people in our area, with the Girl Guides. We pray for the people who run this group that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that it will have excellent activities.

We thank you for the work of the Southampton Sunday Lunch Project hosted at Freemantle United Reformed Church, which provides food for the homeless. We pray for the people that work for the project, that you will fill them with strength and help them see Jesus in those they serve.

We thank you for the repair café at Freemantle United Reformed Church, which gives people the opportunity to repair small items and enjoy refreshments. We pray for those running the initiative and for people bringing items that they will not only benefit from the opportunity of being together with others but also act as stewards of God's creation.

We thank you for the badminton and table tennis club run by Freemantle United Reformed Church. We pray that it will develop fellowship among members of the church and also be a means of introducing people outside the church to the message of Jesus.

Specific items for prayer

For church members struggling with family difficulties, that they may experience Jesus as the one who carries their burdens.

For the theatre group associated with Freemantle URC, that through creativity and fellowship they might discern the working of God's spirit and might be a witness to God's love for all.

For all those who hire our building - the Alcoholic Anonymous groups, Rock Choir, Lingotots and Baby Sensory - plus all the group leaders, who have made recent enquiries and possible new bookings for their groups, that we may welcome them as God welcomes us.

Emmanuel Church

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of Activity	Description
Church Meeting	Sunday Church Service	Congregational meeting with worship band
Everyone	Coffee Morning	Coffee and opportunity for people to receive prayer
Social Action	Healing on the Streets	Praying for people on the streets

Prayer items

Lord we thank you for your presence at Emmanuel Church, and we ask for more of your heart and for more of your love to be revealed week by week. May the congregation be inspired by your Word to walk really closely with Jesus.

We thank you for the leaders of Emmanuel Church, Michael and Margaret Rothery. We ask for your anointing, wisdom and guidance for them. We also pray for the rest of the church leadership team that you will fill them with strength and wisdom.

We thank you for the work of Emmanuel Church in praying for people for healing and particularly for the weekly coffee morning. We pray for the people who are involved in praying that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit and that people coming for prayer will be healed and drawn closer to God as a result.

Bless you Father, for those who minister at 'Healing on the Streets' in Shirley Precinct on a Saturday morning, would you fill them and strengthen them to bring your healing and restoration to the residents of Shirley. We ask, Lord, for more healings, more encounters and more salvations in Shirley Precinct.

Isaac Watts United Reformed Church

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of Activity	Description
Children (5-11 years)	Boys Brigade	Activities for boys aged 5-11
Children (5-11 years)	Girls Brigade	Activities for girls aged 5-11
Church Meeting	Sunday Church Service	Sunday church service (includes Junior Church)
Seniors	Community Lunch Club	Lunch for seniors
Youth	Boys Brigade	Boys activities for age 12-18
Youth	Girls Brigade	Activities for girls aged 12-18
Youth	Youth Group	Youth group

Prayer items

We thank you for the Isaac Watts United Reformed Church. We pray that their weekly meetings will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We pray For Rev Dr Sarah Hall as she has responsibility for the four United Reformed Churches in the South West Hants district. We pray that she will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for the task. Please guide her in all she does. We also pray for the leadership team in the church, that you will fill them with strength and wisdom and that they will be a real support to Sarah.

We pray for Pat Oliver the Community Minister serving the United Reformed Churches. We pray that she will be a great support to the work that they already do in the community and will be guided by your Holy Spirit to take this area of church ministry forward in the future.

We thank you for the work of Isaac Watts United Reformed Church with children in our area, running both the Boy's and Girl's Brigade. We pray for the people who run these groups that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will be excellent activities, and that the children will receive grounding in the Christian faith through them.

We thank you for the work of Isaac Watts United Reformed Church with young people in our area, running both the Boys and Girls Brigade and a youth group. We pray for the people who run these groups that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will be excellent activities and that the young people will come to faith in Christ through them.

We thank you for the work of the Isaac Watts United Reformed Church running the lunch club for seniors. We pray that you will give strength to the people that organise this event and that they will provide a place of encouragement and friendship for older people.

Specific Items for Prayer

Please pray for the success of our monthly prayer meeting that it will help us as a congregation to prayerfully consider our future and to seek out God's will and vision for us as part of the wider community.

As an ageing congregation please pray for the elderly, infirmed and housebound of our church family. For those waiting for treatment, those moving in and out of hospital, and for those who are fearful of the future.

For ministry during the period of vacancy in the South West Hants Group of four United Reformed Churches; for Sarah Hall as she works as sole minister, for those who also contribute to ministry, and that God calls someone to fill the other funded ministry position.

For growth in the congregation, and particularly for a number of people who visited the church during our Christmas services, that we can make links with them.

New Community Church

Specific items for prayer

Evangelism - We've seen fresh opportunities and a remarkable openness in evangelism. We still have much to learn in this area. My hope/prayer would be that a culture of invitation would become normal and evident in every area of life.

Discipleship - We want to see people become mature, faithful followers of Jesus. We're keen to aid people in discipleship, and our seeking to focus time and attention in this area in resourcing people and encouraging them

Shirley Baptist Church

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of Activity	Description
Children (5-11 years)	Brownies	Junior age girls group
Children (5-11 years)	Wacky Wednesdays	Fun time for boys and girls in years reception to 3 with games, craft, activities and a Bible story
Children (5-11 years)	Wild Wild Wednesdays	Fun time for boys and girls in years 4-6 with games, crafts, activities and a Bible story
Children (under 5 years)	Speckled Frogs	Parent and toddler group
Church Meeting	Sunday Church Service	Morning Worship with Fire! Activity groups for babies to teens
Church Meeting	Praise at 4	Songs of praise followed by sit down tea
Everyone	Mini Market	Sale of goods and refreshments
Everyone	Modified Pilates	Pilates is a mind-body conditioning exercise programme
Everyone	Get Together	Social afternoon with activities
Everyone	Open for Coffee	Coffee morning
Families	Messy Church	Informal church for families
Ladies	Ladies Evening Fellowship	Speaker plus refreshments
Ladies	M and M Ladies Group	Activities plus refreshments
Seniors	Friday Friendship Club	Social gathering principally for the elderly including entertainment
Seniors	Holiday at home	Two-day event aimed at the elderly not able to get away for a holiday - includes activities, cooked lunch and tea
Seniors	Luncheon Club	Group meal for those who would normally eat alone
Social Action	New Dawn Child Contact Centre	Service enabling children and parents to meet up following a separation
Social Action	Singing for the Brain	Sessions for dementia sufferers and their carers

Youth	Friday Night Takeaway	Social gathering for years 7-9 (11-14 year olds) with activities and a short discussion around a Bible story
Youth	The .club	Youth Club run jointly with the Salvation Army for years 8-13 (13-18 year olds)

Prayer items

We thank you for the weekly meetings of Shirley Baptist Church. We pray that they will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the minister of Shirley Baptist Church, Pastor Shaun Sweeney. We pray that he will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for his task of leading the church and that you will guide him in all he does. We also pray for the leadership team that you will fill them with strength and wisdom.

We pray for the work of Shirley Baptist Church with children and for Jo Snape who leads these activities. We thank you for the Speckled Frogs group for preschool children, Wacky Wednesdays for school children up to year 3 and for the Brownies and Wild Wild Wednesdays for juniors. We pray for the people who run these groups that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will run excellent activities and that the children will receive grounding in the Christian faith through them.

We thank you for the work of Shirley Baptist Church with young people. We pray for the Friday Night Takeaway and the .Club, run jointly with the Salvation Army. We pray for the people who run these groups that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit that they will run excellent activities and that the young people will come to faith in Christ through them.

We pray for the Messy Church run by Shirley Baptist Church. We pray that this will be successful in getting families to come along and that people will come to know you as a result.

We thank you for the social activities run by Shirley Baptist Church. We pray that they will develop fellowship among members of the church and also be a means of introducing people outside the church to the message of Jesus.

We pray for the work of Shirley Baptist Church among senior citizens. We thank you for regular Luncheon Club and Friday Friendship Club and pray that they will provide a place of encouragement and friendship for older people. We thank you too for the annual Holiday at Home event - that it will be a good break for those not able to get away on holiday themselves.

We thank you for the work of the New Dawn Centre that enables parents and children to meet up following a marriage separation. We pray that they will be able to bring encouragement to families undergoing difficulties.

We thank you for the Singing for the Brain sessions that take place at Shirley Baptist Church. We pray that these will be a great encouragement to the dementia sufferers who attend and to their carers.

Specific Items for Prayer

Thank God for the contact with families in our community through Toddlers, the midweek clubs and Messy Church.

Pray for God's provision for helpers to meet the needs of the children's groups and for His strength and guidance to sustain the teams.

Praise God for the growth of 2016 both in numbers coming along but more importantly in the desire we all have in the church to be whole life disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pray for our IMAGINE WORKSHOP on April 1st when we will be hosting an interactive whole life discipleship making leaders day led by the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (LICC).

Pray for our Moorlands College Student Paul Sutton, who will be joining us for February and March that he will challenge us with what he brings and we will encourage him in bringing it.

Pray for the workers needed to build up our youth work and develop our young people in their own discipleship needs.

St James by the Park

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of activity	Description
Children (under 5 years)	The Ark	Parent and toddler group
Church Meeting	Sunday Church Service	A relaxed, informal service with a wide range of ages attending. Music led by a band. Includes Crèche and Junior Church for 0-11 years
Everyone	Alpha/Christianity Explored	Enquirer courses for people wanting to find out more about the Christian faith
Ladies	Ladies Netball	Fun netball games open to all ladies
Ladies	Sat Navs	Walking group for ladies
Men	Men in Boots	Walking group for men
Men	Christian Vision for Men - Shirley Parish Church Group	Outreach group for men with range of activities
Seniors	New Evergreens Luncheon Club	A hot 2 course meal for 60s + followed by bingo.
Seniors	New Evergreens	A social time, usually with a speaker for 60s +

Seniors	Rest Homes Ministry	Monthly service in 2 local rest homes for residents, carers and families
Seniors	Sunday at 3	A Songs of Praise style service for seniors.
Social Action	Friends of St James Park	Providing effective use of St James Park
Social Action	SAFE	SAFE helps isolated and disadvantaged people rethink their lives and find new ways forward. It helps them progress into work or further learning, and grow in confidence, self esteem and health
Social Action	SCRATCH (Southampton City and Region Action to Combat Hardship)	SCRATCH relieves the effects of poverty for families and individuals with needs recognised by approved referral agencies in Southampton and surrounding area
Social Action	Christians Against Poverty Course	Course on budget management
Youth	BUZZ.connect	Bible - Prayer - Friendship for school years 9+
Youth	BUZZ.ignite	Games, team building and teaching for school years 7 & 8
Youth	BUZZ.live	Youth Service for school years 9+

Prayer items

We thank you for the weekly meetings of the St James by the Park. We pray that they will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the minister of St James by the Park, Rev Dan Clark. We pray that he will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for his task of leading the church and that you will guide him in all he does. We also pray for the leadership team that you will fill them with strength and wisdom.

We pray for St James by the Park. We thank you for the work they do among children, for the Ark for preschool children and Superstars and Light Party for primary school children. We pray for the people who run these groups that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will run excellent activities and that the children will receive grounding in the Christian faith through them.

We thank you for the Buzz activities run for young people by St James by the Park. We pray for Josh Cook, who leads the group and the team of people who help them. Please fill him with your Holy Spirit that he and his team will run excellent activities and that the young people will come to faith in Christ through them.

We thank you for the social activities run by St James by the Park. We pray that they will develop the fellowship among members of the church and also be a means of introducing people outside the church to the message of Jesus.

We pray for the work of St James by the Park among senior citizens. We thank you for the Luncheon Club and New Evergreens events and pray that they will provide a place of encouragement and friendship for older people. We thank you too for the regular services held in two rest homes - that they will encourage the people who live there who are Christians and also effectively communicate the gospel message to those who aren't.

We thank you for the various initiatives in which the church is involved which contribute to the life of our local community, SCRATCH, SAFE, Communicare, and Friends of St James Park. We pray that each of these will be successful in positively impacting the people in Shirley and demonstrating the love of Christ to them.

We thank you for the activities of St James by the Park, which aim to reach others with the good news of the Gospel of Christ. We pray that people will come along to the Alpha course and will respond to the good news and commit their lives to you. We pray for the Christian Vision for Men group that they will grow in fellowship and friendship together and also be successful in reaching out to their friends with the good news of the gospel.

Specific items for prayer

We thank you for the resource of the St James by the Park buildings, and pray for the Parish Church Council as it considers options for developing them.

We thank you for the missional communities that have been recently established, supporting young families, the youth, and those facing financial hardship. We pray more communities to emerge with good leadership.

Pray for our Alpha course starting January 2017, that people would come to a personal faith in Jesus through it.

St James by the Park are hoping to change their pattern of Sunday services soon - pray that it would enable our church to grow numerically and that existing members would adapt to the change.

Pray for God's guidance about our plans to develop an outreach facility on Shirley High Street following recent setbacks

Shirley Salvation Army

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of Activity	Description
Children (5-11 years)	Kids Club	Club for children aged 5-12 including games, craft, snooker, computer consoles etc
Church Meeting	Morning Worship	Morning worship with Kids alive (3-6 and 7-12 years) and SAY (13-25 years)
Church Meeting	Sunday evening worship	Evening worship followed by drinks
Diabetes sufferers	Friendship group for those with diabetes	Friendship group open for all with diabetes
Everyone	Coffee Mornings	Coffee mornings open to all

Everyone	Luncheon Club	A simple meal of soup and dessert
Everyone	Bible study and fellowship evening	Bible study and fellowship evening
Seniors	CAMEO (Come and meet each other)	Entertainers, speakers and trips for those over 55
Social Action	Salvation Army Charity Shop	Shop selling a variety of goods for charity
Youth	The . club	Youth club run jointly with Shirley Baptist Church

Prayer items

We thank you for the weekly meetings of the Shirley Salvation Army. We pray that they will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the leader of the Shirley Salvation Army, Major Teresa Harris. We pray that she will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for the task of leading the church and that you will guide her in all she does. We also pray for the leadership team that you will fill them with strength and wisdom.

We pray for Shirley Salvation Army. We thank you for the work they do among children with their Kid's Club. We pray for the people who run this group that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will run excellent activities and that the children will receive grounding in the Christian faith through them.

We thank you for the work of Shirley Salvation Army with young people. We thank you for the .Club, run jointly with the Shirley Baptist church. We pray for the people who run this group that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit that they will run excellent activities and that the young people will come to faith in Christ through them.

We pray for the work of Shirley Salvation Army among senior citizens. We thank you for the CAMEO events and pray that they will provide a place of encouragement and friendship for older people.

We thank you for the work of the Shirley Salvation Army in the community. We pray for the coffee mornings, the charity shop, the diabetes friendship group, the lunch club and the Salvation Army Band. We pray that you will give strength to all the people that work for these initiatives, that you will fill them with strength and help them bring encouragement and support to the people they are serving.

Specific items for prayer

Please pray for the right person to respond to taking up leadership within the Sunday School, (our previous leader retired after 20 years). At the moment church members are looking after this on a rota basis.

Shirley Salvation Army are changing the format of their 4.30pm service - please pray that folks will be open to the change and see the opportunities that they believe it will bring.

Shirley Warren Action Church

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of Activity	Description
Children (4-10 years)	Fun with Faith	Children's group providing an introduction to the Christian faith incorporated into a variety of fun activities
Church Meeting	Sunday Church Service	Morning service with Rock Solid event for children
Everyone	Friday Lunch Club	Two -course meal provided - everyone welcome
Everyone	Sonshine	Weekly group meeting in the afternoon for friendship, bible-study and worship
Everyone	Art Club	Weekly group usually in the afternoon spending time on crafts
Everyone	Garden Club	Weekly session working on the garden of Shirley Warren Action Church
Youth	Youth Cafe	Opportunity for young people to get together, have fun and do arts and crafts
Social Action	Let your light shine	Support group for survivors of sexual abuse

Prayer items

We thank you for the weekly meetings of Shirley Warren Action Church. We pray that they will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the minister of Shirley Warren Action Church, Rev Jenny Elliott. We pray that she will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for her task of leading the church and that you will guide her in all she does. We also pray for the leadership team that you will fill them with strength and wisdom.

We pray for Shirley Warren Action Church. We thank you for the work they do among children, for the Rock Solid event on Sundays and Fun with Faith group for 4-10 year olds running midweek. We pray for the people who run these groups that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will run excellent activities and the children will receive grounding in the Christian faith through them.

We thank you for the different groups being run throughout the week by Shirley Warren Action Church, the Friday Lunch club, Sonshine, the Art Club and the Garden Club. We

pray that these activities will develop fellowship among members of the church and also be a means of introducing people outside the church to the message of Jesus.

We thank you for the work of Shirley Warren Action Church with young people. We pray for the Youth Café that happens on Fridays. We pray for the people who run this group that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that it will be an excellent event and that the young people will come to faith in Christ through it.

We thank you for the 'Let your light shine' group at Shirley Warren Action Church. We pray that this will be a great help to the survivors of childhood sexual abuse who attend. We pray for those who provide the support that you will give them wisdom and grace as they seek to bring your love and encouragement.

Southampton Adventist Church

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of Activity	Description
Children (under 5 years)	Teddies Play Group	Parent and toddler group
Church Meeting	Main Service	11:15 am - Church service (with Kid's Church at 10.30am on third Saturday)
Church Meeting	Sabbath School	10am each Saturday Bible teaching for all ages
Church Meeting	Prayer meeting	Meeting for prayer and fellowship, each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm.

Prayer items

We thank you for the weekly meetings of Southampton Adventist Church. We pray that they will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the leader of Southampton Adventist Church, Pastor Doug McCormac. We pray that he will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for his task of leading the church and that you will guide him in all he does. We also pray for the leadership team that you will fill them with strength and wisdom.

We thank you for the weekly prayer meeting at the Southampton Adventist Church. We pray for the people who run this group that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit and that they will run an excellent activity.

We pray that the young people will come to faith in Christ and grow in their Christian walk.

Specific items for prayer

Please pray for the families, the parents and the children. Pray that they will make Jesus Christ the focus of their homes and their relationships.

St Boniface Church

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of activity	Description
Children (under 5 years)	Parent and Toddler group	Parent and toddler group
Children (5-11 years)	FROGS	Club for children in school years 3-6
Church	Mass	Congregational meeting with organ and singing
Church	Mass	Reflective meeting with some music
Church	Mass	Sung mass with organ or music group
Seniors	Activities for the Elderly	Activities for the elderly
Seniors	Coffee Morning	Social gathering focused on elderly folk
Youth	Youth Group - Fanning the Flame	Youth group for school years 7 to 13

Prayer items

We thank you for the weekly meetings of St Boniface Church. We pray that they will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the leader of St Boniface Church, Father David Sillince. We pray that he will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for the task of leading the church and that you will guide him in all he does. We also pray for the leadership team that you will fill them with strength and wisdom.

We pray for St Boniface Church. We thank you for the work they do among senior citizens. We thank you for regular Coffee Morning and other activities for seniors that they run. We pray that they will provide a place of encouragement and friendship for older people and that they will be used to draw people closer to God

We pray for St Boniface Church. We thank you for the parent and toddler group that runs every morning with a special session on Tuesday for the Polish Community and also for the FROGS club for junior school children. We pray for the people who run these groups, that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will provide excellent activities and that the children will receive grounding in the Christian faith through them.

We thank you for the work of St Boniface Church with young people. We pray for those who run the Fanning the Flame group, that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit. We pray that they will run excellent activities, which the young people will enjoy, and also be a means of them coming to faith in Christ.

Specific items for prayer

We pray for integration of migrant groups within our community

We pray for the evangelisation of those who have fallen away from the faith.

For those who are homeless (or who appear to be so) on the street in Shirley

That we might live in a spirit of mercy, as per Pope Francis' "Year of Mercy" recently ended

St James Road Methodist Church

Activities

Children (5-11 years)	Boys Brigade - Anchors	Activities for boys aged 5-school year 2
Children (5-11 years)	Boys Brigade - Juniors	Activities for boys aged school years 3-5
Children (under 5 years)	Bumps and Babies	Parent and baby group (in association with the National Childbirth Trust)
Children (under 5 years)	Tadpoles	Parent and toddler group
Church Meeting	Family Worship	Family meeting suitable for those with children
Church Meeting	Morning Worship	Traditional worship service
Church Meeting	Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Everyone	Badminton Club	Badminton for fun, friendship and exercise
Everyone	Coffee and tea	Coffee and tea
Everyone	SJR Supper Club	Meal and fellowship
Everyone	Soup and Sweet lunch	Soup and sweet lunch
Everyone	Teapot	Home made tea and cake
Everyone	Bowls Club	Short mat bowls
Families	Messy Church	Informal church for families
Families	Who let the dad's out	Dads and male carers with their pre-school children
Families	Twins and Multiple Birth Group	Families with twins or multiple births
Families	Toast	Breakfast event for families

Ladies	Women's Wednesday Group	Social activities, discussion and invited speakers
Youth	Boys Brigade - Inters	Boys activities for school years 7-9
Youth	Boys Brigade - Seniors	Boys activities for school years 9+

Prayer items

We thank you for the weekly meetings of St James Road Methodist Church. We pray that they will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the minister of St James Road Methodist Church, Rev Christine Coram. We pray that she will be anointed by your Holy Spirit for the task, and that you will guide her in all she does. We pray also for Deacon Brain Purchase that you will be with him in his practical service to the church, and for rest of the leadership team that you will fill them with strength and wisdom.

We pray for St James Road Methodist Church. We thank you for the work they do among children, for the Bumps and Babies and Tadpoles groups for preschool children, and the Boys Brigade for school aged children. We pray for the people who run these groups that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will run excellent activities and that the children will receive grounding in the Christian faith through them.

We thank you for the work of St James Road Methodist Church with young people. We pray for the Inters and Seniors Boys Brigade groups, which happen each week. We pray for the people who run these groups that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit, that they will run excellent activities and that the young people will come to faith in Christ through them.

We pray for the activities for families run by St James Road Methodist Church. We thank you for Messy Church, Who Let the Dads out, the Twins and Multiple Births group and Toast. We pray that they will be successful in getting families to come along and that people will come to know you as a result.

We thank you for the social activities run by St James Road Methodist Church. We pray that they will develop fellowship among members of the church and also be a means of introducing people outside the church to the message of Jesus.

Specific items for prayer

The church is currently looking at a building development scheme - please pray that this does not distract us from the mission of the church

We have a stated priority for spiritual development - please pray that God will give us the inspiration, guidance and strength to allow him to work in and through us

New Song Cafe - this project has got off to a wonderful start, please pray that we will be open to God's leading as we move forward with this

St Mark's Church

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of Activity	Description
Children (5-11 years)	Star Seekers	Fun afternoon for children aged 4-11
Children (under 5 years)	Baby & Toddler Group	Parent and toddler group
Church Meeting	Sunday Church Service	10.00 am Morning Service with Young Church and Crèche Facility
Everyone	Mark's Movies	A movie experience in a relaxed bistro cafe-style setting
Everyone	Craft Club	Community craft club
Social Action	Seedbed	Helping development of new project ideas
Seniors	Haven Lunch Club	Midday meal and activities for retired folk

Prayer items

We thank you for the weekly meetings of St Marks Church. We pray that they will be times of joy and that the members of the church will be inspired by the teaching to walk close to you in their daily lives and boldly share the gospel with their neighbours.

We thank you for the appointment of Rev Kathy Hicken as the Priest in Charge and Pioneer at St Marks. We pray that she will settle in well and be anointed by your Holy Spirit for this role. We pray for the churchwardens that you will fill them with strength and wisdom.

We pray for St Marks Church. We thank you for the work they do among children, for the Baby and Toddlers group and for Star Seekers for juniors. We pray for the people who run these groups that you will fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will run excellent activities and that the children will receive grounding in the Christian faith through them.

We pray for Mark's Movies run by St Mark's church. We pray that the performances will be a good opportunity for people to get together and that they will be a means of connecting with people in the community and drawing them towards Christ.

We pray for the Craft Club run by St Mark's church. We pray that it will enable people to develop new skills while sharing fellowship with others. We also pray it will be a means of connecting with people in the community and drawing them towards Christ.

We pray for the work of St Mark's church among senior citizens. We thank you for regular Haven Lunch Club run with Communicare, and pray that it will provide a place of encouragement and friendship for older people.

We thank you for the work of Seedbed, which seeks to support grassroots community projects become established in Southampton. We thank you for the groups they have been able to help and pray that you will continue to enable them to demonstrate the love of Christ at work in our community.

Mercy Church

Activities

Who is it for?	Name of activity	Description
Children (3-13 years)	Teaching time	Teaching bible study and getting children to engage with volunteer teachers and with planned activities for the day such as quiz, symposium, colouring and discussions.
Youth (13-25)		
Everyone	Sunday Church service	Sunday Morning Service with separate activities for children and the youth.
Women (26 and above)	Daughter of Zion	First Saturday every other month. Women gather together to discuss topics of interest such as role of women in the society, home and work place.
Everyone	Wellbeing	Discussion about keeping safe and well
Men (26 and above)	GOMERM Champions	Men's group centred around development and role of men in family and the society. Guest speakers invited to give talk about topics of interest
Men and women	Intercessors	Prayer session every Monday to pray for people, events and the community.
Everyone	Coffee morning	Every Tuesday morning to socialise over a cup of tea or coffee.

Prayer item

We thank you for the weekly activities of Mercy Church we pray that it will bring spiritual and physical refreshing to everyone. We pray that the Lord will continue to use these activities to touch lives and enable people to know Him more. We pray that all the volunteer of these activities will be blessed so they continue to be a blessing to others.

We pray that children and the youth continue to follow in the way of the Lord and serve Him in the days of their youth so that when they grow up, they will not depart from God's way.

We pray for the leadership team of the church and ask that they will be inspired by the Holy Spirit. We thank you for the minister of Mercy Church, Pastor Oluseyi Asiyambi that the Holy Spirit will help with task of leading the church and that you will guide and guard him always.

Specific items for prayer