



'Remember me with favour, O my God.'

Nehemiah 13 v. 31



**Sunday 31st December 2017
to Saturday 30th June 2018**

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Thank you for praying for the ministry of Urban Saints.

In this edition of Pray4Change we continue to focus on our Vision for 2020, and our four strategic pillars of Urban Saints Identity, Groups, Overseas Discipleship Trips and Energize.

Please continue to pray for the ongoing work across our nations and regions. There are some new regional names this time. Due to organisational changes, the English regions have been merged from the previous six regions to three new regions. The North West and North East regions have merged to become the new North of England Region, the Midlands and East regions have become the new Central Region, and the South East and South West regions have merged to form the new South of England Region.

Please pray, too, for the 1,500+ groups who subscribe to our Energize resources and meet regularly across the UK and Ireland. We have not listed the groups here as there are too many to include, but if you would like an up-to-date list of groups, please visit www.urbansaints.org/groupslist or ask Jo Slater, jslater@urbansaints.org, to send you a list.

Thank you for your prayer support.



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Our Mission:

The Mission of Urban Saints is to make young disciples for Jesus

Our Vision:

Urban Saints will be an effective disciple-making movement; reaching young people in every community in the UK and Ireland.

We will achieve this by implementing a missional strategy which gathers, loves, disciples and launches children and young people of all backgrounds, that they might live like Jesus and be part of God's church; actively seeking lives that lead, serve, evangelise and change the world.

Build Hope:

A version of ReBuild designed for schools.

DNA:

DNA is a unique Christian discipleship and leadership development gap year.

Energize:

Our resources website loaded with teaching materials and articles.

Gathering:

Meeting of all the Urban Saints staff team.

Impact Team:

Those who pioneer and lead a network of volunteers in their areas, recruiting, training and enabling them to set up and lead new Urban Saints groups successfully.

Live Life 1-2-3:

A movement of people committed to investing in disciple-making relationships, to grow their faith by having: one person who will be their guide, two people who will be their running mates and three people, ideally children or young people, to whom they will pass on the baton of faith.

**ReBuild House
Building Short
Term Mission Trips:**

These mission trips last 11 days, and operate in South Africa and Mexico with our partner Amor Ministries. They are run to engage young people associated with Urban Saints in God's agenda for social justice.

Regional Volunteers:

People who have committed to work within a region in support of group leaders and the young people they reach.

Spree:

Summer weekends where groups bring their young people to camp, and Urban Saints provide the fun and teaching!

Turning the Vision into Reality

Richard Langmead, CEO



Sunday 31st December

Please pray that our vision would be well communicated and received by everyone.

Monday 1st January

As we begin this new year, let us pray that God would bring the right staff on board.

Tuesday 2nd January

Please pray that we would know in which locations to place our staff team.

Wednesday 3rd January

Give thanks for all our volunteer leaders and pray that the Lord would raise up the right new leaders to serve.

Thursday 4th January

Please pray that all volunteer leaders and staff would find favour wherever they serve.

Friday 5th January

Pray that many young people would be reached and disciplined through our existing and new weekly groups.

Saturday 6th January

At the start of this new year, please pray that we would be well resourced financially.

Special Events This Week:

Tues 28th December – Saturday 2nd January, New Year House Party, Westbrook

North of England Region

Andy Smith, Impact Team Leader, North



Sunday 7th January

Pray for team growth as we look to start new groups across the North of England.

Monday 8th January

Please pray for the team setting up and running Spree North West.

Tuesday 9th January

Pray for our existing groups in the North – that they will grow and see young people impacted for Jesus.

Wednesday 10th January

Pray that we would see more young people from outside of church environments coming into contact with our groups.

Thursday 11th January

Please pray for the teams running groups, that they will hear clearly from God and see breakthroughs in their groups.

Friday 12th January

Pray for doors to open in our cities and towns for new groups to start, and for new young people to engage with Urban Saints and be discipled.

Saturday 13th January

Pray for the Impact Team to hear clear strategy on the future of the North region for God, and the ability to implement that strategy.

Special Events This Week:

Mon 8th – Tues 9th January, Team Gathering, Luton

Sat 13th January, Trustees' Meeting and Finance & Compliance

Week commencing Sunday 7th January

Strategic Pillar – Urban Saints Identity

Paul Windo, Communications Manager



Sunday 14th January

Give thanks to God that ultimately our identity is rooted in Christ – in who He is and what He has done for us. As we build our own identity, pray that Urban Saints will always hold true to this belief.

Monday 15th January

Pray that God will make it clear to us how others view Urban Saints – in order to help us better understand how we need to build and share our identity with others.

Tuesday 16th January

Ask God to help all within Urban Saints to live out our three values of adventure, discipleship and justice – grounding all that we do and all that we are in these priorities.

Wednesday 17th January

Thank God that He has given us a clear strategy with a sharp focus on discipling young people for Christ in local weekly groups and camps. Pray that Urban Saints will stay true to this essential calling.

Thursday 18th January

Pray that we will continually grow to better understand what it means to be an Urban Saints group – and how that can benefit the children, young people and leaders in any particular community.

Friday 19th January

Please pray that God will give us a real and practical understanding of what youth discipleship is all about – and that He will help us share that with as wide an audience as possible.

Saturday 20th January

Ask the Father to draw many together to become a movement. Pray that He will inspire those like-minded people with a passion to see young people become more like Christ, to journey together.

Camps – Preparation

Lou Bailey, Experiences Manager



Sunday 21st January

This week we are praying into the strategy for camps and the plans for 2018. Give thanks for those who have worked hard to develop this and pray for on-going wisdom as we implement it over the coming years.

Monday 22nd January

Pray for growth across our camps programme. We know that camps are a key part of a young person's faith journey and we want many more to have that experience. Pray for wisdom as we establish new holidays and grow existing ones.

Tuesday 23rd January

Camps provide so many fantastic opportunities to disciple children and young people. Pray for teams as they plan programmes that maximise these opportunities and for leaders as they walk alongside young people – encouraging them on their faith journey.

Wednesday 24th January

Pray for wisdom as we seek to grow the connectedness and identity of camps – integrating all involved with camps into the wider Urban Saints ministry.

Thursday 25th January

Pray for us as we seek to strengthen existing camps through improved policies, systems, compliance and investment in training and developing leaders. Pray for God to provide skills and resources for this work.

Friday 26th January

Pray for our 2018 camps' marketing to be effective. Pray that we communicate clearly to group leaders, parents and church leaders. Pray for creativity to develop an innovative and effective campaign.

Saturday 27th January

We long to see more groups including a residential experience as part of their annual plan. Help us encourage groups going away for the first time by providing accessible camps with excellent support structures.

Week commencing Sunday 21st January

Finance

Celia Macklin, Finance Manager



Sunday 28th January

Thank God for His financial provision over all the years and pray that we would always remain dependent on Him.

Monday 29th January

Thank God for our faithful donors who give to the ministry of Urban Saints.

Tuesday 30th January

Please pray that we would be good stewards of all that God has given us. Please pray that we would be wise when setting budgets and making financial plans and would follow God's leading.

Wednesday 31st January

Pray for the Finance and Compliance Committee members who meet six times a year. Thank God for some new members who have joined recently.

Thursday 1st February

Give thanks for Kirstie who has recently joined the Finance team. Pray that she would quickly feel part of the team and enjoy her new role.

Friday 2nd February

Pray that the Finance team's work would honour God and serve the wider organisation.

Saturday 3rd February

Please pray for finances and the treasurers within groups, holidays and other events.

Central England Region

Sara Taylor, Impact Team Leader,
Central Region



Sunday 4th February

As we continue to press ahead into the new year, pray for the Central team as we seek to share the vision for 2020 with friends, partner organisations and local churches.

Monday 5th February

Journeying with children and young people in ministry can be both an exciting and challenging task. Pray for those who feel God is calling them up to be part of this mission across the region.

Tuesday 6th February

Pray for kingdom building relationships as we continue to form new, and build upon existing, partnerships with local churches, organisations and ministries.

Wednesday 7th February

Thank God for all the openings we have been given to share the gospel message and demonstrate the love of Christ both locally and across the region. Pray especially for the camps and residential.

Thursday 8th February

Give thanks for the existing groups across the region that are meeting this week. Ask for strength and energy for leaders, as well as God-given moments to show love and build authentic relationships.

Friday 9th February

As we seek to form new Urban Saints groups, pray for doors to open and opportunities to arise, especially with those seeking new outreach to children and young people in their local community.

Saturday 10th February

Pray for all the children and young people locally and across the region; that they may know their true value and worth. Pray that they may come to see themselves through God's eyes.

Special Events This Week:

Tues 6th – Wed 7th February, Team Gathering, Luton

Sat 10th February, Trustees' Meeting and Finance & Compliance

Supporters

Jo Slater, Supporter Relations Co-ordinator



Sunday 11th February

Give thanks for all who support the ministry financially, whether they give large amounts or small. Pray that they would be blessed as they are a blessing to others.

Monday 12th February

Give thanks for all who support the ministry through prayer. Pray for insight and wisdom, that they would pray according to God's heart, and that their prayers would be more powerful and effective than they ever realise.

Tuesday 13th February

Pray that we would be inspiring new people to connect with and be inspired by what Urban Saints is enabling. Pray for a new identity to be created for leaders and groups for Urban Saints, as it was for Crusaders.

Wednesday 14th February

Pray for the process of asking for opt-in consent from ALL contacts before the law changes in May. Pray that people would understand they need to reply to keep in contact, and for the admin systems as the Support Centre process this.

Thursday 15th February

Thank God for those who leave legacies to Crusaders / Urban Saints and for their desire to see the ministry continue. Give thanks for their love for this movement, and pray that many children and young people would benefit from their foresight.

Friday 16th February

Pray for new streams of income in this new season. Give thanks for fresh ideas and creativity and pray for God's wisdom and guidance.

Saturday 17th February

Pray for those in the Support Centre picking up Jo Slater's role whilst she is receiving treatment for breast cancer.

Strategic Pillar – Groups

Andy Hughes, Impact Team Leader, Wales



Sunday 18th February

Pray for young people in communities where there is no Christian youth work. Pray God's protection on them. Pray that the Church will catch a glimpse of God's heart for them which will move them to action.

Monday 19th February

Pray for a stirring in individual Christians that causes them to reassess their life priorities and give time, energy and all of themselves to serving God, by reaching a generation of young people in their community for Jesus.

Tuesday 20th February

Pray that those who catch the vision to reach young people will not hear or believe the lies of the enemy which may deter them, for example, 'you are too old, too inexperienced, too uneducated.'

Wednesday 21st February

Lift before God the Urban Saints Impact Team currently working in the field – Andy Roberts (South), Sara Taylor (Central), Andy Smith (North), Andy Hughes (Wales), Becca Ambrose (Scotland) and Wilson Beare (Ireland) – that God would give us great connections to challenge the Church and envision potential group leaders. Pray for the resources for numerical growth of this team.

Thursday 22nd February

Pray for a real openness among church leaders to support a working together to reach a generation in their community, to release their best people to the task and to support financially and prayerfully.

Friday 23rd February

Ask God to give wisdom to the team as they train, equip, inspire and resource volunteer leaders. Pray for a real sensitivity to the potential and gifting of each volunteer and not just to look for individuals to fulfil a predetermined role.

Saturday 24th February

Finally, ask the Lord for 18 brand new groups from scratch this year. Pray for those who will come to them – that they might have great fun and find a safe place to explore faith as they begin their discipleship journey.

Week commencing Sunday 18th February

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Recruiting, Equipping, Training and Supporting Leaders

Brian Spurling, Training Development Leader



Sunday 25th February

Give thanks for the Urban Saints Impact Team across the UK and Ireland who are based in strategic locations where we hope to grow new groups. Pray that they would be inspired and equipped by God in their roles.

Monday 26th February

Pray for all the leaders and helpers in existing Energize groups across the UK and Ireland, that they would know God's guidance, wisdom and spiritual refreshment at the half-way point through the academic year.

Tuesday 27th February

Pray for the leaders and helpers in the new Urban Saints outreach groups that have recently started, or will be starting soon, that they would be filled with God's wisdom and know His guidance as they plan for the future.

Wednesday 28th February

Pray for the many communities across the UK and Ireland that have no Christian youth or children's work. Pray that we would be able to connect with local Christians and help them launch new outreach groups that will transform thousands of young lives.

Thursday 1st March

Pray for the Impact Team as they begin to use our new recruiting materials designed to inspire local volunteers to help launch and run new outreach groups in their communities. Pray for new opportunities to use the materials in churches.

Friday 2nd March

Pray for the Impact Team as they develop new training programmes and other support materials for volunteer leaders in our new outreach groups. Pray especially that they would be able to use social media and other technologies effectively.

Saturday 3rd March

Give thanks to God for His continual blessing and favour as we roll out our strategy of planting new outreach groups across the UK and Ireland, and begin to see many more young people being reached with the Gospel.

South of England Region

Andy Roberts, Impact Team Leader, South



Sunday 4th March

Pray for the salvation of young souls in the South. 95% of unreached young people in the area is unacceptable. Pray for young people to be brought into a saving relationship with Jesus.

Monday 5th March

The workers are few but the harvest is plentiful. Please pray for passionate, God-fearing youth workers to offer their time, love and prayer to see God's kingdom expand through Urban Saints and the wider Southern church.

Tuesday 6th March

Pray for the training conference for children's and youth workers on identity and inclusion being held today in London. The focus is on issues around additional needs, sexuality and gender, and how we can ensure that all in our groups are welcomed and included.

Wednesday 7th March

Pray for the discipling and equipping of young people in the area; that they would go from strength to strength in their personal relationship with God, and would not depend on their parents' faith but own it themselves.

Thursday 8th March

Please pray for blessed unity in the local churches in the South. We can do much more together than alone. Pray that the world witnesses and envies the love displayed throughout local churches.

Friday 9th March

Please pray as we continue to prepare for Spree South West 2018. This is a significant and popular camping weekend that takes place from 6th to 8th July. Our leaders would appreciate all the prayer support you can offer for smooth operations.

Saturday 10th March

Pray for momentum, connection and excitement to grow in the South for Rebuild Mexico 2018. This is a life-changing overseas discipleship trip that I would love as many Southern youth groups as possible to connect with.

Special Events This Week:

Tues 6th March, Conference on Identity and Inclusion, London

13 Week commencing Sunday 4th March

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Additional Needs Ministry

Mark Arnold, Additional Needs
Ministry Director



Sunday 11th March

Thank God for His ongoing favour which is all over the Additional Needs Ministry of Urban Saints, evidenced in the continued fruitfulness of this work across the UK and Ireland.

Monday 12th March

Please pray for those attending 'All Inclusive?' training events, that they will be inspired, equipped and enabled to make a difference for all of the children and young people with whom they work.

Tuesday 13th March

Please pray for even more opportunities to speak at conferences and events where the message of inclusion, belonging and discipleship can reach many more people.

Wednesday 14th March

Please pray for the development of the 'All Inclusive:Faith Journey' training course that will help leaders move from inclusion and belonging into faith formation and discipleship.

Thursday 15th March

Please pray for the continued growth in the team of volunteers who support this work, especially through the 'All Inclusive:2U' church consultancy programme.

Friday 16th March

Please pray that opportunities to network with others will continue to open up with those who advocate and campaign in this area, both in the Christian and secular worlds.

Saturday 17th March

Please pray that the finances needed to support this self-sustaining ministry of Urban Saints will be provided so that this much-needed ministry can continue.

Special Events This Week:

Mon 12th – Tues 13th March, Team Gathering, Luton

Discipleship and Mentoring

Matt Summerfield, President



Sunday 18th March

Please pray that God will use Urban Saints to become a catalyst for a 'disciple-making-disciples' movement.

Monday 19th March

Please pray for leaders across the UK, Ireland and beyond as they gather children and young people into groups and then love, disciple and launch them into the world to make a difference for Christ.

Tuesday 20th March

Please pray that leaders and young people will feel inspired, supported, empowered and self-motivated – ready to be disciple-makers and actively seeking opportunities to lead, serve, evangelise and change the world.

Wednesday 21st March

Please pray for youth and children's leaders to find the time in their busy lives to mentor and disciple a handful of children and young people.

Thursday 22nd March

Please pray that youth and children's leaders have people who disciple them – growing their personal relationship with Christ.

Friday 23rd March

Please pray that adults, children and young people get passionate about sharing their faith with their friends and leading them to Christ.

Saturday 24th March

Please pray for the 'Disciples Making Disciples' seminar tour, that it will encourage and equip adults, children and young people to become disciple-makers.

Special Events This Week:

Sat 24th March, Trustees' Meeting and Finance & Compliance

Week commencing Sunday 18th March

Prayer

Paul Windo, Communications Manager



Sunday 25th March

At the start of this new week, take some time to wait on the Lord, listening for His still small voice. Be open to what God has to say to you for the children and young people connected to Urban Saints.

Monday 26th March

Pray that group leaders will prioritise making time to pray with and for each other, for the children and young people with whom they work, and for favour and impact in their ministry.

Tuesday 27th March

Ask God to inspire young people to turn to Him in prayer – praying boldly on behalf of their friends, families and the rest of the world. Pray that young people will set the rest of us the example to be followed.

Wednesday 28th March

Thank God for all the supporters who actively pray for the work of Urban Saints. Pray that God will inspire more people to stand with us to see young lives transformed.

Thursday 29th March

Pray that all within Urban Saints will remain faithful in prayer at all times – even when it would be tempting to give up or easier to act before we have turned to God in prayer.

Friday 30th March

On Good Friday, we are reminded that seemingly hopeless situations are only part of the story. Please pray that young people will see hopeless circumstances change – both their circumstances and those for whom they intercede.

Saturday 31st March

Tomorrow we will celebrate the power of the risen Lord Jesus. Today pray that children and young people will learn to wait expectantly for Him to move in power in their lives and communities.

Special Events This Week:

Sat 31st March – Tues 10th April, Rebuild, Mexico

Strategic Pillar – Overseas Discipleship Trips

Paul Little, Build Pioneer



Sunday 1st April

Today is Easter Sunday. Give thanks for the successful 2017 international trips where Urban Saints' young people and families built two single and two double homes for families in Tijuana, Mexico, and young people grew in faith and even came to know Jesus for the first time.

Monday 2nd April

Pray for the teams preparing to go on four international trips in 2018, three to Africa and our team currently in Mexico. Pray for 200+ young people and leaders to follow Jesus more closely as a result of the experiences to come.

Tuesday 3rd April

Pray for the core teams who lead the 2018 trips as they serve, meet and prepare programmes. Pray that each team member will grow through the experience of leading.

Wednesday 4th April

Pray that all 200+ young people and leaders will grow in discipleship and faith as they prepare to travel and serve.

Thursday 5th April

Pray for the Africa teams as they continue to fundraise for their 2018 trips in their local areas.

Friday 6th April

Pray for the people of Africa who our teams will meet and serve in 2018, and the people of Mexico who our teams are serving right now.

Saturday 7th April

Thank God with us for his provision as we roll out our 2018 programme. We pray that His name will be glorified through our efforts.

17 Week commencing Sunday 1st April

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Leaders and Groups

John Rose, Administrator,
Volunteer Support



Sunday 8th April

Give thanks for all our volunteers who give so sacrificially in various ways to keep the groups running week by week. Pray they seek ongoing strength from the Lord.

Monday 9th April

Pray for leaders who are struggling to keep going, whether through circumstances or personal challenges, that they will be given the strength to persevere.

Tuesday 10th April

Pray for the many groups that do not really have enough volunteers to help. May God call more people into youth ministry, and pray that they obey too!

Wednesday 11th April

Pray for those groups that feel isolated. Pray that both the leaders and young people would have creative ways of connecting with others and know that they are not alone.

Thursday 12th April

Pray for leaders to ensure they are regularly spiritually fed and that they walk close with the Lord. May this in turn ensure that their ministry is powerful and effective.

Friday 13th April

Pray for groups where there is a lot of bad behaviour, that the leaders would be given wisdom to know how to deal lovingly with each situation, and through this to display God's love.

Saturday 14th April

Pray for groups that struggle with cliques. Pray that the leaders would be able to devise effective ways of overcoming this problem and bring about greater unity.

Westbrook

Jo Baynham, Westbrook Director



Sunday 15th April

Pray for the upcoming East Surrey Crusaders/Urban Saints long weekend at the beginning of May (4th to 7th May). Pray that it might be full of young disciples going on with the Lord.

Monday 16th April

Pray for our garden team, Jason, Matthew, Reece and AG as the Westbrook grounds spring into life: that their work may support the wider discipling work of Westbrook. The fields are white unto harvest already.

Tuesday 17th April

Pray for our hospitality and activities team, Jo, Andy and Joe: that they might reflect in some small way the love that Christ has for us all.

Wednesday 18th April

Pray for the summer holiday season at Westbrook, that many young people might become fishers of men.

Thursday 19th April

Pray for the Westbrook Steering Group, as they seek to make Westbrook the flagship for Centres that do discipleship.

Friday 20th April

Pray for me (Jo) as I seek to lead the Westbrook staff team.

Saturday 21st April

Give thanks for 70 years of ministry at Westbrook.

Special Events This Week:

Tues 17th – Wed 18th April, Team Gathering, Luton

Sat 21st April, Trustees' Meeting and Finance & Compliance

19 Week commencing Sunday 15th April

Scotland

Charlie Morris, Former Impact Team Leader,
Scotland



Sunday 22nd April

Pray for God's vision and Spirit to help encourage our leaders to persevere until the end of term. Many leaders start feeling weary at this stage.

Monday 23rd April

Please pray for new Spree in the Borders bookings, as we are less than 8 weeks away from this weekend. Pray for the right leaders to hear about it, to be excited and to book their groups in. Pray for all the planning team.

Tuesday 24th April

Becca Ambrose is our Impact Team Leader for Scotland and is based in Edinburgh. She has been in post for six months. Please keep praying for her settling into her role, for making good connections and for following God's leading and movement.

Wednesday 25th April

SCYWF is a national body of lots of Scottish Christian youthwork agencies, of which we are a part. Please pray for vision and clarity for this network as we wrestle with how to work together better to serve the church and see young people disciplined.

Thursday 26th April

More volunteers are needed to help us achieve God's vision for planting new groups around Edinburgh. Pray for the harvest workers to emerge, to be open to new ideas, and to allow their passion for young people to surface.

Friday 27th April

Churches using Energize all across Scotland need our prayers, our encouragement and our challenge to them. Pray for church youth workers and volunteers to operate out of God's strength and not their own.

Saturday 28th April

Pray for our work and groups in Edinburgh to find an appropriate way to have influence over other parts of Scotland. Pray for our more remote groups and churches that they never feel left out or overlooked by God.

Trustees, Staff and Leadership Teams

Johana Parker, HR Co-ordinator



Sunday 29th April

Please pray for our Trustees and Leadership Team; for God's wisdom, direction and favour in the decisions they make.

Monday 30th April

We pray for our team members. Pray for a good work/life balance, for unity and God's wisdom to enable us to serve the best we can.

Tuesday 1st May

We pray for, and honour, our amazing volunteers. May God bless them and equip them with everything they need.

Wednesday 2nd May

Today, please pray particularly for our Impact Team Leaders; for vision and a clear strategy to raise up more volunteers.

Thursday 3rd May

We pray for the different teams that enable Urban Saints to exist. Pray that each person will have a closer and intimate relationship with God.

Friday 4th May

Pray that all team members and volunteers will rejoice in the great work that we do.

Saturday 5th May

Pray that all team members will be fulfilled in the role to which they have been called, and that God would equip them for the tasks they do.

21 Week commencing Sunday 29th April

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Strategic Pillar – Energize

Peter Andrews, Team Leader – Resources and Volunteer Support



Sunday 6th May

We currently have just over 1,500 Energize subscribing organisations. We are looking to increase this by 10% during 2018. Please pray that we will see our subscriptions grow and the number of groups and churches we support increase.

Monday 7th May

An Energize subscription is a great way of resourcing leaders working with children and young people but enthusiastic leaders often need to convince budget holders of its benefits. Pray for positive outcomes from these conversations.

Tuesday 8th May

There is a wealth of resources on the Energize site but navigating them can sometimes seem overwhelming. As we seek to make the site more user-friendly, pray that we will find solutions to help people find the material they are looking for as easily as possible.

Wednesday 9th May

This year, we will be developing training materials not only to help people use the Energize site but to help them deliver the material in a way that makes the most impact. Pray that we can create helpful and accessible training.

Thursday 10th May

We are beginning to explore the possibility of launching a companion site for Energize which will be more suitable for use in schools and other secular environments. Pray for the wisdom and provision to help us develop a resource which give us ways of sharing biblical truths to a wider audience.

Friday 11th May

For many years Energize has been widely recognised as an innovative resource. Pray that this will continue to be the case as we seek to harness the opportunities presented by new and emerging technologies.

Saturday 12th May

Please pray for the Energize team and writers. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire them in the creation of resources that allow leaders to share the Gospel in relevant and innovative ways.

Ireland

Wilson Beare, Impact Team Leader, Ireland



Sunday 13th May

Please pray for Graham Jewhurst as he chairs the national committee. Please pray he would know God's clear guidance throughout this year. Pray also for the committee to have vision and boldness.

Monday 14th May

Please pray for this year's ReBuild trip which provides opportunity for young people to engage in service projects in South Africa in July. Pray that, as young people serve, they capture a heart to serve where they are in their communities.

Tuesday 15th May

Pray for all the young people that have attended or are going to attend camps and events throughout the year. Pray for a firm grounding of faith for these young people as they go into their individual situations and challenges.

Wednesday 16th May

Pray for those leaders who are feeling tired, weary, discouraged or possibly frustrated. Pray that they would know God's reassurance and pleasure in their service and will have encouragement to keep on going.

Thursday 17th May

We are so privileged to serve the whole of Ireland. Please pray for continued growth and opportunity in the Republic and that the relationships we already enjoy would continue to develop.

Friday 18th May

Pray that God would continue to provide the resources we need to sustain the ministry here in Ireland. Pray for more prayer supporters, more volunteers and more who can stand with us financially.

Saturday 19th May

Please pray for our staff in Ireland that God would continue to lead and guide them and envision them for their roles. Pray that there would be a real sense of team and support for each other as they minister throughout this year.

Special Events This Week:

Mon 14th – Tues 15th May, Team Gathering, Luton

Sat 19th May, Trustees' Meeting and Finance & Compliance

23 Week commencing Sunday 13th May

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Safety and Protection

Andrew Chrystal, Operations Director



Sunday 20th May

Please pray for all weekly groups as they meet. May both their leaders and children/young people know God's protection and safety during the rest of this term.

Monday 21st May

Please pray for all of the residential experiences and mission trips that will be running over the summer. Ask God for safety and protection for all involved, and for a wonderful sense of God's presence holding all of these experiences in His safe hands.

Tuesday 22nd May

Please pray for all of the volunteers who give their time in weekly groups, residential experiences, events, committees and much more. May God grant them safety and protection as they faithfully serve.

Wednesday 23rd May

Please pray for safety and protection for the staff team, especially as they travel. Pray that God will guard them and their families as they serve Him across the UK and Ireland, and overseas.

Thursday 24th May

In an increasingly hostile society, please pray for protection and safety for Urban Saints from malicious and unwarranted attacks, including legally, reputationally, financially or in any other way.

Friday 25th May

Please pray for all of the buildings that Urban Saints owns or manages. Pray that all who use these buildings will do so safely, happily and will be blessed through their use. Ask for protection of these buildings from harm or incident.

Saturday 26th May

Thank God for his blessing as He has protected us, and for all of the many ways that He keeps us from harm. Ask Him to continue to protect and keep us safe for the remainder of this year.

Young People – Wellbeing

Bex Holden – Shine Angel



Our prayers this week have been written by Bex, who is 18, and has just become a Shine Angel, having attended the Shine weekend as a participant for four years.

Sunday 27th May

Pray for the young people who struggle with self-worth and self-confidence. Lord, help them to see themselves as you see them and to treat themselves with love and respect.

Monday 28th May

Pray for young people who experience mental health difficulties. May they have courage, strength and energy to get through each day, and pray that they always have someone to turn to when they are struggling.

Tuesday 29th May

Pray for all young people in education. Pray that they are calm, confident and motivated learners, taught by inspiring, knowledgeable teachers; and that they have clear aspirations and set high expectations of themselves.

Wednesday 30th May

Pray for strong support networks for young people. Pray that they build trusting relationships, surrounded by encouraging people. Pray that they have a real sense of belonging, and understand the value of both the receiving and the giving of support.

Thursday 31st May

Pray for young people who are worried about the future. Pray for an ability to keep things in perspective and to trust God has a plan for them. Give them focus in times of doubt, and confidence to believe in themselves.

Friday 1st June

We pray for protection over young people as they explore the world online. Keep their hearts and minds safe, help them recognise situations that may put them at risk, and resist the influence that the media can have.

Saturday 2nd June

Pray that young people experience the true meaning of happiness. Pray that they feel contented and satisfied with their lives. Pray that they can see everyday blessings, be positive when things do not go well and hopeful when life is tough.

Week commencing Sunday 27th May

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Wales

Andy Hughes, Impact Team Leader, Wales



Sunday 3rd June

Give thanks for all the groups linked to us across Wales. Pray for the children, young people and families they reach each week. Pray especially for young people experiencing the pressure of exams at present.

Monday 4th June

Pray for group leaders across Wales in all kinds of communities. Pray for perseverance, patience, inspiration, energy and sensitivity. Pray that God would protect their families as they give time and energy into youth work.

Tuesday 5th June

Pray that God would speak clearly and loudly to His Church – calling them to reach out to a generation that is being lost in Wales. Pray for a holy ‘discomfort’ among those whom God is calling to act.

Wednesday 6th June

Pray for Andy and others as we work to plant new volunteer-led groups across Wales to reach out to young people who know nothing of Jesus yet. Pray for God-anointed appointments with churches and individuals who will be involved.

Thursday 7th June

Pray for the preparation for our large summer camps programme in Wales – Spree, Middle Park and Llanddwywe. Pray that God will move the hearts of every person who comes to camps this summer.

Friday 8th June

Pray for the finance and resources needed to grow the team working in Wales – that we might see even more new groups reaching even more young people for Christ. Pray too for an increase in great volunteers to support this.

Saturday 9th June

Pray for young people across Wales who are becoming disciples of Jesus. Ask God to give them boldness to stand for Him among their peers. Pray especially for those God has equipped for leadership – for opportunities to explore, develop and use this gifting.

Camps

Lou Bailey, Experiences Manager



Sunday 10th June

Give thanks for the camps that have already run this year, at Easter and May half term – praise God for the lives He has changed and for the servant-hearted teams who ran them.

Monday 11th June

The summer camps programme is about to start with Spree in the Borders. Pray that many children and young people will accept God's great gift of salvation as they hear the Gospel message this summer. (Ephesians 3: 4-8)

Tuesday 12th June

Pray for leaders as they have precious opportunities to disciple young people on camps. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide these conversations.

Wednesday 13th June

Pray for God's protection over each camp. Pray for safety on each site, for wisdom for leadership teams as they run exciting and adventurous programmes. Do pray for fabulous weather too!

Thursday 14th June

Pray for those leading camps. Pray for strength, creativity and energy to plan and prepare for camp. Pray for protection over their personal walk with the Lord. Pray that they hear God's voice as they dig into Scripture and pray.

Friday 15th June

Pray for children and young people heading away. Pray that God will be preparing their hearts beforehand. Pray, too, for ongoing support and discipleship opportunities after camp as they seek to embed decisions made on camp into their lives.

Saturday 16th June

Give thanks that this is God's work! Remembering Paul's words in Ephesians 3: 20-21.

Special Events This Week:

Tues 12th – Wed 13th June, Team Gathering, Luton

Fri 15th – Sun 17th June, Spree in the Borders

Sat 16th June, Trustees' Meeting and Finance & Compliance

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Values – Adventure, Discipleship, Justice

Katherine Ladd, Young Holiday Leader



Our prayers this week have been written by Katherine, who has led on holidays at Westbrook and is a student at Cambridge.

Sunday 17th June

Father God, thank you that you have called us into the greatest adventure – life in all its fullness. I pray that you would give me courage to step boldly, to push further and to love widely, trusting in your faithfulness.

Monday 18th June

Lord, I pray you would make my heart more courageous. When you call me to serve would I, like Samuel, be ready to answer, ‘Here I am’.

Tuesday 19th June

Father, I praise you that you are a God of perfect justice. Would you show me a glimpse of what that looks like in a broken world, and where my part might be in standing up for what is right and good.

Wednesday 20th June

God, you show us in Jesus what it means to love those who are lonely, hurting and cast out. As I long to love more like you, please move me to love my neighbour in action, not just in word.

Thursday 21st June

I pray for opportunities to share your good news with those around me. God, thank you that you use me as part of your rescue mission – would I be ready to be used as part of your plan.

Friday 22nd June

Lord, would you raise up a generation of young people to be salt and light in your world. I pray your name would be preached through the way they love radically, speak boldly and lean on you for strength.

Saturday 23rd June

Katherine’s camp leader writes: “Thank you for the leaders who have discipled Katherine throughout her faith journey and helped her grow as a child of God. We pray that you will raise many leaders with a heart for discipling children and young people, who in turn will grow into disciple-making-disciples.”

Communications

Dan Shepherd, Media Co-ordinator



Sunday 24th June

Urban Saints' mission is to 'make young disciples for Jesus'. Pray that everything we do communicates God's love for young people, and our desire to see them become disciple-making-disciples.

Monday 25th June

Pray for guidance and creativity as we seek to communicate really well with different audiences: with young people, group leaders, volunteers, supporters and those who have not connected with Urban Saints before.

Tuesday 26th June

Pray for the team as we develop ways to market Energize, Westbrook, Camps and Overseas Trips – so that more groups will discover, engage with and benefit from these fantastic resources and opportunities.

Wednesday 27th June

Pray that through our websites we are able to give a clear and strong message of who we are and what we are about. Pray for wisdom to balance sharing our vision and all of the practical information required.

Thursday 28th June

Social media is such a powerful way to communicate – one that can cause damage or be used for good. Pray that Urban Saints might be a positive voice on social media, creating impact for good and setting an example for others to follow.

Friday 29th June

Email is another significant form of communication for Urban Saints. With God's help we want every email we send to be packed full of valuable content that engages, encourages, inspires and informs our readers. Please pray.

Saturday 30th June

The relationship between Urban Saints and our supporters is very special and hugely important in providing prayer support and finance for all we do. Pray that we can communicate well with all of our supporters so they feel informed about what is happening across Urban Saints.

Week Commencing	Topic	Prayer Requests
Sunday 31st December	Turning the Vision into Reality	Pray for volunteer leaders to be raised up to make the vision possible.
Sunday 7th January	North of England Region	Pray for the ministry of Urban Saints in the North of England
Sunday 14th January	Strategic Pillar – Urban Saints Identity	Pray we can build the same sense of belonging, identity and brand awareness that we had as Crusaders.
Sunday 21st January	Camps - Preparation	Pray for the planning and preparation of camps being held this summer.
Sunday 28th January	Finance	Pray that we would be good stewards of God's money.
Sunday 4th February	Central England Region	Pray for the ministry of Urban Saints in the Central England Region
Sunday 11th February	Supporters	Give thanks for all who support Urban Saints through prayer and finance.
Sunday 18th February	Strategic Pillar – Groups	Pray for new groups to be established.
Sunday 25th February	Recruiting, Equipping, Training and Supporting Leaders	Pray that we would be able to provide good training and support so leaders are well-equipped.
Sunday 4th March	South of England Region	Pray for the ministry of Urban Saints in the South of England
Sunday 11th March	Additional Needs Ministry	Pray we would be able to train and equip more leaders who work with young people with additional needs.
Sunday 18th March	Discipleship and Mentoring	Pray that leaders would catch the vision to disciple young people.
Sunday 25th March	Prayer	Pray that we would prioritize spending time in prayer.

Week Commencing	Topic	Prayer Requests
Sunday 1st April	Strategic Pillar – Overseas Discipleship Trips	Pray for all those going on overseas discipleship trips in 2018.
Sunday 8th April	Leaders and Groups	Give thanks for all of our leaders and groups, and pray for them as members meet together.
Sunday 15th April	Westbrook	Pray for Westbrook's ministry.
Sunday 22nd April	Scotland	Pray for the ministry of Urban Saints in Scotland
Sunday 29th April	Trustees, Staff and Leadership Teams	Pray for God's direction and provision for the Trustees, Leadership Team and Urban Saints staff and volunteers.
Sunday 6th May	Strategic Pillar – Energize	Pray we can develop Energize well, and that more groups would subscribe.
Sunday 13th May	Ireland	Pray for the ministry of Urban Saints in Ireland
Sunday 20th May	Safety and Protection	Pray that God's hand of protection would be over all of Urban Saints.
Sunday 27th May	Young people - Wellbeing	Pray for young people to have a better sense of wellbeing.
Sunday 3rd June	Wales	Pray for the ministry of Urban Saints in Wales
Sunday 10th June	Camps	Please pray for all the camps that will be taking place this summer, and pray for more young people to come to faith as they participate in them.
Sunday 17th June	Values - Adventure, Discipleship, Justice	Pray that young people would be passionate about adventure, discipleship and justice.
Sunday 24th June	Communications	Pray that Urban Saints would be effective in all its communications



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