



Warrington YOUTH FOR CHRIST

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER



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“ Fresh is a space for young people to explore faith, make friends and have fun after school. At Fresh this term we have just finished a series on Prayer, giving young people the opportunity to learn more and try praying for themselves. Each week was devoted to a letter spelling out Pray: P for Pause, R for Rejoice & Reflect, A for Ask and Y for Yes.

The week we looked at A for Ask, one of the young people involved in our Young Leaders Academy led the session.

It was amazing to see her lead her peers in praying for a variety of people. She explained that when we think about prayer we often picture people putting their hands together, so an easy way to pray is to think each finger represents a different person. We then drew around our hands on a piece of paper and wrote down a person/people to pray for under each category.

If you would like to give it a try, here is the list. The thumb represents people who are closest to you. Your index finger represents leaders or people who guide us because it's the pointer finger. The middle finger can be used to make a gesture we don't condone, so it represents people we dislike as Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies. The ring finger is the weakest finger, so we pray for people we know who are ill or in need. Lastly, the little finger represents us as we should pray for ourselves last.

At the last Fresh of term we saw young people choose for themselves to take away Gideon Bibles to have a look at over the summer break. It was really encouraging to see them choose to explore faith more in their own time. Just because School is out for summer doesn't mean that God stops working. Please pray that the young people encounter God as they read His word, that they have eyes to see and ears to hear Him.

Last month was Part 3 of the Blades Down Tour, where we had the opportunity to invite Marvin Adamha back delivering anti knife crime sessions in another five high schools throughout the week! Over 2000 young people across Warrington were reaching with a powerful session, encouraging young people not to carry weapons and to avoid fights at all costs, choosing love over fear and aiming to be part of the solution, not the problem. Marvin along with Brad Reynolds and Emma Mould shared stories from their own lives about how their faith has transformed them, as well as performing some of their music, and the sessions went down really well in the schools.

The week culminated with another Fuse event, which definitely went differently to what we are used to, and was a reminder of how God is always working out his plans and purposes despite our expectations. Even though it was one of our lowest-attended Fuse events, God moved powerfully in the life of a boy who attended. Not only did he take home a Bible and read it, he attended a follow-up event run by local church, Church Collective, and is now attending their church gatherings, asking great questions and embarking on his own faith journey. Praise God!



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray that the young people who took Bibles encounter God as they read His word, that they have eyes to see and ears to hear Him.
2. Please pray for the upcoming outreach with We are the Church at Creamfields - for energy, safety, and great conversations!
3. Please pray for the team as a whole, as we take a break from schools work over the summer holidays - for rest and peace with God during this time.