

WHAT WILL YOU DO?



📷 Improve a housing estate, painting over graffiti like this team in Kendal, Cumbria.

What could churches in your area do to make Jesus known in 2018? HOPE have lots of ideas and resources.

Churches across the denominations are working together with HOPE towards a massive year of mission. One in five of the people we talk to about Jesus is open to know more, according to the Talking Jesus research (talkingjesus.org), commissioned by HOPE, the Church of England and the Evangelical Alliance.

HOPE is encouraging every Christian to pray specifically for five friends or family members, and to prepare by having something to SAY, something to GIVE and an INVITATION to offer. You can involve young people in the peer-led evangelism and discipleship training programme Mission Academy Live (hopetogether.org.uk/MALive).

A RHYTHM OF MISSION:

Lent

Be inspired by *40 Stories of HOPE*, a book of stories by prisoners, ex-prisoners and prison chaplains as well as group discussion notes to study Mark's Gospel.

Easter

Stage a Good Friday parade or Passion Play as part of One Friday (onefriday.info). Deliver the *Easter HOPE* magazine door-to-door, invite people to church for Easter services and give them HOPE's book *Who Do You Say I Am?* as a gift.

Pentecost

Thy Kingdom Come (10-20 May 2018) is an opportunity to join a national and international wave of prayer as we seek to put our faith into words and action to make Jesus known.

Summer

Build community with Summer Fun Days and serve the neighbourhood in practical ways. In Sidcup, churches join together every year to stage Lark in the Park with two weeks of kids' clubs,

youth activities, an over 60s venue, community action projects, music events, a prayer tent and a lunchtime Alpha course. A simple community barbecue can help foster new friendships.

Harvest

HOPE has partnered with World Vision to invite people to Share A Meal. The idea is simple: ask your friends, neighbours and colleagues for a meal and enjoy a great time together. Guests are invited to give the cost of their meal to help some of the most vulnerable children around the world.

Remembrance

From 4 August to 11 November 2018, take part in 99 days of prayer, peace and reconciliation ending with Remembrance services on Armistice Day on Sunday 11 November. Bring your community together with a Peace Party to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1.

Christmas

Take church outside the building, carol singing door-to-door or in local pubs and coffee shops. Surprise shoppers with flash mobs in shopping centres, or gather in sports stadiums for events in partnership with Sports Chaplaincy UK. Distribute *Christmas HOPE* magazines door-to-door and offer HOPE gift books to guests to your Christmas services.

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