#### **Our Vision**

We aim to be a people of God in our community. We value and respect people from all ages, nationality, race and faith and encourage all to come to a personal living relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ





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# Gospel-Healing Meetings at Warsash URC

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## Gospel

It means "Good News" and it refers to the presentation of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. the Son of God on whom the Christian Faith is based. It outlines who Jesus is and why he died in an act of sacrificial love towards all human beings before God and through whom we have access to God, our creator. Jesus died and ascended into heaven from where he will one day return to this earth. Until then, his Church, working with the power of the Holy Spirit, continues to bring people to meet with Jesus for themselves.

The news is good in that those who hear this message and accept it can receive the gift of life from God which is both present and everlasting. Jesus rose from the dead into this life that we will have when we too will die. We don't deserve this free gift but we all have it at Jesus' expense.

Those who believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of his death and resurrection are invited to receive it. Jesus has removed the barrier that stops us meeting God's approval so that he can forgive us.

The barrier is our natural sinful (typically self-centered) behaviour and which is directly opposed to the ways of God. God created each human being for a life in harmony with him and with the barrier removed, we can all live our lives directly with God.

If you believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord and you want to re-align and live your life in God's way then here is a typical prayer which you can use.

#### Dear God.

I believe Jesus died so that I can be forgiven. I admit I have lived my life in my own way, and have done wrong things and not lived as you want me to. I am sorry.

Please forgive me and come into my life to help me live your way.

From this moment, I want to follow Jesus example and live my life as you want me to. I will join other Christians in serving you and other people. Amen

Jesus said this "No one can come to the Father (God) except through me." He also said "I am the way, the truth and life."

### Healing

When Jesus was on this earth over 2000 years ago, He healed all the sick with power from God. Before ascending to heaven, he gave his followers authority to heal. The Church today continues this mission as his present-day followers and continues to heal in His name.

Jesus' name means "Saviour" and also has the meaning "Healer".

Today the healing still comes only from God through Jesus and those who pray for your healing have no power of their own. In praying for healing, they are effectively coming with you before God to ask, through Jesus Christ, for your healing. God alone answers that prayer. Healing is a powerful sign of God's love for his people. Healing is based on Faith and is believing in something that you do not currently see. After praying, you may be asked if you have felt anything change. Either way, this might prompt further prayer. Some healings are given as an immediate response to prayer and healing is evident. Others appear to go unchanged with no observed change. We continue to pray for healing. In Jesus time, healing took place both in his presence and also remotely. In this same way you can stand in

the place of a loved one that needs healing and receive prayer even though they can't be present.

If you are receiving medical treatment, God also heals through the medical profession. We strongly encourage anyone who has received a healing, they must not discontinue taking any prescribed medication until they have presented themselves to their Medical Practitioner. Doctors alone can perform the tests that will positively identify that healing has taken place. Some conditions are much easier to identify when healing has taken place than with some others. I you have already received prayer for a particular condition before, there is no reason why you should not continue to ask for Prayer for this same healing need again and again. Jesus gave us encouragement in Scripture to be persistent in prayer and not to give up.

Those who pray with you will be praying to God for inspiration, since he knows exactly what is wrong with you. It can happen that God shares something with the prayer team and if appropriate, they will share with you. Sometimes this can happen before anyone is prayed for as if God is telling us what the needs are beforehand in the room. People are often reluctant to come forward for prayer. In such cases if God shares your situation, you should accept that God wants you to come forward.

This Church will commit to continue to pray for you if you are willing to be prayed for.

In all things we are to give thanks to God.

This will take the form of a list. If asked, please let the prayer team know if you are willing for your name to be on that list.