

God's Gifts

Student Sunday Toolkit



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Foreword

"One of the things Christianity constantly reminds us of is that we're connected at levels deeper than we can be aware of, and so connected in very significant ways with people we don't know and might seem to have little in common with. To spend time in prayer together across the world is more than just a pious exercise; it points us to the central radical vision of Christian faith, that we are held together not by common ideas and achievement, and not even by shared student experience! What holds us in unity is the invitation of God to all. It's a way of opening ourselves up to be channels for that invitation into love and justice."

Revd Dr Rowan Williams

"Why is it important to pray for students? Because prayer changes. It changes us, our vision of others and the things that happen around us. It changes those we pray for, and the situations we pray for. It is imperative and essential that we pray for students, that they will see the world through Jesus Christ's perspective, so as to be in harmony with this vision and transform the world with Him for His glory.

The challenges faced by students are great today, and only God's revelation will show us the way and strengthen our faith and actions."

Georgine Kengne Djeutane, WSCF Chairperson

Introduction

Uniting the Church

Every year, individuals, churches and communities around the world unite to lift up students in prayer on Student Sunday, also known as the Universal Day of Prayer for Students (UDPS). Student Sunday is coordinated by the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF), and has been celebrated since 1898, making it one of the oldest ecumenical days of prayer. It serves as one of the tangible signs of our common life and the connection between students and alumni of WSCF all around the world.

We invite all our members and friends to unite in prayer for the world, the church, students, and WSCF itself on (or around) the 3rd Sunday of February. You may also choose to set an alternate date that is more convenient for your community.

On 18 February 2018, people are coming together from different denominations to bring words of encouragement and support around the theme 'God's Gifts'.

Why Students?



Students come from every walk of life, representing a rich tapestry of experiences, cultures, traditions and languages. They have the potential to shape our world for the better. If the world could see how our faith brings our diversity together and unites us in Christ, how might we change?

We believe that a transformation can happen. A world acting more justly, a people speaking up for the poor, and a church bringing healing to broken communities. By joining us this Student Sunday to pray for the global body of students, you are helping to realise this vision.

How to use this resource

In this resource you'll find a selection of prayers, reflections, stories and activities to use within your church service, at your chaplaincy or with your student group. The toolkit is designed to allow you to incorporate elements of the resource into your own liturgy for Student Sunday, so please feel free to adapt the materials to suit your audience.

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About the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF)

The WSCF is the oldest international student organisation, founded in 1895. As a federation of student movements, the WSCF empowers and connects young people around the world in their path to changing tomorrow. We encourage a culture of democracy to mobilise youth to become pro-active in society, promoting positive change through dialogue and action between different traditions and cultures. Presently there are 117 affiliated national student movements in 94 countries, reaching out to over two million members worldwide.



Local, National, Regional, Global

The life of WSCF is based on local groups of students called Student Christian Movements, or SCMs, based in universities and colleges around the world who work, study and pray together. Local groups form the national movements, who work to support the local groups through providing training and resources, and organising national events.

The national movements are part of one of six WSCF regions - Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia Pacific and North America. Each region has a committee made up of students and recent graduates that shape the work of the region. Two representatives from each region also form the Global Executive Committee, which oversees the work of WSCF on a global level. Find out more at www.wscfglobal.org

About Student Christian Movement Britain

SCM Britain is a student-led movement inspired by Jesus to act for justice and show God's love in the world. As a community we come together to pray, worship and explore faith in an open and non-judgemental environment.

The movement is made up of a network of groups and individual members across Britain, as well as Link Churches and affiliated chaplaincies. Each SCM group is different, but you can expect to find a warm welcome as well as activities including bible study, prayer, campaigns and social action, talks, discussions and socials.

As a national movement we come together at regional and national events to learn more about our faith and spend time as a community. We take action on issues of social justice chosen by our members, and this year our main campaigns focuses are on food poverty in the UK and the environment.



SCM provides resources and training to student groups, churches and chaplaincies on student outreach and engagement, leadership and social action. Find out more at www.movement.org.uk

God's Gifts

"You are what you love, not what loves you."

Life often brings us rejection: rejection in the pursuit of romance, rejection from the ones we love, rejection from our dream job... During these times, it's easy to feel worthless and disposable. We, perhaps, may even fall into the despair of the idea that life itself is insignificant and meaningless. This quote from Charlie Kaufman's 2002 film, *Adaptation*, was such a beam of light for me during one of those dark times.

The world can be cruel and unfair, and makes us forget the unique gifts we each have - but they're there, despite this rejection. Despite rejection, I'm still attracted to those who live their lives with passion. Despite rejection, I still love being around people that make me laugh. Despite rejection, I still love to play music.

Oftentimes we think of God's gifts in terms of things we are good at. However, conceived in this way, we confuse the quality of our gifts with others' judgement of them. I prefer to see gifts as those things that we relentlessly pursue, because the mere act of pursuing them brings us joy and excitement.

The things we love bring us life. God is love and brings us life. Just because we occasionally reach dead ends in our pursuits, does not mean we need to stop pursuing them. Remember: "You are what you love, not what loves you."

Francesca Po

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift." *2 Corinthians 9: 15*

Generosity is a wonderful thing isn't it? I remember with astonishment the all-expenses paid holiday we enjoyed as a family to Florida. What kindness! It wasn't something we deserved, or had earned, but out of love a couple we knew simply gave it to us as a gift. I equally remember the 'gift' of being invited as a guest to enjoy a day at the Open Golf Championship by a Fork Lift Truck manufacturing company. I was very much looking forward to it, but then at the last minute the invitation was removed because we'd done business with someone else. So much for the 'gift'!

The gift of God that the Apostle Paul describes in this verse as indescribable is of course the gift of Jesus Himself. The God of all eternity somehow becomes a human being and lives in obscurity for 30ish years before his public ministry and very public execution: extraordinary. Of course the Biblical accounts don't end there; they claim resurrection and ascension, the conquering of our greatest enemy, death itself.

The indescribable gift according to Paul is the gift of God himself to us. God is by His very nature generous, He gives many gifts. But of all His gifts, this surely is the greatest. As we receive this gift, and learn to live our lives with Him, then we receive countless others gifts in and through Him. Perhaps the most precious is to know that we are loved, we are secure, and that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Chris Densham

God's Gifts

My first year was a trying time for me, particularly term one. I was still getting used to a new environment and looking after myself, as well as the higher expectations my lecturers had of me compared to my teachers at A Level. At the beginning of my higher education career, I often made mistakes with my essays, and one required more re-drafts than I had ever done for an essay before. When it came to the fifth draft, I decided that I would take my laptop up to campus on a Saturday and work until it was done. It was November, and the leaves were changing colour.

A few hours on campus and my fifth draft was done, and I made to head back home. As I was leaving, I caught sight of the many, many trees that exist on the University of Exeter's campus, in the grips of autumn. It was, in a word, beautiful, and I thank God for the beauty He has bestowed upon my campus.

Ellen Lesser

The greatest gift to the church is the gift Jesus himself left us with: the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was clear why the Holy Spirit is needed and why it is the most precious of all gifts – the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus so we may see the Father (John 14). The gift of the Holy Spirit is the gift of incarnation: God made flesh in our midst. The Holy Spirit is not given so we can see the Father in our minds, or in the past, or in some future utopia, as much as these may all play their part. The Holy Spirit is given in response to the cry of John 14:8: to see the Father, today.

The Holy Spirit is given so we may see the Father in our life, as well as the lives of those around us. As God's word reminds us time and time again, to *see* God is to know God, and to know God is to be caught up in who God is (Job 42:5). This is why the fruit of the Spirit is the very nature of God: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

In Isaiah 11:2 we are told that the Holy Spirit will bestow on Jesus wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord; all of which are virtues associated with *seeing* God. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not superpowers or 'actions' brought about through incantation, but the outcome of really *seeing* God. Even a glimpse of God tells us that God's way is the most inspiring, loving, incredible, all encompassing, understanding and accepting truth that can be lived (1 Corinthians 13:12). To glimpse this truth is to gain wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and fear of the Lord. To allow this vision to start transforming our thinking, goals, and actions, *is* to start living a life of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. It is to show Christ.

This is why the biblical writers constantly encourage us to fix our minds on that which is Holy, meditate on the Lord, and walk in the way of the godly (Psalm 1). The writers are not interested in an ethical life as such, but in encouraging us to hold fast to that which we have seen, so that, that which we have seen, may continually transform *how we see today* and, therefore, how we act *today* (Jeremiah 17:5-13). It is not enough that we read God's word and look to apply it in our life: this is a dry truth (Revelation 2:1-7). The imperative is to cry out to the Holy Spirit to show us The Father, in the knowledge that through the life and death of Jesus Christ the Gift of the Holy Spirit has been given to us precisely for this purpose, and as we glimpse The Truth through this truth so we will live as children of The Most High (John 10:34-39, Romans 8:14-17).

Robin Barden

Prayers

Never-changing God,
At a time when we see fragmentation all around us,
May we stand steady on the rock that cannot be shaken.
As students find themselves in the hubbub of university life,
May they find your still, small voice.
As our identities are shaped, moulded by all that is around
us,
May we see ourselves as you see us.
As we seek to bring your light and life into our world,
May we find the life in all its fullness that comes only from
you.

Amen

Chine McDonald

A Prayer for Students

God alongside us
You know what it is
To live a student life
Always seeking, asking questions
Always adapting, reassessing
Always learning, but never sure
ourselves.
Be with us as we gather
To listen to your words
And help us to share our stories
In peace and confidence.

Amen.

Jelly Morgans

We Are Many, We Are One

Lord,
You prayed that we may all be one as
you are one with the Father.
Look not on our sins of division,
but on the faith of your Church.
Send your spirit on all your faithful
people,
that our pursuit to grow in faith,
hope and love of you, draw us closer,
that one day we may share in one
communion.

Amen.

Daniel Leung

Intercessions

Thank you Lord for the gifts that you have blessed us with. Thank you for those gifts that we use to learn more about your world.

Thank you for the opportunities you give to students to use their gifts and to make the world a better place.

Help us to recognise your gifts in ourselves and others.

Lord, in your wisdom,

All: Hear our prayer

We are sorry for the times we have not used our gifts, and when we have kept our light hidden.

Help us to use our gifts to bless your world.

We pray that students will be encouraged to use the abilities you have given them to show your love to all people.

Lord, in your wisdom,

All: Hear our prayer

Lord, please help those gifted with power and influence to use these gifts to do good.

We pray for our leaders, politicians and governments. Guide them in their leadership and bless them with peace, patience and wisdom.

Lord, in your wisdom,

All: Hear our prayer

Southampton SCM



A Simple Liturgy

We are smaller than the world...

I am only one person. I am small. I am nothing. Compared to the unimaginable distances of space, the ever spreading deserts, the vastness of the oceans, I go unnoticed in the crowd. I can't do anything, make any real difference, have any effect. Like dropping a grain of sand in the sea, not even a ripple stirs the surface. The world is bigger than I, too big for me to cause even a ripple.

(pause)

We are as numerous as the stars in the sky, and seemingly as insignificant. As small in this world as a grain of sand on the beach, as a tear-drop in the sea. So many people, dispersed throughout the world. But each of us only one. The world is an ocean in which we are dissolved, from a distance we go unseen and unnoticed.

Mothering God, nurturer, comforter,
We pray for those who are small in this world.
Whose voice is lost in the clamour of the everyday
who go unnoticed among the crowd
May they feel your presence,
and may we strive to bring that presence to life.

Suggested Song - The Kingdom of God, Taizé

Sing... The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
 And joy in the Holy Spirit

 Come Lord, and open in us
 The gates of your kingdom

We pray for ourselves, when we feel small and insignificant,
when we are overwhelmed by the distance and spaces surrounding us.
Guard us from feeling powerless, from giving up before we begin.
Enable us to use the strengths we have, to bring about the changes we wish to see.

(pause)

We are bigger than the world...

Its a small world... this town, this city, this country... and it only gets smaller. I talk to people across the country, across the world as much as, more than, I talk to the people next door. There's nothing to stop me driving from one country to another, flying across oceans, across whole continents. The whole world is on my doorstep, I can go where I please. The world is not so big, not so special any more.

(pause)

This world of ours is small, and shrinking, growing ever more compact day by day. We can get a message to anyone, no matter where they are, in a matter of seconds. We are linked to people in every corner of the globe. Borders between countries have blurred, lessened, barriers broken down. Connections spread across these borders, unaware of the distinctions of nationality, language, and distance.

Father God, creator, sustainer,
We pray for those who feel big in this world,
who make decisions that will affect the lives of many
who have power over those smaller and weaker than themselves
May they understand the importance of their position
and use their power to create connections rather than barriers.

Sing... The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
 And joy in the Holy Spirit

 Come Lord, and open in us
 The gates of your kingdom

We pray for ourselves, when we think ourselves too important to change our ways,
too big to have to fit the needs of the world.
Guard us from the complacency which thinks that everyone but us is at fault,
which believes we are living in the world while we are living off it.
Lead us to realise the effect our actions have on those we have never met,
and enable us to use the influence we have to speak for those who have none.

(pause)

We are part of the world...

We are here as individuals, as whole within ourselves as each tiny cell of which we are made. We stand alone, independent. As individuals we have everything we need to survive. We are separate from the world, and yet cannot disconnect ourselves from it. We are inextricably linked to every person and living thing around us. We breathe the same air, walk the same earth, are warmed by the same sun and guided by the same moon.

(pause)

Each of us a member of a community; a university, workplace, church, household.
Just as many grains of sand come from one rock, we are members of the one body,
and all owe our being to the one creator. Each of us different, each of us unique, but
connected, interlinked, supported by and supporting others.

God within each of us,
allow us to see that we are individuals and yet also members of a worldwide
community.
May we be able to combine these two identities without compromising either.
Give us the gift of understanding, that we might see the threads connecting us with
the world around us.

Sing... The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
 And joy in the Holy Spirit

 Come Lord, and open in us
 The gates of your kingdom



Bible Study

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we ask for the presence of the Holy Spirit to illuminate your Holy Word, to the end that we may be enlightened, renewed and brought closer to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bible Passage: Acts 2: 1-13

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Exegesis

The coming of the Holy Spirit takes place on the day of the Jewish festival of Pentecost. Pentecost was on the one hand the harvest festival for the Jews, or the Feast of Weeks in the Old Testament (Ex. 34:22; Dt.16), and was also a commemoration of the giving of the Law at Sinai. Pentecost is from the Greek word 'Pentekoste', which means 'fifty' – Pentecost was celebrated fifty days after the Passover, and in the Christian liturgical calendar it is fifty days after Easter.

For our meditation and reflection, we start with explaining some key verses of the passage:

Vs.1: The passage begins with the information that the disciples and other followers were gathered in one place. It brings home the fact that the Spirit fell not on an individual, but a gathered community.

Vs.2-3: The Spirit came with the accompanying signs of the sound of the wind and fire. These signs were important since in the Old Testament, divine epiphanies always carried such symbols which implied God's presence.

Vs.3-4: The Spirit's coming empowered the people with tongues of fire, which symbolised 'speech'. Here the power of speech was given to all present, who started to speak in other languages glorifying God. It is important to note here that they spoke in 'other tongues' or languages, *heterais glossais*, and were not 'speaking in tongues' *glossolalia*, as attested to in other parts of Acts narrative (e.g. Acts 10:44-48). This is proven by the fact that the people who came there as spectators heard them speak in their own languages (v.8).

Vs.9-11: The list of nationalities given refers Jews living in Jerusalem, and not visitors over Passover. This implies God's particular plan for the Jews, which of course did not mean an exclusive privilege, as Peter discovered later (Acts 10: 34-35).

Reflection

The Pentecost event is one of the most important events in the life of the Church. It signifies the birth of the church, showing that God works in and through communities and that the Spirit works to unify communities. Another important aspect is that the Spirit empowers us for speech. The silenced, the confused, the marginalised and the broken find power through the Spirit to speak up, as did the disciples, and the Spirit also empowers others to raise a voice for the voiceless and the oppressed. Moreover, the Spirit affirms diversity.

The Spirit opens up our eyes to the reality that we are all different and diverse in our own ways, but that should not be the cause of division. We can still be united in diversity. The people hearing God's glory in their own tongues points out that the gospel ought to be broken down into the language of the people, not only in terms of tongues, but socially, culturally and contextually.

Moreover, Pentecost encourages us to be prophetic, and to explore counter cultures in favour of justice and peace. It helps us to dream and see visions of a new world order where God reigns. So, the Pentecost miracle is not about some heavenly unintelligible speech, but the language of the people and the earth, where God calls us to unite, amidst our diversity and suffering, to a life of equality, justice and peace.

Discussion Questions

How can we conceive of the Pentecost event as a model for ecumenical unity among the Churches?

In the context of racism and violence, how does the Pentecost event help us to challenge our attitudes towards others?

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, shower upon us your grace, that through your Holy Spirit we might live to be the voice for the voiceless, and be empowered for a ministry of unity and justice, through each day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Suggestions for further reading

Thomas Venad S.J. *Spirit, Word and Community in Acts: A Paradigm for Christian Life and Witness*, Delhi: VCT/ISPCK, 2011.

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All-Age Activity Ideas

Story and time of wondering.

The key themes to pick out are about how God's gifts are extravagant – there is always more than we need.

Was there ever a time you had more than you needed?

Today's stories are both about times when God made sure there was plenty for everyone. In the Old Testament times the people of God were living in the desert. They had nowhere to call home and they moved from place to place. The desert is a dangerous place, nothing much grows as there isn't any water. People get so hungry in the desert. I wonder if you have ever been so very hungry? I wonder what it feels like?

Well that is what it was like for the people of God. But God didn't leave them on their own. Each day God provided manna, which is like bread, and quail which was a bird for them to eat. Each day the people of God went and got just what they needed for that day, as God had promised to provide more the next day.

There is another story like that, this time about Jesus.

Jesus and his Mum Mary, went to a wedding, and in those times weddings went on for days rather than just hours and at this wedding the wine ran out. What a disaster! Jesus was at the wedding with his Mum and when she noticed the wine had run out she knew Jesus could do something about it, but he said to her 'my time has not yet come'. Mary ignored him and told the servers to do what Jesus told them to do. Jesus told the servers to fill six large water jugs with water. Then they served the water to the host of the wedding and he said it was the best wine he had ever had. Normally at a wedding they served the best wine first, but here this wine was the best.

I wonder what part of these stories you like best?

I wonder what is the most important part?

I wonder where you see yourself in this story?

I wonder what is the best gift you have been given?

I wonder what gift's God has given you?

Inspired by and using some of the language of Godly Play.

All-Age Activity Ideas

These all-age ideas can be used flexibly in your service, whether as part of an all-age service, an introduction to the theme, part of the Sunday School activities or a messy church setting.

Bible basis: Exodus 16 and John 2:1-12

Craft Ideas

Origami Quail

Items needed: square paper and a print out of the instructions - www.origami-fun.com/support-files/origami-bird-print.pdf

These origami quail can be taken home or made into a display.

Bread Making

Items needed: ready mix bread dough, water, and an oven.

Make up the dough as instructed and form into shapes. The bread can then be shared by the group once baked.

Gift Boxes

Items needed: thin Card with a box net printed on it, small gifts or sweets to go inside and pens, crayons or stickers to decorate.

Make up and decorate the boxes to give to someone else. You could also include a short prayer or scripture quote too.

My Book of Gifts

Items needed: A piece of A4 folded to make a booklet, and pens or crayons.

Create a little booklet for each person to write or draw in. Use the cover to describe yourself, and on the remaining pages write or draw the gifts we have been given, gifts we have to share, and ones we wish we had.

Prayer Activities

Gifts Given and Received

Items needed: coloured card cut into squares and strips, pens or crayons and glue.

On the strips write the gifts you have given, shared and received. These may be things you are thankful for and things you wish to share. Stick them onto the squares to make 'presents'. Collect them all up to create a display.

Prayers for students across the world.

Items needed – a large sheet of card made to look like a present, and pens or crayons.

Write prayers for students across the world onto the present to celebrate the gift that they are to the world and the gifts that they bring.

Supporting SCM

SCM is the only national, ecumenical, student-led organisation supporting Christian student groups and inspiring students to put their faith into action. We provide training, support and advice to a growing network of student groups, organise national events and inspire students to put their faith into action.

Support from churches is vital in enabling us to continue our work.

Here's a few things you can do right now:

- Invite someone to speak about the work of SCM at your church – perhaps during Freshers Week in September or Student Sunday in February.
- Consider whether you could have a collection for the work of SCM – we can provide resources, including a PowerPoint presentation and gift aid envelopes.
- Does your church have a mission fund or similar? Perhaps you could add SCM to the list of beneficiaries?
- Pray for the work of SCM.

If your church has a student group, would like help with starting one or would like someone to come and run a workshop or discussion then please get in touch by emailing scm@movement.org.uk



Taylor's Story

"While I was studying in Edinburgh my friend Ross invited me along to St John's Episcopal Church, which was the kind of church I'd been looking for all my life. The priest, Revd Markus Dünzkofer, encouraged me to actively participate in the life of the congregation and engage in the conversations happening in the church. When I moved to Glasgow I began attending St Mary's Cathedral, and my experience there has been very similar.

Before moving to the UK I saw going to church and engaging in spiritual community as a chore. Now, I have no idea where I would be without the church in my life. Many of my closest friends are people I see at church every Sunday, and it has been beautiful to have that kind of Christian family. A friend and I were both confirmed in the Scottish Episcopal Church on Easter Sunday in 2016, and being able to celebrate that with our church family ranks among my favourite memories of that year.

My connection to the church has grown deeper than I ever could have anticipated, and the rhythms of church life have grown intertwined with my daily life. The church is my home; it's where I can most honestly and openly express who I am in relation to other people and to God; it's where my friends and I can be vulnerable and nurture and be nurtured by each other."

Taylor Driggers, SCM Member and PhD Student at the University of Glasgow

Sending donations to SCM

If you have arranged a gift collection at your church, there are three ways you can send the donations to SCM.

Online: Visit www.movement.org.uk/donate to pay through our simple online form.

By Post: Please make cheques payable to 'The Student Christian Movement' and send to:

Student Christian Movement
Grays Court
3 Nursery Road
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Bank Transfer: Our bank details are

Bank: The Cooperative Bank
Sort Code: 08-92-99
Account Number: 65357604
Please put the name of your church or group in the description.

You can also collect donations using our gift aid envelopes – please contact the office to order some. This helps us keep track of people who have donated, so we can send them a thank you letter and claim gift aid on their donations. Please send any individual gift aid envelopes to the above address.

Get Involved

What Next?

You can continue to keep students around the world, and the work of organisations like WSCF and SCM Britain in your prayers.

Visit www.movement.org.uk for more information about SCM Britain, and sign up for our email newsletter. You can also follow @SCM_Britain on Twitter and 'like' us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/StudentChristianMovement) for regular updates.

If you are interested in the global student movement and what students are doing around the world, follow the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) on www.wscfglobal.org

Become an SCM Link Church

Signing up as an SCM Link Church is a great way to tell students about what your church has to offer. You will get:

- An **SCM Connect profile on the SCM website**, including photo, short description and contact details (www.movement.org.uk/scmconnect)
- **Support and advice** on engaging students and supporting student groups
- Information about **training** that we are running in your area
- Regional gatherings and national **events** for your students
- **Workshops** from staff members on a variety of topics
- **Resources and publicity materials**, to promote your church to students
- Mailings twice a year with copies of ***Movement magazine*** and information about upcoming events and new resources
- Opportunities for your students to be involved in the **global movement** including bursaries for WSCF Europe conferences once a term.

To become a Link Church, you can sign up using the online form at www.movement.org.uk/scmconnect.

Thank you for using this resource and praying for students!



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