

Weekly Prayer Focus: 15 November 2026
Southgate Church LEP

Southgate Church is a three-way Local Ecumenical Partnership allied to the Baptist, Anglican and United Reformed Churches. Sited in a complex with a primary school, shops and a pub!, its home is the local community centre whose building we share, and now part own following a transfer of the building 15 years ago from the borough council to a newly established charity. Over the years we have had ministers from both Baptist and Anglican traditions and currently have a URC trainee local minister. Our current incumbent is Mike Simm. We have recently joined the *Heart of East Anglia Mission Partnership* to strengthen ties with other local URC churches and LEPs.

We meet every Sunday for an informal style of worship as well as undertaking a regular programme of events in our dedicated Church Centre room. These include a carer and toddlers' group, teenage clubs, a friendship club for seniors and a monthly club for women in addition to a bi-monthly Prayer House and weekly lunchtime Holy Communion. We employ a Family and Community Worker who organises our outreach to our neighbouring primary school with clubs and regular dramatic performance of Bible stories through *Open the Book. A* very popular *Light Station* outside the Church on Halloween was held for all the local Trick or Treaters. Our big Christmas event for the local community – Southgate's Got Christmas = is always well supported and appreciated.

We would value prayer for:

- Growth of our prophetic prayer ministry
- Wisdom and discernment for our newly established community action group
- How we develop and grow our work with young people, and funding the possible appointment of a part-time youth worker, and our work with our local school.
- Our developing relationship with local URC churches.

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