



RESOURCE IDEAS FOR CHURCHES & INDIVIDUALS

In the week that London hosts the world-famous Olivier Awards, churches, cell groups and individuals will be lifting the arts professions heavenwards. The world will be watching...and believers will be praying!

Here are some ideas on how you or your church can be involved...

1. **Pray for an individual** working in the Arts & Entertainment.
 - ✚ This could be somebody from your favourite film or TV series or somebody in the news.
 - ✚ As well as performers, don't forget to pray for Producers, Writers, Directors and other influential professionals.
 - ✚ Remember the Designers and Artists responsible for those eye-catching creations.

2. **Encourage your church** to remember and pray for the Arts & Entertainment, perhaps as part of a service by:
 - ✚ Presenting a piece of Drama, Dance, Poetry or Music
 - ✚ Inviting an artiste to perform or be interviewed – we have placed some ideas of who you could invite below
 - ✚ Holding an exhibition of paintings, sculptures, photographs or textiles, or perhaps a workshop in your church
 - ✚ Creating a PowerPoint presentation or slide show by screening one of the short celebrity interview videos or a simple slide show using the prayer and some images - all downloadable from the sites below
 - ✚ Simply using the Arts & Entertainment Sunday Prayer as below, either as a communal or individual prayer

3. **Tell others** by:
 - ✚ Forwarding details of Arts & Entertainment Sunday on your Social Media page and mentioning any activity your church might be planning
 - ✚ Put a news item or short interview piece in your church bulletin or notice board
 - ✚ Let us know how you used Arts & Entertainment Sunday and how we can resource you even better next year!

A PRAYER FOR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAY



(This could be read by one or more people, by the whole congregation or used as the basis of a Power Point presentation with pictures & music)

Lord God thank you that you are the giver of all good gifts. Thank you for the diversity of creative talents which enrich life and bring enjoyment to many. Help those who work in the arts and entertainment industry to give their gifts generously and use their talents wisely and in ways which honour your name.

You filled our world with music, vision, words, movement, colour and expression. You gave us sensitivity to interpret and the ability to communicate. You shared your love with us through a vibrant array of dance, drama, song, & laughter, and art in the form of sculpture, painting, architecture, publishing & design. Forgive us when we focus only on the creation, rather than the creator.

Help us remember that the beauty, loveliness and gentleness of your character is represented by the world around us and expressed in the skills of those in the arts and entertainment professions.

We pray that those in the world of TV, Film, theatre, media and creative arts may sense your presence as they release their gifts, and that those who receive these gifts will see your heavenly power at work. ***[You could mention those in your own church who work in the arts, media or entertainment here]***

Lord as we bow down before you, we ask you to bless those in the arts & entertainment professions, that they may declare your true majesty and glory, and that they may represent you as you intended. Amen



**Need a Christian celebrity for your event?
Here are some ideas you can use all-year round...**

More Tea Vicar?

An hilarious audience with **Dad's Army** Vicar **Frank Williams!**

The Army Game * Dick Emery * Royal Variety Performance * Arminah Theatre

An entertaining trip down memory lane as Frank talks about his life, faith and the legendary BBC TV series...

"A unique glimpse of television nostalgia!"

Frank will be signing copies of his best-selling autobiography

Frank Williams

VICAR TO DAD'S ARMY
FRANK WILLIAMS

Morecambe & Wise * Harry Worth * All Gas & Gallons * Monty Python * Emergency Ward 10 * You Rang M' Lord? * The Two Ronnies * Z-Cars * Tommy Cooper *

Shorehill Arts presents...

SYD LITTLE

50th Anniversary Celebration!

Join entertainment legend 'Supersonic' Syd as he celebrates 50 years in showbiz!

Great songs, big laughs, & moving stories from his life, faith & career

Featuring the music of The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Neil Diamond, Gene Pitney, The Monkees & more!

Syd will be signing copies of his books

CMG Proudly Presents

AN EVENING WITH

BBC RADIO 2'S POPULAR PRESENTER

Janey Lee Grace

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR AND PERFORMER

JANEY SINGS & TALKS ABOUT HER CAREER & THE FAITH WHICH INSPIRES HER

An **HILARIOUS** Evening with...

JIMMY CRICKET

An action-packed show exploding with comedy, faith and fun!

Hosted by **Chris Gidney**

DANA

All Kinds of Everything

International Million-selling Eurovision Star celebrates 40 years in showbiz with Music, Chat, Laughter and Faith!

DANA will be signing her books and CD's after the show!

Including Please Tell Him, Cold Cold Christmas, All Kinds of Everything, Plus many more!

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Shorehill Arts & CMG Presents...

Heaven's Jukebox!

Join the Heavenly Party with an exciting mix of classic music and stories of faith...

John Perry

Eddie McManus

Two of the UK's brilliant musicians who backed some of the great stars of the 60's celebrating their music! The Beatles, The Everly Brothers, Cliff Richard, Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Matthews Southern Comfort, The Monkees, and many more...

"Quite an experience to hear the musicians who played on the original hits."

DANA - International Singing Star DANA celebrates 40 years in the business with an evening of music, laughter and faith! After an absence of nearly twenty years, chart-topping Eurovision Song Contest winner and multi-award winning singing star DANA promises a special evening of laughter and talks about her career, the faith that has inspired her, and features many of her chart hits such as *All Kinds of Everything*, *Please Tell Him*, & *Its Gonna be a Cold, Cold Christmas*.

DAD`s ARMY – An Evening with Frank Williams one of the best-known faces in the most popular classic comedy television series ever made, and appears in the new feature film. Yet the *Dad`s Army* vicar in real life has a strong Christian faith and a lifelong commitment to the church. Even after thirty years, the BBC`s *Dad`s Army* continues to regularly pull in millions of viewers for each repeated episode. Some churches have even encouraged a themed event with afternoon tea, or a wartime supper and fancy costume! Frank`s private and un-aired footage of the *Dad`s Army* cast is included where the church has the technical facilities, and has been very popular with all age audiences.

JANEY LEE GRACE, known to millions as Steve Wright`s daily sidekick on BBC Radio Two`s primetime week day show, also enjoys her own regular BBC shows alongside presenting *Sunday Love Songs* and *Friday Night Is Music Night*. Janey has toured with George Michael, Wham!, Boy George and Kim Wilde and enjoyed a top ten hit in 1992 as lead singer with *7 Ways To Love*. Her best-selling book *Imperfectly Natural* has spawned several new editions and a popular website. She sings and chats about her work and Christian faith.

JIMMY CRICKET is a rare breed of `clean` comedians and so is perfect for a special church-based laughter event. From his ITV and BBC series to *The Royal Variety Performance* Jimmy is always in constant demand and he recently enjoyed yet another smash hit summer season at home and abroad.

SYD LITTLE, one half of legendary comedy duo Little & Large, recently featured on BBCTV`s *Masterchef*, ITV`s *Ant & Dec`s Takeaway*, *Cash in the Attic*, *Big Brother* and Granada TV`s *Trust Me I`m A Holiday Rep*, is celebrating 50 years of show business and touring churches with his Gospel show which has proved extremely popular across the UK..

HEAVENS JUKEBOX – An evening of original 60`s music! Stars from some of the UK`s top bands invite you to join them for an explosive mix of stunning music and great stories as Churches across the UK rock to the sounds of the sixties! The latest evangelistic opportunity is now available to many more churches across the UK as some of the country`s leading band members from the solid gold sixties re-unite. Musicians from various bands including Hermans Hermits, ELO, The Beatles, Cliff Richard, Lonnie Donnegan, Gene Vincent and `one-hit wonders`. A roaring event bursting with musical nostalgia and fascinating stories behind the bands.

The evenings or afternoons with DANA, *Dads Army`s* Frank Williams, Janey Lee Grace, Jimmy Cricket, Syd Little or Heavens Jukebox consists of much laughter, great music and cringe-free chat about the effect that God has had on their personal and commercial lives. They often draw a good crowd, are frequently self-funding even by charging low ticket prices and can be used as a celebration event, an outreach or as an introduction to an Alpha Supper. This selection of light-hearted events are designed to have a wide appeal across the age ranges and can be enjoyed by all ages and backgrounds and are ideal for those who don`t normally attend church. Each event is self-standing and personally hosted by myself or one of my experienced colleagues. This celebrity- based format has been very successful over many years and if you think this fits your church`s strategy for outreach, please let me know your ideal event and dates and I will forward the appropriate information, availability, technical requirements and costs.

I hope that I can help you find an event that will enable you to reach wider into your community with the good news!

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Christians in Entertainment

www.cieweb.org.uk

www.Christian-Cruises.co.uk

www.ThatsEntertainmentProductions.co.uk

Arts & Entertainment Sunday is partnered with:

West-End Has Faith: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/WestEndHasFaith/>

Arts Centre Group – www.artscentregroup.org.uk

Theatre Chaplaincy UK – www.theatrechaplaincyuk.com

This year`s Olivier Awards could be the nation`s biggest day of prayer for the arts and entertainment ever – be a part of it!