

# Shine Your Light

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## A Renewed Call To Shine Your Light

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**UNITE...**

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."

Isaiah 60:1



**Communities are searching for HOPE...**



**SIGN UP...**

There are moments in history when God speaks a clear word to His Church.

Not a new message, but a fresh summons.

Not a change of mission, but a renewed obedience.

We believe we are living in such a moment.

Across our nations we are witnessing growing loneliness, fear, confusion, division and spiritual darkness.

Communities are searching for hope. Many have become disconnected from the Church and unfamiliar with the Gospel. At the same time, countless people are suffering quietly in prisons, hospitals, care homes, refugee centres, shelters and forgotten neighbourhoods.

Yet in this hour, the Lord is not retreating.

He is advancing.

And He is calling His Church to rise with Him.

As we have prayed together over the past year, many have sensed the Holy Spirit drawing attention again and again to the words of Jesus in Matthew 25. **The Lord is turning our eyes toward those whom society often overlooks** and reminding us that **He is found among them.**

The prisoner serving time.

The elderly resident whose visitors have stopped coming.

The refugee carrying uncertainty and loss.

The homeless sleeping rough.

The patient in hospital.

The family trapped in generational poverty.

The young person losing hope.



**SHARE...**

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## Christmas movie night

On the **5th of December**, in a small town on the Welsh borders, after much thought, it was agreed **to invite local neighbours** round for **an evening of light snacks** and a **Christmas movie**.

The **invitations went out** to local neighbour's and friends. As the food was being prepared, thoughts of **how many will come?**

**What happens if no one comes**, although some had said they would? This was the **first time that the couple had invited** all their neighbours round. The time arrived for people to attend and suddenly there was a knock at the door. With **bright smiling faces**, they opened the door and then suddenly **more and more arrived** to the delight of couple.

**All in all, 25 local neighbours** arrived for the evening of **fun and laughter** and hearing **the news of Jesus birth**.

But **much more** was birthed on that **special night**. A simple idea but meant so much to the couple and neighbours. **It wasn't about getting people to church** but was for the people in their street. It is hoped that many **more conversations will take place** as the **seeds were sown** and their home became known as a **House of Light**.

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**The Lord sees them all and He is calling His Church to see them too.**

As we have sought the Lord, many have sensed Him asking a simple but searching question:

**Will you carry My light only to the visible places, or will you carry it to the hidden places too?**

**We acknowledge, appreciate and applaud all the wonderful institutions, groups, churches and individuals who have been plowing away for decades in ministering to those on the margins. Thank You!**

We want to join them in this high calling, making this the prophetic focus for this year's Shine Your Light.

We sense the Lord calling His Church beyond visibility and into vulnerability.

Beyond public witness and into sacrificial presence.

Beyond comfortable outreach and into costly compassion.

**We believe the next move of God will not be marked merely by larger events or greater platforms.**

**It will be marked by a Church that looks more like Jesus.**

A Church willing to go where Jesus would go.

A Church willing to love whom Jesus would love.

A Church willing to serve whom Jesus would serve.

Jesus answered that call Himself:

“For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me

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in, I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.”

These words are more than a call to compassion. They are a revelation.

**Jesus identifies Himself with the forgotten.**

- The neglected.
- The isolated.
- The vulnerable.
- The overlooked.

Whenever the Church moves toward those on the margins, she moves toward Christ Himself.

**This is why Shine Your Light 2026 carries a renewed focus on reaching those who often feel invisible, abandoned or forgotten.**

Throughout December, and especially during the Shine Your Light Weekend from 11th–13th December 2026, churches across the United Kingdom and Ireland will be encouraged not only to fill town centres with worship and public witness, but also to carry the hope of Christ into prisons, hospitals, care homes, shelters, housing estates and disadvantaged communities.

**We will continue to proclaim the Gospel publicly.**

But we will also enter places where cameras do not go and applause is never heard.

Because that is often where Jesus is found.

**What Can You Do?**

The vision of Shine Your Light is not reserved for large churches, experienced evangelists or national ministries.

## 11-13 DECEMBER 2026

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THE **FORGOTTEN** PARTS OF SOCIETY  
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES  
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## A prayer of two at Christmas

A few of the **local neighbours, gathered together** one crisp Christmas evening. After a small amount of preparation the week before, it was agreed to take **Christmas cards and prayer requests** in the same envelope to the people in their street.

Wanting to **meet the needs** of those surrounding them. It is an area of great need, **with many elderly** and living alone, Christmas is often met with **“it’s just another day”** when no one will come.

**Singing carols** and knocking on doors of 25 houses, not much more. **The delight on their faces** when they opened the door and found someone willing to stop and share.

The **Christmas cards and requests for prayer** were taken with smiles and thank you’s and from some please come again.

For those **who didn’t answer**, they were **slipped through the door**. Just a **simple idea** but welcomed by many, **sharing Jesus** but also **offering a prayer** and letting others now, that you care, **may be the lifeline** that your neighbour may need. Knowing **you are willing** to give of your time and giving to them.

So **shine brightly this Christmas** and give of your time, **you may be the only person** that your neighbour will see.

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### It belongs to all of us.

You may not be able to organise a stadium gathering, but you can visit a care home.

You may not be able to preach to hundreds, but you can pray with a neighbour.

You may not be able to enter a prison, but you can support a prison ministry.

You may not be able to solve poverty, but you can share a meal, give generously or offer practical help.

**The Lord is not asking every believer to do everything.**

**He is asking each of us to do something.**

This Christmas, we invite every church, family, small group and individual believer to prayerfully ask: **“Lord, where are You calling me to shine Your light?”**

### For some, that may mean:

- Organising a public carol outreach.
- Visiting a care home and singing to residents.
- Supporting a homeless shelter.
- Delivering Christmas hampers to struggling families.
- Partnering with prison ministries.
- Hosting a meal for lonely neighbours.
- Visiting hospital patients.
- Welcoming refugees and asylum seekers.
- Offering prayer in workplaces, schools or communities.
- Sharing a testimony online or with a friend.

Small acts of obedience can have eternal impact.

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## Christmas comes early

It took a **bit of planning to organise** our Christmas event. Starting early and **sharing with friends**, ideas for Christmas but without much budget. Does that sound familiar to you? I am sure, as prices rise but we **wanting to do something**.

**Joining a few locals and friends**, we made some gift bags to fill with a gift to share. **1000 4 inch gift bags** filled with a **few sweets** and a **Christmas bell tied up with a tag** and a **small verse of scripture**.

We started early to make sure we had them all completed on time. On Christmas week and with great delight, we took the little bags **and hung them in places** for all to see throughout the village.

From **park benches and street lamps** and low tree branches down the road. Little bags of treasures for all to take, **the joy of Christmas** we shared on our streets.

**What will you do this year?**

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**The light of Christ shines brightest when ordinary believers respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and take simple steps of faith.**

**Our vision is ambitious: thousands of churches mobilised, hundreds of thousands of Christians released into mission, and millions hearing the hope of Jesus Christ.**

Yet the strategy remains remarkably simple:

**Ordinary Christians who are filled with the Holy Spirit walking in obedience, carrying the light of Jesus wherever He sends them.**

The darkness may be increasing, but so is the opportunity for the Church to shine.

God is raising up believers who will carry His presence into the streets and into the prisons.

Into town centres and care homes. Into hospitals and housing estates. Into places of influence and places of neglect. Into every corner of society.

**The Lord is looking for a people who will say: "Here am I. Send me."**

*Let us go where Christ leads.  
Let us love whom Christ loves.  
Let us carry hope where hope has been lost.*

*Let us believe together that this Christmas, the light of Jesus Christ will shine into every forgotten corner of our nations.*

*For the glory of God.  
For the salvation of souls.  
For the transformation of communities.*

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