



in our villages, towns & cities

We can't do this without you!

A rhythm of mission to help you make Jesus known in 2018

JAN **PRAY** Start the year with prayer and continue praying for revival from people, among and to give opportunities to hear Jesus in prayer.

FEB **TRAIN** Use the Training Jesus Training videos and booklet to prepare for a year of mission. Involve young people in Mission Academy Live.

MAR **GIVE** Distribute the Easter HOPE magazine door to door and give Who Do You Know? And as a gift to Easter service guests.

APR **REFLECT** In the 40 days before Easter be inspired by the 40 Days of Egypt - the new book from Prison Work and use the group discussion notes to study Mark's Gospel.

MAY **INVITE** Use Friday evening sessions and Easter Sunday group services to invite your church plans to mark Easter. Let's be outward-looking and encourage about going people the chance to respond to the gospel.

JUN **SAY** Many people will be asked to witness how Jesus Christ has helped them. Share their stories on social media and in person. Can you say what you know about Christianity and Jesus Christ?

JUL **SHARE** Share a Meal. Meet with friends. Put Harvest back into the church calendar. Get to know someone new. Invite people over a meal. If you don't want to host a gift to cover the cost, you can bring an amount paid at your table.

AUG **SHARE** Invite the people who attended your summer service to join you for the activities at your church.

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OCT **GIVE** This story to people people to Jesus.

NOV **REMEMBRANCE** Sunday 11 November - Armistice Day. Bring your community together to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1 with a special Remembrance service. HOPE will provide everything to give something to say and an invitation to offer. Hold a Peace Party to remember the centenary, which took place on 11 November 1918 as the First World War ended.

DEC **CHRISTMAS** Give. Deliver the Christmas HOPE magazine door to door and give HOPE's Christmas gift bags to guests at your Christmas events. Let's be intentional about pointing to Jesus as the reason for the hope we have as Christians and throughout the year. Try card making door to door in your neighbourhood. Stage a Harvest Dinner to help raise a cash fund in your local pub or sports stadium. Invite. Invite the people you have been praying for to Christmas guest events. Ensure that guests at your Christmas services have ways to find out how to follow Jesus.

We began 2017 praying: '...that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ' (Colossians 4: 22-4). Over the past year we have seen openings in hundreds of villages, towns and cities as local churches prepare to make Jesus known together in 2018. Leaders in [Rochester](#), [Coventry](#), [Bristol](#), [Canterbury](#), and many more areas are preparing for HOPE 2018. More than 500 groups have signed up for [Mission Academy Live](#) as young people work together to put their faith into words and action with their peers. We are praying that this coming year of mission will be fruitful, as people find faith, hope and the love of God in Christ.

Planning your year – don't try to do everything

We hope you received the pack sent to you by post from HOPE and the [Christian Enquiry Agency](#). We are always looking for ways to provide you with ideas and resources to make it as easy as possible for you to mobilise local churches to spread the gospel. Please use the HOPE 2018 calendar to plan your year. Don't try to do everything. If every church does one more thing to make Jesus known, the impact will be significant.

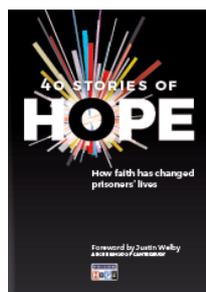
Use the HOPE brand to join everything together as part of this nationwide year of mission. Put the [HOPE logo](#) on your leaflets, posters and invitations – and if several churches are working together, advertising on buses might be an option.

We will provide you with something to give, training on something to say, and ideas for an invitation to offer. We always encourage churches to give people a next step – an invitation to an enquirers' course or a card directing them to [Christianity.org.uk](#). More copies of the pack we posted to you are available from the [Christian Enquiry Agency](#); the poster and leaflets can also be overprinted and ordered from [CPO.org.uk/christianenquiryagency](#).

HOPE's top 10 mission moments for 2018

1. New Year Prayer

[Download the New Year call to prayer 2018](#) for use on 31st December 2017, in the week leading up to 6th January 2018, or in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18th to the 25th January.

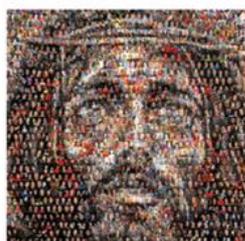


2. Prison HOPE and Lent 2018

The Prison Hope vision is to see churches engaged with their local prisons. Find out more [here](#). Use '[40 Stories of HOPE](#)' during Lent – the weeks before Easter or download the group studies in English or Welsh from [ctbi.org.uk/lent](#).

3. HOPE at Easter

Service and sacrifice is the theme of *HOPE at Easter* – our Easter give-away. Deliver it door-to-door with an invitation to Easter guest services. Full details and a pre-order page are now available in the [HOPE shop](#).



Who do you say I am?

4. Easter guest services

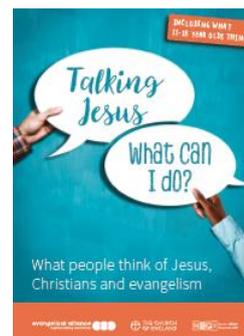
Easter is a key season to invite people to find out about Jesus. Hold a guest service. Explain who Jesus is and how people can live in the power of the resurrection today. Then give a clear opportunity for people to respond. HOPE's gift book '[Who Do You Say I Am?](#)' is an ideal

give-away. HOPE will also provide a Jesus-focused video to show as part of your Easter guest service.



5. Talking Jesus training videos

We have commissioned a series of training videos from a top TV production company to train individuals and churches to talk about Jesus more effectively. The series will be launched at Spring Harvest in early April.





6. Summer Fun Days and community action projects

Since Hope 08, churches have caught the vision to put faith into words and action, serving local communities with practical projects and celebrating with summer fun days. We are planning an un-dated HOPE magazine to make available as a give-away, to help churches give reasons for the hope we have.

SHARE a meal

7. Share a Meal at Harvest

We partnered with World Vision for the 2017 Share a Meal project. Look out for more resources to share food with friends at harvest in 2018.

8. 4 August 2018 – 99 Days of Peace

As 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War, there will be a national focus on this significant anniversary. On 4th August 1918 King George V called a national day of prayer; 99 days passed and on the 100th day the war ended. In 2018 we will help you mark the 99 days before Armistice Day. [Find out more here.](#)



9. Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2018

As communities come together to mark Armistice Day we will also be marking the centenary of the end of the First World War. HOPE will provide you with a pocket-sized, give-away gift book to use at Remembrance Day services and to start

conversations about the hope Jesus gives. After the traditional Remembrance services, cathedrals and churches are planning Peace Parties, reflecting the 1918 celebrations to mark the end of the Great War.



10. Christmas 2018

Once again we are working with Bible Society, Integrity Music, and Sports Chaplaincy UK to bring the year to the end with burst of celebration. Could you mobilise the churches in your area to visit every home with a gift and an invitation? Could you hold a united carols event in a sports stadium or stage a village/ town / city centre flashmob? We will have the *Christmas HOPE 2018* magazine, souvenir carols booklets, and a special new gift to support you as you reach out to people in your community with the good news of Jesus.

As you look through these plans, let us know how we can help you and pray for you. We are always keen to receive your ideas and feedback. For example, our HOPE magazines will have darker print and cheaper delivery options in 2018 as a result of your suggestions. If you are bringing church leaders together, and would like one of the HOPE team to come along, please let us know.

We are so grateful for all you do to bring churches together to make Jesus known, and to serve your community in Jesus' name. Our prayer is that over this next year you will see your church grow as you reach out, with our support.

May God bless all you do in Jesus' name – and may you have a wonderful Christmas and a hope-filled New Year.

Roy Crowne, and the HOPE team

PS If you need a **Christmas sermon**, [click here](#), and there are still a few copies of the **Christmas HOPE magazine** to give away at carol services and other events during the festive season. [Click here to order](#).

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