



CHURCH SEARCH

2023

SUCU
SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY
CHRISTIAN UNION

What is church search?

What is Church Search and how does it work?

Welcome to Southampton! As a CU we are praying for you as you settle into your new home, especially after the last couple of years that we have had. We'd love to help you find a church in which you can really feel like you belong as part of the family, and so we have organised a Church Search and Pizza Event!

In this booklet, you will find a description of local churches in Southampton stating the church's vision, times for Sunday services, addresses and what student work they offer. Being a major university city, we are blessed to have so many amazing, bible-centred churches in Southampton with many offering thriving student work.

We hope that this booklet along with the event will help you in your exploration of churches in Southampton and will help you to settle within a church during your time as a student here.

Why should I be in a Church?

Church is a community of believers, meeting to encourage one another, grow in faith together and listen to the word of God being preached from the Bible. The earliest believers met together (Acts 2:42-47), and the writer of Hebrews encourages it (Hebrews 10:24-25).

CU is not a Church; we are a body of believers on campus, seeking to give everyone the opportunity to hear and respond to the Good News and love of Jesus. The CU is supported and encouraged by many churches across the city which our members go to, so we want to help you also find a church where you can grow, be supported, and serve – a home for your time at university and possibly beyond.

UCCF Doctrinal Basis

SUCU is a member of UCCF, with whom we share our core beliefs which are outlined here in our doctrinal basis. The basis of the Fellowship shall be the fundamental truths of Christianity, as revealed in Holy Scripture, including:

1. There is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
3. The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.
4. Since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful and guilty, so that everyone is subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
5. The Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.
6. Sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of their representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between them and God.
7. Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by their own efforts.
8. The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ.
9. The Holy Spirit lives in all those he has regenerated. He makes them increasingly Christ-like in character and behaviour and gives them power for their witness in the world.
10. The one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong.
11. The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory.

In Southampton we are blessed with a huge number of very good churches and although all of those who take part in Church Search do need to stand in agreement with the above statements, there are many others who hold different views to some of those points. Therefore, this booklet contains a selection of the largest and most popular churches who DO stand in agreement, most of whom have been supporters of SUCU for many years. However, this booklet isn't a definitive list of all of the churches which are available to you. We highly recommend that you check out a number of churches with the aim of finding the church which most suits you – this booklet, if nothing else, is a great place to start.

ABOVE BAR

Vision:

A community of Christians loving God, following Jesus and sharing the hope we have.

Times and number of services:

10am morning service, 6pm evening service (more contemporary feel)

About:

Member of Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

Student work:

Wednesday night hot meal and Bible study for students. Free lunch and games on The Common, Sept 30, 12-3pm Young adult brunch every first Saturday of the month, 11am-1pm at the church Hot meal after the 6pm service for the first three Sundays in October Young Adult weekend away "Adoptive families" to have you round for Sunday lunch!

Find us on Insta! Contact Callom@abovebarchurch.org.uk

Address:

City: 69 Above Bar Street, Southampton, SO14 7FE East: Woodlands Community College, Minstead Avenue, Southampton, SO18 5FX



ANCHOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

Vision:

Our vision is to know Jesus for all that He is and make Him known to others in the same way. Jesus is the Anchor of the soul; hence the name of our church.

Services:

Main Sunday worship service 10.30am-12pm

New house group at Bodley -Wednesdays 7.30pm

School of the Sword (Bible Teaching/healing ministry) Tuesdays 10am-12pm

Anchor Connect (simple Bible study) alternate Wednesdays 7.30pm - 9pm

Activities for younger youth: Youth club alternate Tuesdays 6.30pm -8.30pm

Explorers = once a month - Tuesdays 6.30pm - 8pm

Messy Church -first Saturday of each month 10am - 12.30pm including lunch

Weekly coffee morning - Fridays 10am-12pm

Alpha course - starting in February each year

Samaritan's Purse collection centre 13th to 20th November

About:

Anchor is a vibrant Spirit filled church who believe that the Bible is our final authority. We celebrate God each week with a live worship band and a congregation of roughly 50 people. It is a church where students will find friendship and support whilst studying in the Southampton area. Our Pastor is a graduate and licensed minister of Rhema Bible Teaching Centre in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We are a non denominational church and a teaching centre for the Bible. We regularly hear testimonies from those whose lives have been transformed by the Gospel. You can find out more on our Facebook page and website.

Address:

Anchor Community Church

Quob Lane (between Brookside Way and Quob Farm Close)

West End

SO30 3HN

Www.anchor community church.com

Email:Anchorcommunitychurch2018@gmail.com

Phone: 07729 750 545



ASCENSION

Vision:

To see God's kingdom come to our communities through making and growing whole life followers of Jesus

Times and number of services:

- 9.00am: a more traditional service with communion
- 10.45am: an informal worship service (also live streamed on our YouTube: 'AscensionSouthampton')
- We also meet for evenings of uninterrupted worship and prayer, check our Instagram @ascensionsoton for details

About:

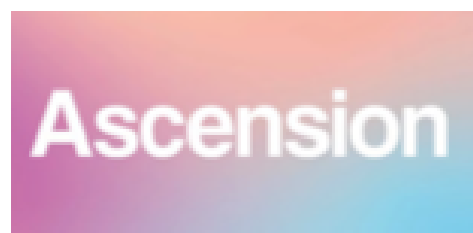
We are a vibrant and growing church, part of the Church of England. We place mission and encountering Jesus in the centre of everything we do and want to see students grow and thrive during uni.

Student work:

Jesus is our focus. His ministry of eating with others, bringing those on the outskirts into the community and following the lead of the Spirit are ones which we seek to define our student work. We want our students to be embedded into our church family, finding a home in a loving community. We want practical training for mission, to equip you to share Jesus whilst at uni and beyond. We want you to follow God's lead, and help you discern whatever that might look like. Alongside encounter and equipping nights, themed events you can invite friends to, and meals to offer you when you come to visit us, come and see whether life within our community might be for you.

Address:

1 Thorold Road, Southampton, SO18 1HZ. We're just over the river in Bitterne Park - walkable from Wessex Lane or from Portswood, although many in the church are happy to give lifts where needed.



CALVARY CHAPEL SOUTHAMPTON

Vision:

Everything that we do at Calvary is because of the foundational belief that God is alive, He is active and is working among us. We believe that God is an active God who is interested in the lives of people and is actively working to bring about His plans and desires. He uses us, equips us, and empowers us by the Holy Spirit to influence in the world for Him.

Since we believe that God is alive, active and working among us, we believe that we should be excited to gather together with other Christians to worship Him. We believe that He speaks to us through the preaching of His Word, the Bible and that He has given us the Holy Spirit who helps equip us to go into all the world and make disciples of Him.

Times and number of services:

Worship Service- Sundays 10:30am

About:

Calvary Southampton is a community where you can meet Jesus, engage in authentic relationships, and know you are welcomed! We believe in creating an atmosphere where you can grow your relationship with the God Who loves you, discover your gifts and use them for His Glory. Join us for any of our services as we study the Bible verse by verse and grow in our relationships with Jesus!

Student work:

Young Adults Bible Study, 3rd Thursday of the month 7pm (visit our website for details)

Address:

Vermont Cl, Southampton

SO16 7LT



CHRIST CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON

Vision:

Committed to loving God, loving one another and loving Southampton.

Sunday services:

- 9:30am & 11.15am: at Cantell School
- 6pm: at Burgess Road Library



About:

A lively, gospel-centred church family based next to campus. Member of Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) and affiliated with South East Gospel Partnership, Solent Gospel Partnership, and UCCF.

Student events and groups:

- Student Connect: a hot meal followed by a small group bible study. 7.30pm each Sunday at Burgess Road Library straight after the 6pm gathering.

Freshers' events:

- Pizza and Puddings: 7.30pm at Burgess Road Library 24th September straight after the 6pm gathering.
- Welcome Tent and Speed Challenge: 25th-28th, 12.30-2pm outside the Burgess Road Library. Come say hello and be in with a chance of winning a week's shop!
- Games in The Bridge: 2.00-4.00pm on 27th and 29th September. Inside SUSU (Building 42)
- Welcome Lunches: 1st /8th /15th October at Cantell School at 12.30pm after the 11.15am gathering.

Through the year:

We also have lots of other activities and trips through the year: Student Getaway, Home from Home, Mid-year conference and Summer Bible Week to name a few!

Get in touch:

james@christchurchsouthampton.org.uk,
sophie@christchurchsouthampton.org.uk

Address:

Cantell School, SO16 3GJ (Sundays at 9.30/11.15am)
And Burgess Road Library, SO16 3HF (Sundays at 6pm)



CITY LIFE

Who we are...

City Life Church is part of God's family in Southampton, sharing everyday life around Jesus. We are committed to being a church known for our beliefs and values, rather than our structures and gatherings, with everyone putting these into practice everywhere, every day. As a church family, we don't meet in one place or at a set time every Sunday, we seek to live out daily, weekly, and monthly 'rhythms'; restoring our relationships with God, rediscovering the heart of who He really is, and creating time for rest in order to draw closer to Him, and from this place actively sharing the love of God and serving those around us.

How to contact us...

Website: www.citylife.org.uk
 Facebook: /citylifechurchsouthampton
 Email: info@citylife.org.uk
 Phone: 023 8023 4000



How we gather...

Daily: We encourage everyone to build daily rhythms of prayer, study and worship. For those that wish, we have a daily 6am prayer gathering on zoom. Contact us for the link.

Weekly: We have groups that meet weekly in person and online across the city. You are very welcome to visit these groups – get in touch and we can help you connect. We provide monthly resources, following a pattern of Grow, Serve, Invite, Worship.

Monthly: Every 1st Sunday we encourage people to gather for teaching in their homes, which can be found on our ChurchCenter App and on our resources page (www.citylife.org.uk/study/).

Every 4th Sunday we meet at **St Albans Church, Tulip Road, at 4pm** for a time of All Age worship, testimony, and connection.

The remaining weeks allow space for connection and prayer together, to be missional, and practice hospitality with one another and with those beyond the church.

Our personal and corporate rhythms allow us to

- Grow in our understanding of Jesus & His word, as well as deepen our relationships with Him
- Serve those around us in accordance with Jesus' example and instruction
- Invite others into meaningful discipling relationships, sharing hospitality & life with those Jesus leads us to invite.
- Worship God in Spirit and in truth, both inside and out of a corporate context.



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www.citylife.org.uk

COVENANT

Vision: Covenant Church exists to raise young people who have a burning passion for Jesus Christ. Our desire is to see young people rise up to become disciples of Christ who influence the world around them positively by spreading the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Service times and Number of services:

11.30am - Passion Service (University Students)

9.30am - Family Worship Service

About:

We are a vibrant non-denominational church in the Portswood area with a growing congregation from all backgrounds. Our focus is to teach, inspire and equip young people so they can represent Jesus Christ in all spheres of life.

Socials: @covenantchurchuk on Instagram and YouTube

Website: www.covenantchurch.org.uk

Student work:

Passion Service - Sundays at 11.30am

We hold our special student meetings - Passion Services every Sunday at 11.30am

Address:

309 Shirley Rd,
Shirley, Southampton
SO15 3HW



HIGHFIELD



Vision:

A community of *devoted* disciples who *encounter* God, *grow* together and *seek* the Kingdom.

If you want to be part of a community of devoted disciples, we don't expect you to come fully formed! The church is called to make disciples, and at Highfield you can grow by encountering God (at our Sunday services), growing together (through small groups) and seeking the kingdom (reaching out to our community). We derive all we believe, teach, and do from the Bible as the written word of God, while also learning to hear and obey the voice of the Spirit, speaking to us individually and collectively.

Weekly services:

9 am Liturgical Service (also online)

10:30 am Contemporary Family (also online)

10:30 am YTH CHRCH (Church plant aimed at 11-18s, but all welcome)

6:30pm Contemporary Evening Service

Student work:

We have two full-time student pastors, Tim and Rhiannon, who would love to connect you with what we're doing. Head to @highfieldstudents on Instagram or www.linktr.ee/hfstudents.

Short version of what we do:

- Sunday Services: There are students at all 4 services, with 6:30 having the most.
- Living Room: An all-student meal at 5:15 pm every Sunday
- Small groups: Student-led missional small groups for students
- Student Nights: Gathering together, learning to put faith into practice.
- Prayer Walking: Seeking God on campus.
- We also make time for 1-1 support to help you thrive at Uni.

Students are encouraged to get involved in every area of church life from the Highfield Kid's team to leading evening services. You should get the chance to grow in the gifts God has given you whilst at uni.

Address:

Highfield Church Highfield Lane Southampton Hampshire SO17 1RL



KINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH



Vision:

We are a people who are encountering God and are being equipped to transform the Solent and beyond.

OUR VALUES are:

Family - We are a family on mission together.

Freedom - We are seeing people live in freedom through the power of the gospel.

Faith - We are in faith for God to do the impossible.

Times and number of services:

At our Hedge End site we have a 9:15am meeting and an 11am meeting. At our Totton site we have one 10:30am meeting

Student work:

We have a number of 18-30s connect groups midweek and half termly 18-30s equipping and social events.

Address:

King's Community Church,
Upper Northam Road,
Hedge End,
Southampton.
SO30 4BZ

For more information go to kingscommunitychurch.co.uk

LIFE CHURCH SOUTHAMPTON

Vision: Bringing Life To Every Community



Times and number of services:

10:15am - King Edwards School, Wilton Rd, SO15 5UQ

6pm - The Boathouse, 11 Cranbury Terrace SO14 0SQ

If you're looking for something a bit smaller, with mostly young professionals and students, that's slap-bang in between the two universities in Southampton, then come and join us at The Boathouse at 6pm every Sunday. If you're looking for a slightly bigger meeting, with people of all ages on a Sunday morning, then come and join us at King Edwards School at 10:15am every Sunday.

About: We are all about Jesus and are all on an adventure together, to know and follow Him and help anyone in Southampton know and follow him. At Life Church you'll be part of a community that genuinely cares about people. We want to see students in Southampton live out their God given calling as followers of Jesus and their unique calling as students, with all the great opportunities that student-life brings.

Life Church is part of Commission, who belong to the Newfrontiers Family Churches.

On Sundays – we gather as a church to do all the things that Church's do when they gather. You'll find our meetings are modern and pretty informal, with a big focus on being a genuine community, worshiping God and teaching from the bible.

On Weekdays – we have Life Groups that meet all over the city and at a bunch of different times. A great way of getting plugged into the community of Life Church is by being part of a Life Group.

But Life Church is much more than the meetings we have. In essence, what we are offering is the chance to join in with this adventure of knowing Jesus, living for him and building his church together in Southampton. So please use the form below to say hello – we'd love to hear from you.

Student work:

At Life Church you'll be part of a community that genuinely cares about people. We want to see students in Southampton live out their God given calling as followers of Jesus and their unique calling as students, with all the great opportunities that student-life brings.

Students at Life Church tend to be part of the community at one of our Sunday meetings, get involved in our Life Groups that meet throughout the week and are an important part of the life of the church. Student work is overseen by David McNee, one of the Church leaders, and Casie Osborne, our student intern.

Address:

10:15am - King Edwards School, Wilton Rd, SO15 5UQ

6pm - The Boathouse, 11 Cranbury Terrace SO14 0SQ



NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Vision: To see the whole church, following the way of Jesus, making disciples, bringing life and transformation to every area of Southampton and beyond.

Times and number of services: Sunday ay 10am

About: We are a vibrant family church made up of everyday people of all ages and backgrounds. We have a shared vision to see every part of Southampton filled with the good news about Jesus, and to see lives changed and communities transformed by God's amazing love. Our Sunday gatherings include vibrant worship, practical Bible-based teaching, opportunity for prayer, and time to interact with others and build friendships.

We would love to invite you to our Newcomers Welcome on Sunday 8th October after our morning gathering.

Student work: We are a church family who loves to connect across all the generations. We encourage everyone who call New Community their home to join a Hub. These are our mid-sized communities of 10 to 30 people that meet throughout the week. We have a mix of Hubs that are a great way to get to know others. If you are a student who wants to get to know people of different ages and stages, then New Community could be the church home for you!

Address: Central Hall, St. Mary Street, Southampton, SO14 1NF.

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MAJESTY HOUSE CHURCH

Vision: Healing your past and empowering your future through discovering the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Times and number of services:

Sundays:

10am: Online service also broadcast at our centre.

<https://majestyhouse.online.church>

11am In-person service. Translations into major languages available

2 hr free childcare available during our Sunday service (also available

as a paid job for students who have some experience and would like to serve in this way)

Wednesdays:

7pm: Ask the Pastors - we answer questions sent to us, join online and in-person, food and drinks provided



About: We are a multicultural church, committed to serving God and the needs of our community. Wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, at Majesty House you will find a supportive community with a wealth of opportunities for personal growth and service.

Student work (if any): We are keen and eager to develop our student work. We offer the following courses and programmes that students can be part of.

Alpha course online, CAP money course, School of Christian Development and Success

Café: We run a café during the week (Monday to Friday 9am-4pm) where students can volunteer in their spare time and all volunteers eat free in our café.

We run a food parcel programme on Fridays. Students can get involved in this ministry when they are available and can also get food parcels if they need one.

Youth meetings on Friday evenings and students can get involved in our youth work

Events coming up soon: BBQ night, Bonfire night

Address: Majesty House Centre, Andromeda Road, Lordshill. Southampton

SO16 8BB

We are on the other side of the Sainsbury roundabout. Bus 17 from city centre.

Website: <https://www.majestyhouse.org>



PORTSWOOD CHURCH

Vision: A community seeking to grow UP towards God, being transformed in partnership with the Holy Spirit, IN deep loving relationships with each other and reaching OUT into the world with the good news of Christ and His Kingdom.

Times and number of services:

Mornings: 10am Sundays

Evenings: Tues/Wed/Thurs small groups in homes

About: Portswood Church was planted almost 100 years ago, by a bunch of mission minded radical Brethren! They quickly adapted their serviced to embrace the new families attending and to remove any barriers that might prevent them fully encountering God. Today we are the legacy of them, now an independent church, still outward looking, still welcoming to one and all, which makes for a diverse church in age, background and stages of faith.

Student work: The students we've had join us in our faith journey, have always been taken into our hearts! Many have chosen to stay after graduation and others have gone on to fresh opportunities to be used by God in amazing ways! They've all been looking for a church, they would be seen as an individual, not a student passing through. They've been willing to use their gifts in our smallish church (120) and let them find their place in the body of Christ. If this resonates with you, then come check us out on a Sunday and get linked with a small group.

Address:

Portswood Church

Portswood Road

Southampton

SO17 2FY

<https://www.portswood.org/>



ST MARKS



Vision:

Our vision for the Student Ministry at St Mark's is that it would be an environment where you can grow, connect, and belong.

Grow:

We run Connect Groups during the week giving students a chance to dig into the Word of God as well as grow friendships.

Connect:

Our Sunday services are for everyone and a great chance to connect with the wider church community. Once a month we have Church Breakfast which is completely free!

Belong:

St Mark's is a church that is family focussed and a place to have real friendships. When you're in a family, you're a part of something and that's our heart at St Mark's. There are so many ways to grow in your gifting - the best way to belong is to get stuck in to church life.

Times and number of services:

First Sunday of the Month 10.15am Breakfast Church. Second and fourth Sundays of the Month 10.15am Holy Communion. Third Sunday of the Month Sunday Service 10.15am. All our services have a relaxed feel, and we aim to make everyone feel at home.

About:

We are an evangelical expression of the Church of England and offer contemporary worship alongside Bible-based teaching. We would love to be a home from home for you and invite you to be part of our church. St. Mark's is a community where you would be welcomed and valued as an individual - we'd love to get to know you!

Student work:

Students are linked in with a connect group for pastoral prayer and support outside of Sundays.

Address:

St. Mark's Church, Archers Road, Southampton, SO15 2LU

SAINT MARY'S

Vision:

Following the way of Jesus, playing our part in the renewal of the City.

The purpose of Saint Mary's is to share the love and hope of Jesus with all of Southampton. Jesus has the power to transform people, and transformed people transform places.

SAINTS Collective is a space for all Students and Young Adults from across Southampton aged 18 - 29 gathering with the desire to belong to Jesus and to be set apart for Him as we play our part in the renewal of the city. Our university years and twenties hold some of the most significant times in our lives and in it all we want to keep Jesus as the main thing, discover what it means to follow Him and share Jesus with those around us.

Times & About:

Sundays are the moment when we celebrate together the goodness of God, learn from the way of Jesus and pray for an empowering encounter of the Spirit.

9:15 service: Traditional, short reflective service with hymns, prayers and communion.

10:30 service: Fun, lively service with worship, talks and ministry.

6pm service: Vibrant and friendly service for all, and home to our Young Adults, Students & SAINTS Youth with post-service hangouts.

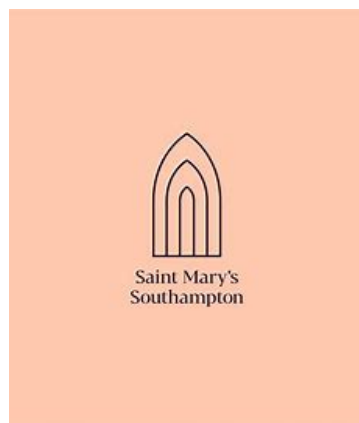
Student work:

At SAINTS Collective we gather regularly on Thursday evenings at Chapel Road to eat, worship, pray and have teaching to grow deeper in our faith and with each other. We are kicking off with our first Collective evening of the term on Thursday 5th October.

When we are not gathering at a Collective evening we are gathering in Tables across the city. Tables are our midweek groups where we meet in smaller gatherings throughout the week and put down routes and go deeper into community as we seek to live in and live out the way of Jesus together.

Address:

Saint Mary's Church, Chapel Road, SO14 1AQ



SOUTHAMPTON LIGHTHOUSE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

Vision:

Our mission is to love God, be family together & reach the world around us for Jesus". Our mission is fixed but our vision changes as we are led by the Holy Spirit year-by-year.

Sunday services:

10:30am in person (and also streamed online)

About:

We are a church in the heart of Southampton full of people from all over the world. No matter your background, history or culture, you are welcome here. Student group: We encourage students to get fully involved in Church life, especially in the following ways:

Collectives:

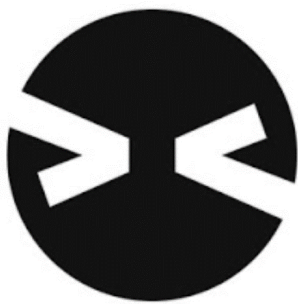
During the week we'd love you to get involved with one of our small group 'collectives', to study the Bible, pray with others and grow together as family following Jesus. These will be running fortnightly throughout the autumn on various days of the week, either in person or virtually

Be part of the family:

At Lighthouse we really value family and food. We'd love students to get to know others in the Church, especially over lunch on Sunday afternoons. We hope to provide a 'home away from home' and that you'll feel part of our family.

Address:

St Mary's Road, Southampton, SO14 0BB



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SWAYTHLING BAPTIST CHURCH

Vision:

SBC is a local Christ centred community seeking to live together with kindness, patience and respect, forgiving one another in love, working out our faith in service: building bridges for God's grace to all sorts of people.

Sunday Services:

The church family meet each Sunday at 10.30 a.m. to hear God's word, pray and listen to a message. A variety of songs are led by a small Music Group. On the 1st Sunday evening there is a Prayer Meeting and on the 4th Sunday evening we meet in individuals' homes to chat and try to get to know each other better. A 5th Sunday usually begins with breakfast at 9.45 a.m. There are regular midweek Small Groups meeting in homes or on Zoom.

About:

We believe in the Bible, prayer and in the unique value of each individual. Many of our members have been with us for a long time but we are always keen to hear new perspectives. We work hard to care for each other and we recognise that church is more than Sunday services. We would offer support as you need it to encourage you in growing with us in faith. Part of the Baptist Union, we have around 30 members and a regular congregation of around the same number, plus people who zoom in each Sunday. Our meetings can vary in style but are normally relaxed with a wide age range represented.

Contact: Rev. Dr. Martin Hobgen at ministerswaythling@googlemail.com Mob. 07393 977906

Address:

Fleming Road

SO16 2DD



Solent Vineyard Church



Vision: To be a welcoming community who want to know Jesus and encounter him more. We want to become more like Jesus and bring His hope, healing and life wherever we go.

Times and Services: Sunday mornings meetings - alternate weeks, 10:15 plus possible other social/prayer gatherings. See <https://www.solentvineyard.org.uk/whats-on>

Mid week -Life Groups

About: We're a church plant from Winchester Vineyard and we're part of Vineyard churches UK whose mandate is 'Extending God's Kingdom together, everywhere in every way'.

Address: The Plant Pot, student Union, Southampton Uni – We meet mostly on-site during term time!! Plus at other venues outside of university term time.

Contact: Contact us via our webpage solentvineyard.org.uk or directly at jamesw@solentvineyard.org.uk or lindaw@solentvineyard.org.uk

Student Work: We love students and are intentionally meeting at the student union so that we can connect with students! As we are a growing church plant, events for students are developing around those who come along to us.

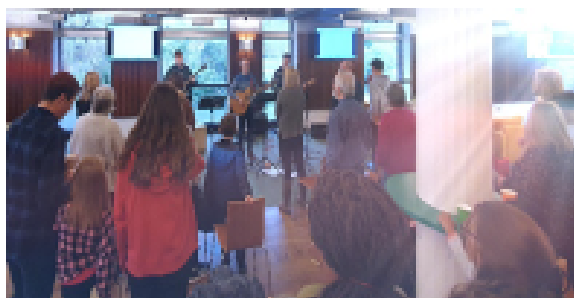
We invite students to join us for meals so we can get to know them and how we can support them.

We serve students at the University by a 'Hamper give away' (with Domino's pizza) once a term. The next one is 7pm, 10th October.

We next meet at the Plant Pot at SUSU on Sunday October 15th, 10.15 AM, amazing snacks, cakes every time!

We're meeting at the Plant Pot at SUSU Sunday October 29th, 10:15, followed by a student lunch

We encourage students to join in with church family life, joining life groups, joining in with prayer/worship events, community events and helping with youth and kids etc.



Church Weblinks:

All local Southamp churches included in the Church Search are also available to view from our website:

<https://www.sucu.org.uk/church/>

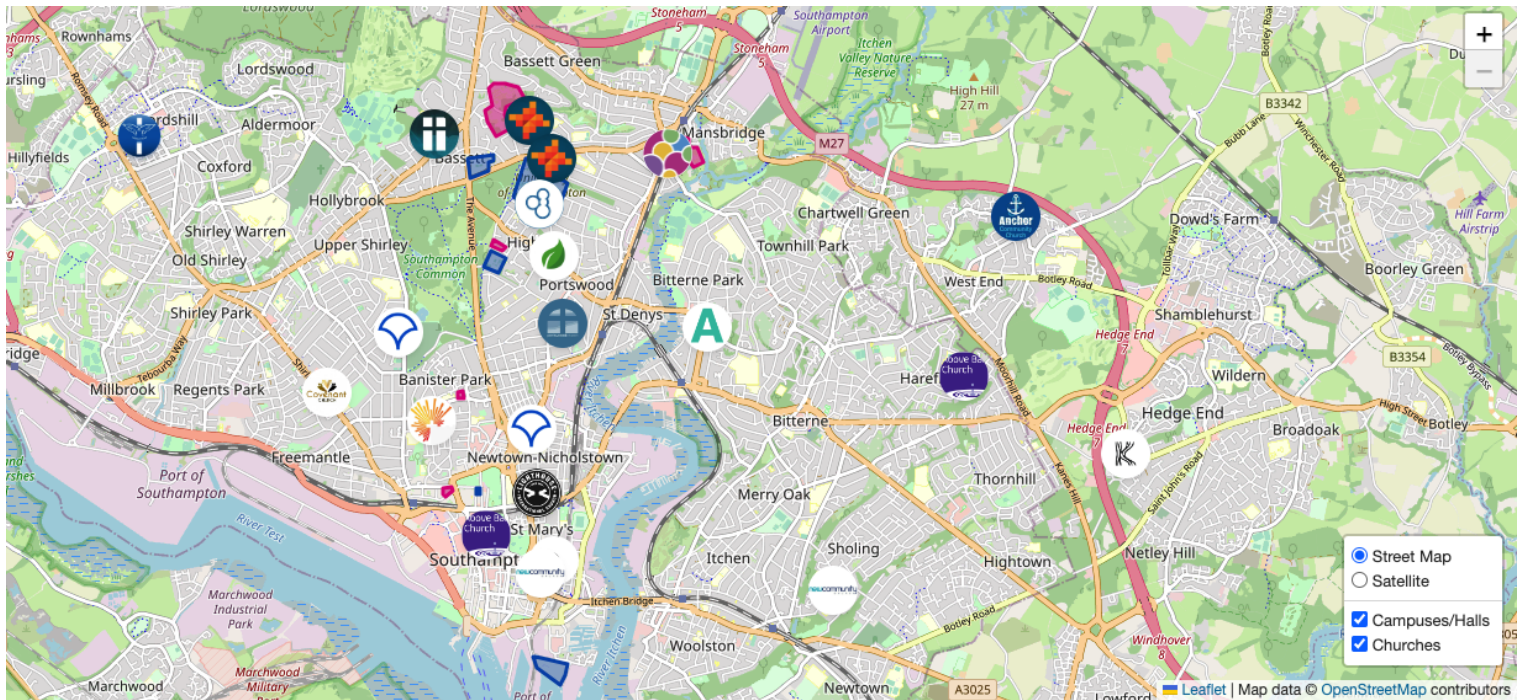
Churches in Winchester:

Churches in Winchester: If you are studying at the Winchester School of Art and are looking for a church in Winchester, the Winchester University Christian Union (WUCU) have put together some resources so just get in touch via this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/winchestercu/>

https://www.instagram.com/winchester_cu/

Church Search map:



**CHURCH SEARCH WEB LINK - INTERACTIVE
CHURCH MAP AVAILABLE!**

Finally...

But there are so many churches – how do I choose?

We are very lucky in Southampton to have so many great churches, but that does make it harder to pick one. Also, many of you will never have needed to do so before. How to start? This is where the Church Search comes in; reading the descriptions in this booklet will give you an idea of what each church is like so you can decide which you'd like to visit. Thinking about what you're used to (style of worship and teaching) can be a good place to start, even if you're pretty sure you don't want to go to an identical church here. You can also look at their websites and pick the brains of current students there. We'd suggest that you look for a church where you'll engage with the teaching, be challenged to apply it to your life and where you feel happy to join their community (and feel able to invite others along!). Most importantly though, make sure you pray about this decision!

Right, I've chosen – what now?

We said that Church is a community – you now need to join that community! Make an effort to go to church as much as you can – if you form the habit now, it will be easier to keep going and harder for it to get crowded out. Try to get to know people, both other students and people in the wider Church family. See if you can join a small group, house group, cell group etc. where you can build deep relationships, digging into the Bible and praying together. These small groups might be meeting virtually or in person. Some churches (often with larger numbers of students) do this within the student group, and others will help you get stuck into a group with other members of the church family. Finally, if it seems like God might be calling you to do so, is there some way you can serve, for example in the band, with kids work or welcoming people into the service?

Church Search is over, and I haven't chosen – what now?

Not to worry, you can still visit all these churches and to help you with that, the church search website can be found at <https://www.sucu.org.uk/church/>! They will all be very welcoming. You can also have a look at Southampton Christian Network's website, scn.org.uk, which has a much longer list of possible churches. There is also the Fusion Link up app for finding churches (fusionmovement.org/studentlinkup), and the Faith and Reflection Centre on Highfield Campus. Remember that no church is perfect. Think about whether the reasons you haven't settled down are important enough to continue not settling down! We're praying for you as you look and are happy to answer any questions you may have. If you're not sure who to ask, message us on Facebook or Instagram.