



St Peter's Baptist Church

# Social Action and Mission Challenge

'The Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.' **Isaiah 61:1**

From praying and giving, to volunteering and taking action, there are many different ways we can all be the good news, bless others and help change lives in our city and beyond. Here are some suggestions for you to consider.

IN OUR CITY...



## PRAY FOR...

- Homeless people in our city and the organisations that support them such as **St Paul's Hostel**, **Maggs** and the **YMCA**.
- The Salvation Army 'soup run' that provides a meal to homeless and other vulnerable people every Friday evening.
- **The Good Soil Trust's** work to bring hope and transformation to people struggling with life.
- **The Cedar Tree** and its work supporting people with pregnancy related issues.
- **The Bridge** counselling service.
- **Two Pennies** money advice service.
- **Worcester Street Pastors** – request their weekly prayer email or become a prayer partner.



## GIVE

- Donate food and other items to **Worcester Foodbank**.
- Buy **Good Soil eggs** or make a donation to the **Good Soil Trust**.
- **Donate clothes and bedding** for homeless people to **Maggs**.
- Buy **Maggs meal vouchers** for £1 each, when you give them to a homeless person you know they will receive a good, warm meal.
- Become a **Friend of The Bridge** counselling service.
- Make a financial donation to **Two Pennies** money advice service.
- Donate good quality new or used baby clothes and equipment to **Grow Baby**.



## ACT

- Join the SPBC evening meals rota at **St Paul's Hostel** or become a befriender or driver.
- Volunteer to help with **Worcester YMCA**.
- Provide and/or serve meals for the Salvation Army 'soup run' rota on a Friday night.
- Volunteer to help out at the **Good Soil Trust** and sign up for their newsletter.
- Join the **Worcester Street Pastors** team on Saturdays from 10pm to 4am.
- Know how to **spot the signs of human trafficking** and report any concerns you have.



## PRAY FOR...

- Our elected representatives, the UK government and the national assemblies and the decisions they make about social affairs and human dignity.
- Sign up for **CARE's weekly email** to stay informed about developments in social affairs and pointers for prayer.
- An end to human trafficking – join the inter-church prayer group for modern day slavery. Contact Steph Joiner [steph\\_joiner@outlook.com](mailto:steph_joiner@outlook.com)
- An end to extreme poverty. Sign up for Tearfund's weekly **one voice prayer email** or for urgent prayer alerts **via What's app**.
- Prisoners of conscience and faith around the world and the work of **CSW** and **Open Doors** in supporting them.



## GIVE

- Donate items to our Christmas **Link to Hope** shoebox appeal to bring joy to children and older people in other countries.
- Support **Hope for Justice** and help bring an end to modern slavery.
- Donate through **Tearfund** to help those affected by disasters and emergencies.
- Give to **Open Doors** to support persecuted Christians around the world.
- Contribute towards the Malawi **micro-loans scheme** or **secondary school sponsorship programme**.
- Donate much needed items to **Refugee Solidarity – Herefordshire and Worcestershire** for distribution to refugees throughout Europe.
- Give new/used good quality fabric to St Peter's Sewing Bee for making Bible bags for Malawi.



## ACT

- Buy **Fairtrade** products such as tea, coffee, chocolate and bananas.
- Buy **Traidcraft** cards, gifts and other items to help fight poverty.
- **Switch your home** to renewable electricity
- Get involved in **Tearfund's campaigns** to tackle poverty and injustice.
- Write a **simple letter** to bring strength and hope to Christians who are suffering for their faith via **Open Doors**.
- Help with one of the regular refugee aid sorting sessions organised by **Refugee Solidarity – Herefordshire and Worcestershire**.
- Join one of our church teams going out to Malawi or volunteer for one of Love Russia's projects.
- Use **CARE's media card** to help you commend or complain when you see something in the media that's good or offensive.