

PART 4- Lessons and Step Days (Helena and Amy)

Please pray for the following items

- The year 11s and year 13s at Nicholas Breakspear who have Step Days in the next few weeks.
- Step's first Step Day to be run in conjunction with an outdoor centre.
- Enrichment Group at Nicholas Breakspear to build strong relationships with the students and help them reflect on Jesus and his words.
- Retreat Days at Loreto on 25th Nov and 16th Dec- pray there will be plenty of opportunities for faith-based conversations.
- Please pray for our first Step Day with 90 Year 10 GCSE students at Verso Church, on Friday 12th Dec, which will include an immersive 'Open Doors - Secret Church' experience, a session on Religious Experiences, Narnia Resurrection and our new Christmas Wonderland.
- Thank God for a great Year 6 Step Day at St George's promoting positive relationships. Pray that the students will take the lessons learnt on the day with them.
- Nature of God lessons are happening this week at St George's. Pray that the Year 9 students are inspired by God's awesomeness.
- Year 7s at Beaumont are having their Parables and Who is Jesus lessons in December where they get to take a New Testament home with them. Pray that all the students have a read of it.
- Pray for Geoff as he delivers the message at Verulam's Abbey Service, on the theme of kindness and loving your enemy.
- Pray for the new Head of RE at St Albans School, as we look to continue the good relationship we made with the previous Head of RE.
- Various lesson series this term including (but not an exhaustive list):
 - Sandringham - Forgiveness Lessons with Year 9.
 - Verulam - Forgiveness Lessons with Year 10.
 - Roundwood - Fairtrade Lessons with Year 9.
 - Townsend - Leadership Foundations Taster with Year 12.
 - Townsend - Sixth Form Step Day at Verso.
 - Townsend - Yr8 Ultimate Questions and Suffering, Yr13 Moving On, Yr11 Forgiveness, Yr7 Who is Jesus, Yr10 Christian Worship.
 - Marlborough Yr9 Grace and Life After Death, Yr8 Ultimate Questions and Prejudice, Yr9 Christian Worship, Yr7 Walk Through the Bible.
 - STAGS - Yr11 Sanctity of Life, Yr10 Prejudice Lesson, Yr8 Who is Jesus, Yr11 Forgiveness.

Date for your diary: End of Year Celebration at Verso St Albans on Wed 15th July 2026 7.30-10pm

Step Pudding and Prayer Evening

Wednesday 19th November 2025

At Marshalswick Baptist Free Church, Sherwood Avenue, St. Albans AL4 9QL

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 (Chris)

Please pray for the following items

- Step is very keen to appoint a new schools coordinator next academic year. We have started advertising. Please pray for the funding and the right person become available.
- Please also pray that once this person is in place Step has the opportunities at Oaklands and STAHS.
- Please pray for the 'Zones' initiative to bed in with the team and volunteers. Pray that it is fruitful in focusing our attention.
- Step is entering its appraisal and planning season. Please pray for this to be a positive and strategic experience for all involved.
- Pray for any school staff changes over the Christmas break, pray that Step finds favour with the new staff.
- Please pray for our Love Your Enemy for Step campaign, which has already raised over £4,000 that it will continue to capture the imagination of people to take part or sponsor. Also, pray for the conversations about Jesus' words 'love your enemy' that are happening as a result of this theme.
- Pray for all the grant applications that are being written or we are awaiting decisions for- especially one significant application to the Amateurs Trust, which we will hear about in January. Please also pray that we become even better at measuring our impact.
- Illuminate Cathedral event is on 28th Feb 2026. Please pray this cross-city initiative will be a huge success.
- Following the Cathedral event, we are organising an OCCA Reboot Local on 13th March 2026.

PART 2- Lunchtime Clubs/Young Life (Geoff and Gizzy)

Please pray for the following items

- Lunchtime club that we are hoping to set up for the first time ever in Samuel Ryder - pray for clear and swift communication with the Head of RE, who is very keen for the club to go ahead.
- Pray for the continued success of Explore at Marlborough, Explore Christianity at Townsend, Christianity Unpacked at Verulam and More to Life at STAGS (Run by Spicer Street Church).
- Roundwood - Prayer for the teachers involved in running the Explore Group. Pray that they would have the strategy to invite and advertise well across the school. That the group will grow in number.
- SJL - The Explore group is in the middle of seeking to change format. Prayers for the team as we decide how to move the space forward and who to be reaching out to.
- Sandringham - Thank God for the Christianity Unpacked group which is thriving. Also that the non-Christian students who attend our weekly Ultimate Questions club will have their hearts softened towards Jesus.
- LX Drop in at High Street Methodist Church- that this space will grow in number while retaining the great relationships that are being built.
- Please pray that there is a solid group of students at Ultimate Questions club at Beaumont and pray that they come with their big questions.
- New fledgling Explore Group at St Columba's which was launched on the back of the last Step Day to have the right students and plenty of opportunities to help students follow Jesus.
- Please pray fresh initiatives to bubble up at Nicholas Breakspear club and these feed into a new Explore Group.
- Give thanks for the increased attendance and depth of engagement at the KWS lunchtime Christian group, 8 students came last week. Pray for roots and connections to grow stronger.

YOUNG LIFE prayer requests:

- To raise more money for Young Life St Albans next year.
- For Gizzy to be able to raise money for a religious worker visa.
- That the kids who come to club would go to the Illuminate Cathedral event and Young Life's BASH camp in May half term.
- For more non-Christian kids to be connected to Young Life as the club grows.
- For staff and leaders to be able to set a strong foundation and culture for long-term growth.

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

Please pray for the following items

- Alpha Youth at Loreto- we have a large number of Year 7 students joining us and we have help from some Year 9 and Year 13 students.
- Pray that God will make a way for our Blueprint course to run for the sixth form in Samuel Ryder.
- Pray for Amy as she plans the Leadership Conference on 10th Feb.
- That the first Marlborough Leadership Foundations course finishes well and we have some good next steps for students
- Townsend Yr12 Leadership Foundations Course (Spring Term)
- Townsend Yr7 Alpha Youth Course (Spring Term)
- Provisional Haven Hope Course with Yr10 at Townsend
- Sandringham - We would love to be able to do more in the school outside of the PRE space, with the hopes of a Leadership Course.
- More opportunities will open up to run Haven Hope again in SJL and for the first time at Roundwood.
- Alpha Youth - Prayers as we consider the possibility of a city-wide course being run with Illuminate.
- Please pray for the right Step staffing and keen students' attendance for all the courses starting up in the new year. Pray that the courses help the students understand themselves and God more.
- Pray as we ponder other courses we could run and pray that initiatives like The Difference course have a lasting impact on the students.
- Pray for the end of our fairly small Verulam Leadership Foundations course with Year 13s and wisdom as to how we run it at the school in future to have more students available - probably with Year 12s.
- For the sixth formers nearing the end of the Leadership Foundations course at KWS, one of them wants to start a bible study for his peers.
- Please pray that we can speak to the right person so we can have a Haven Hope course in both Beaumont and St George's.
- Pray for the Leadership Foundations course at St George's in January.
- Pray for the 8 students we are currently mentoring in KWS, for the effectiveness of the time spent, and that each one might feel God's presence and be encouraged to reach out to him.
- Christmas Wonderland Café in Marlborough (1st-5th Dec) and Townsend (8th-11th Dec) and the Connected Café in Marlborough (12th-16th Jan) and Townsend (2nd-6th Feb)
- Pray for opportunities to run Christmas cafés in other schools including Beaumont and St George's.