

soul purpose

Shrewsbury
27th - 29th May 2017

What is Soul Purpose?

In 2004, Soul Survivor ran a social action mission to London called Soul in the City. Thousands of young people descended on the capital to demonstrate God's love in practical ways. Groups from Shrewsbury who attended felt that God was calling them to do something similar (though on a smaller scale!) in our town. Youth and their leaders from across town got together and Soul Purpose was born. We use the Church of the Holy Spirit, Harlescott as our base - and work in conjunction with both them, Hope Church and the Church in the Meet Place. In 2005, 50 young people were involved; and we now regularly have well over 100. Soul Purpose is open to any young person in school year 9 or over (roughly 14 years of age).

What does a typical Soul Purpose day look like?

We meet together at 10am for worship, prayer and teaching. This year's theme is 'Thy Kingdome Come.' We then have lunch together, before spending the afternoon in our small teams on various social action projects. After a de-brief back at base there's time to return home for a shower before evening projects begin. These are events for the whole community - in the past we've run family discos, a ceilidh, an evangelistic event aimed at teenagers, and the famous Soul Purpose pig roast!

What sort of projects are there?

It's almost impossible to say this early on...because Soul Purpose tries to respond to the immediate needs of the community. But there's likely to be gardening, litter picks, street cafes, car washing, ironing, kids' fun days and possibly some art projects.

Who runs Soul Purpose?

Soul Purpose only happens because of the huge support from adults and young people across town. There is a steering group of six people who are probably starting point for any further questions you may have.

Steve Ellis

Simon and Fi Iddon

Verity Lowe

Tracey Priggis

Clare Probert

Mark Salmon

Soul Purpose operates with the full support of Church Leaders in town.

What does it mean to be a Small Team Leader?

Soul Purpose could not run without the dedication of Small Team Leaders - adults aged over 21 who have a passion for working with young people in the arena of social action. The afternoons of the weekend are spent in small teams that are made up of around five young people with a Small Team Leader and an Associate Leader (aged 18-20). The steering group meets with STL's every morning before worship (at about 9.30am) to run through the projects for the day and to pray together.

Do I need any special requirements to be a Small Team Leader?

Apart from being a committed Christian and have a willingness to get your hands dirty, the only requirements that we have are that you are enthusiastic about working with young people in this way, and have a valid CRB check. (If you don't have one, get in touch with your Church Leader who will give you the necessary forms.) We'll be holding a **training and briefing session** for STL's on Wednesday 17th May, please do put this in your diary and do all you can to attend.

What about all the legal stuff?

Soul Purpose has £5million public liability from Ecclesiastical Insurers. We also have £10million employers liability insurance. All our projects are risk assessed, and these are reviewed daily with Small Team Leaders. All the adults with whom young people come into direct contact have CRB checks endorsed by their Church Leaders. Soul Purpose operates under the Holy Trinity, Meole Brace Child Protection Policy - which is based on that of the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service. Soul Purpose also has the backing of the local council and police.

We will be launching as many of the specific projects as we are able to at a service at the Christ Church Bayston Hill at 7.30pm on Sunday 23rd April. (Please note one off venue change) It would be great to see you there!

Please complete and return the following form to -
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Your Church

Do you hold a CRB enhanced disclosure / DBS that is less than five years old? YES / NO

(If this has not been obtained through your Church, please arrange for your Church Leader to see it prior to the event, as we will be contacting them to confirm that you have one.)