

PART 4- Lunchtime Groups and Clubs (Helena)

Please pray for the following items

- Explore Groups are currently doing a variety of sessions from Youth Alpha to looking at Parables, to exploring the overarching narrative of the Bible. Pray that the Christians in the groups are encouraged to follow Jesus more and those exploring have a space to ask their questions and find the answers in the Bible.
- Please pray specifically for the relaunch of the Year 10 Christian Explore Group in KWS on Monday lunchtimes (Starting Monday 12th May and continuing to the summer holidays) 7 students have received personal invitations after conveying that they are Christian and that they would be interested to be a part of a group in school.
- Pray for those who have attended the Snug in Loreto with Amy over the years, as it is time to stop and do Youth Alpha instead. Pray for those who have attended regularly and for Amy to finish well with them. Amy is exploring mentoring one of them, J, so pray that if this is right, God will open a door for it to happen.
- Pray also for Callum, RE teacher, who works hard to be salt and light in Loreto, for protection, and for encouragement for him as he comes to the end of his first year at Loreto. Pray that he will continue to build on all that he has done this year and that he and Amy will continue to work well together.
- LX Drop in at High Street Methodist Church in Harpenden after school- We are welcoming Year 6 students, from the Step Up Days, to have 'early access' and come along to the LX Drop in after May half term. Pray that we get some new young people coming, and that the current young people who attend welcome this change.
- Our Christianity Unpacked group at Verulam as we start using our Next Steps resource with some new Christians in the group.
- Thank God for the commitment of Dan and Judith (youth workers at Spicer Street) who we work alongside to deliver Explore Groups in STAGS, Sandringham and Verulam. They also run a group in Beaumont independently. Please pray a blessing on their youth ministry as many young people are connected to their church due to these groups.

Dates for your diary:

- End of Year Celebration at Verso St Albans on Wed 16th July 2025 7.30-10pm

Step Pudding and Prayer Evening

Wednesday 14th May 2025

At St Mark's Church, Church Lane, Colney Heath

Thank you for joining us to pray for the work of Step. Between 8-9pm you will be guided through the evening as we spend time praying in groups about the items on this list. We will also hear amazing stories of what has been happening this term.

PART 1- Big Picture (Geoff)

Please pray for the following items

- This term, Step is excited to introduce a new approach to its work. By dividing its responsibilities into zones, we aim to enhance intentional planning and make it easier to recognise successes. Please pray that this initiative is communicated effectively, well-received, and fruitful.
- Regrettably, with Charlotte's departure, Step has had to adjust its operations. We won't be replacing her until funds are secured. Please pray for Charlotte's schools as we manage them with a gentle touch until September. Please pray especially for the smooth running of the three Step Days with Beaumont in July.
- In September, Amy and Steph will take on the role of coordinating Charlotte's Schools. Please pray for them as they prepare for this.
- Step will also have to hold back on working with Oaklands College in the near future. Please pray that they remain open to our partnership and that the necessary resources, particularly financial support, are provided.
- We would also like to collaborate with St Albans High School. We haven't approached them recently due to resource constraints, so please pray for provision and the right opportunity at the right time.
- Pray that God will grant the team wisdom in prioritising tasks during this final term of the academic year.
- Geoff will be taking Extended Developmental Leave to invest in himself. Please pray that he returns refreshed, reimagined, and with a strengthened relationship with God. Additionally, pray for Step to manage effectively without his exceptional leadership.
- Step's Gap Year Program which we are launching in September.
- For success in grants with several awaiting to hear news soon.

PART 2- Lessons and Step Days (Jez and Steph)

Please pray for the following items

- Step is exploring a new initiative (initially with St Columba's College) to move some Step Days to activity centres. Please pray that we can find a suitable centre that's willing to trial these with us.
- For all the Step Up days that we have planned in the many local primary schools, especially as we are launching some new material. Please pray for the new format to be even more spiritually and relationally effective as before.
- We work with JUMP! to run our Step Up Days in Harpenden. Please pray these are fun and help us build relationships with the students coming up to secondary school next year
- Pray we make good connections with the soon to be Year 7 students and that we can follow up with them on their transition day (we are involved in the ones at Townsend and Loreto) and beyond.
- Future work with sixth form in Katherine Warrington School, that we would have opportunities to use Blueprint to input into the Spiritual and Social education of the older students.
- Various lesson series this term including (but not an exhaustive list):
 - Marlborough Yr10 will receive both our Crime & Punishment and Forgiveness lessons.
 - Sandringham Yr 8 will have our Ultimate Questions lesson which is a great advert for our Ultimate Questions Club and Yr 7 will have both our Who Is Jesus and Parables lessons receiving a GNFE New Testament.
 - Roundwood Yr 8 - Narnia Resurrection lessons.
 - Sir John Lawes Yr 10 - Forgiveness lessons, Yr 9 - Ultimate Questions lessons.
 - Our Year 8 Grace and Life After Death lessons at Verulam that the boys will realise the forgiveness that is on offer through Jesus
 - Sir John Lawes Yr 12 - Rage, Despair, Hope (reflection on the story of Job).
- Beaumont Yr12 Ethics Step Day in June.
- Townsend Yr12 Leadership Foundations Taster.
- Give thanks for positive relationships with Loreto staff and pray for the final two Retreat Days for Year 8 and Year 10.
- Booking meetings in all the schools for next academic year.
- More volunteers to join the Step Day team, specifically hospitality, photography and tidying up.

PART 3- Courses and Other Projects (Mary and Amy)

Please pray for the following items

- Team building day for Townsend's new Student Leadership Team
- iMatter mentoring group in Townsend
- Townsend Enrichment afternoon
- Pray for the new Youth Alpha that Amy will run for the first time in Loreto in the autumn term - pray for wisdom for Amy as she decides which year groups to run it for, and how to get students on board.
- Pray for the final Leadership Foundations course this term at Loreto, that the students attending value it and learn lots about themselves as leaders.
- Pray for our new out of school initiative - the Leadership Hub, which meet on Saturday that those who have signed up get a lot out of it.
- Explore the Bible - Our new resource to help young people read the Bible. These are about to be printed and given out in a variety of contexts, including with the Good News for Everyone Bibles in the Who is Jesus and Parables lessons.
- Next Steps - One of our new mentoring programmes aimed at helping people Follow Jesus. This programme is designed to walk through the basics of the Christian Faith with a young person who has just become a Christian. We are currently running this with one young person in a school in Harpenden, and excited to see this used further as we see more young people following Jesus!
- Our first Leadership Foundations course for Year 13 at Verulam (we previously ran it for Year 10 at the school) which starts in September and already has 15 young people signed up.
- Our preparation for 'Love Your Enemy for Step Day'- a fundraising initiative in September where people are sponsored to wear their rival's kit for a day, but also as we plan activities in school around the theme.
- Townsend Summer School.
- The new Young Life Club that has recently been launched at Marshalswick Baptist Church, that it will be a great space for those we meet in Step to join.
- 267's Fuel Adventures that it will be an encouraging space for local church youth groups but also a space those we meet in schools feel they can join.