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Taking the Good News of Jesus to children, young people and families in North Leicestershire

Going forward with Schools

The COVID season brought its challenges to schools work. SOAR quickly responded to the situation and produced online assemblies and an education package called Lighthouse in partnership with a number of local churches. Post pandemic meant reconnecting with the local schools, and we were able to re-establish face-to-face contact with most schools. We have also managed to take on new ones such as Kegworth Primary, Hardwick House, and Cobden primary schools.

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This year has also seen the re-start of the year 6 Transition spaces that help the children get ready to move on to their secondary schools, and the Wow! Christmas Just Got Real! event for years 3&4.



continues to be an effective way to reach the 95% of young people who do not know Jesus. Please also pray that we can grow and develop our work amongst secondary schools.

Loughborough Town Chaplaincy

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The chaplains ministry has blessed many people over the last few years: delivering food parcels during lockdown, being a presence in the Market place especially encouraging stall holders during the pandemic. This period spurred the chaplaincy on to adapt and diversify, and has led to working very closely with the Bell Foundry estate, and establish a drop-in allotment nearby that provides a calm space for residence from the neighbourhood.

We are seeing fruit in the area, with local people linking up with Loughborough Baptist Church. Jesus is transforming people's lives, a local person, addicted to drugs, was witnessed to and prayed for. She was encouraged to attend a Christian rehab centre, she is now clean, has given her life to the Lord, and attending a local church where she has been baptized. The chaplains are committed to working in the community, please pray that we will see more people turn to Jesus.

Prayer Requests

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Continued fruitfulness in schools ministry and new opportunities



More people turning to Jesus through the work of the Chaplains



For Christians who work in education and the growing and development of the Education Breakfast



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Town-Wide Youth

Town-Wide Youth is a network of local churches committed to working together to reach a generation for Jesus. We run bi-termly joint youth events that gather young people to encounter God, grow in faith and connect with one another. We also gather local youth leaders to support and encourage one another and pray for young people.

In October we ran a youth away day, 9am-9pm at Emmanuel Church. This gathered over 40 young people from several churches together for a day of faith, fun and food. We had young people in all stages of faith responding to the gospel and Jesus' call on their lives which was a privilege to be part of.

Please continue to pray for growing unity amongst the church youth leaders and youth groups and for God to move powerfully amongst young people in the area! If you're part of a church yet to get involved then do contact Chris as he'd love to hear from you (chris@soarproject.org.uk)

Education Breakfast

Education Breakfast has been running for just over a year. It is a termly gathering of Christians who work in education for a time of input, prayer, to encourage and support one another and enjoy breakfast together!

These continue to be times of real encouragement for those working in education where they can support one another, share the burdens and joys of education and pray together. At SOAR we recognise that these are the people on the front line, witnessing week in and week out in their schools. Our hope is that Education breakfast will be a place where they can come be refreshed, encouraged and empowered in their witness to children, young people and colleagues.

"Education breakfast is a great thing. It reminds you that you are not on your own. It is a place to be encouraged and equipped in working for Jesus in an education setting" - Tom

Thank you for partnering with us!

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Prayer Requests

The establishment of a joint church youth outreach work in the community



Growing unity and church involvement in Town-Wide Youth



The safe arrival of Chris and Emma's third child and for adjusting to life as a family of 5



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