



LOVING OUR CITY

Our Heart For The City

As a church, we are passionate about the 'Great Waterfront City' of Portsmouth that we call home and are desperate to see lives transformed through the gospel and justice and mercy to be known by all. We feel called to bring hope and share truth to this city and be a light in that shines in the dark places. Portsmouth's official motto is 'Heaven's Light Our Guide', we want to see this become a reality in everything the city does.

There are so many incredible opportunities we have to show God's love and many organisations we've partnered with to bring our vision into reality. We love to practically help our city in and doing so, give a reason for the hope that we bring!

Our Community

Our PO1 congregation sits right at the heart of Portsea, a community of great resilience, and strength in the face of adversity. We've been able to develop relationships with incredible local organisations such as the John Pounds Centre, the Portsea Action Group and Portsea Events Group who are run by people in Portsea, for the people of Portsea. Through our partnerships with local organisations, we've been able to get involved in supporting the annual Portsea Carnival over summer and a particular highlight in recent years has been getting involved in their Portsea Kids events around Christmas time.

Due to these developing relationships, we've also been able to build friendships with Portsea residents and the Portsea Housing Office to hear first-hand where the needs of the city are. This has led to us starting up our Love Portsea gardening initiative over summer, getting to love our community through practical gardening help. Similarly, through our partnership with the Portsea Housing Office, we're able to make up Christmas Hampers yearly for those the most in need in our community, which gives us another opportunity to bring hope and share truth.

Since the launch of our congregation of our Shore Avenue congregation, we've been excited to get to know local residents and discover practical ways we can bring hope specifically to the Baffins community as well. Watch this space!

Our City

There are many wider organisations that work throughout the city that we've had the privilege of supporting in both volunteer and financial capacity such as [Street Pastors](#) and [Faith and Football](#).

In recent years, we've been developing our relationship with [Portsmouth City of Sanctuary](#) who are a grass-roots humanitarian organisation helping local asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Portsmouth and the surrounding areas. Not only have we been able to help in very practical ways in buying school uniform and providing



Bibles in different languages, but we've also had the opportunity to pray and meet so many who have been blessed through them.

We're also involved in [Hope Into Action](#) who help churches to house the homeless and have a 'restart' in life, sending congregation members to their conferences and bringing back a growing passion for their work.

These are just two examples of the many organisations we're involved with but if you'd like to find out more, do send an email to hello@christcentral.church

Our Desire for the City

As previously mentioned, our desire for the city is for lives and communities to be transformed by the gospel and the majority of the ways that we do this is coming alongside existing support services in the city rather than setting up our own in competition. We love our local communities, our city and working in partnership with many organisations and events such as [HIVE](#), Portsea Pantry, Foodbank, CAP, The Great South Run etc. in order to bring hope and share truth in this great waterfront city!