



# Warrington YOUTH FOR CHRIST

**WE LEARN WHAT  
IT MEANS TO  
KNOW GOD AND  
FOLLOW HIM**



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**“LOOK AT WHAT I’VE MADE!”**

This is how many conversations start in Fresh after-school club, full of creative young people who draw pictures, compose songs, design characters, and write stories. I’m often met with a queue of young people who want to show me all of the wonderful things they’ve been upto.

However, on our first week back from the summer holidays, I was met with a Year 11 boy who isn’t one of the usual suspects. But this time, he too wanted to show me something he’d made.

It was a keyring. On one side was a picture of a cross, and on the other side was a beautiful poem. It was so moving that I asked him if he’d be willing to share it with everyone the following week at Fresh. To stand up in front of his friends, his peers, and many younger students in lower year groups, and share the power of the message he’d written on his keyring. I was thrilled when he agreed.

Fresh has had a really strong start to the term, with around 20 young people coming along week after week, as well as a few new faces who’ve never been before. We play games, eat snacks, and most importantly discuss and learn what it means to know Jesus and follow Him every day. There are many different beliefs and backgrounds represented among them, and we discuss and debate these things regularly! But to see these 20 young people gather round this Year 11 boy was such a joy, as he stood up boldly to show this little keyring and read out the poem as a declaration to his peers...

*I carry a cross in my pocket as a simple reminder to me  
of the fact that I am a Christian no matter where I may be.  
When I put my hand in my pocket to bring out a coin or a key,  
The cross is there to remind me of the price He paid for me.*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray for Kim’s after school club, Fresh - that young people would come to know Jesus and their faith would be deepened
2. Pray especially for the boy who got up and shared his faith with his friends - pray for continued boldness, and that God would protect and guide him.
3. Please pray for the mission week that will be happening this month throughout Anti-Bullying Week, and particularly for the Fuse event on Friday 14th November.

We are excited to announce our next Fuse event on Friday 14th November at Kings Church, Longshaw Street, Dallam.

Throughout that week (which is Anti-Bullying Week) we’ll have reached thousands of young people across high schools in Warrington with session on the Power of Words, both the words we use to one another and the power of God’s Word in our lives.

To culminate this mission week, we’re running an evangelistic gig with live Christian music, a gospel presentation, and an opportunity for young people to respond and find out more about what it means to follow Jesus.

All young people of high-school age are welcome to Fuse, so bring your youth clubs and spread the word!



We believe the word of God is has the power to change lives, and we want to see every young person have the opportunity to own a Bible if they want one, so we are putting a big focus this year on Bible distribution.

We are currently working with Good News for Everyone (previously the Gideons) to distribute Bibles to young people across Warrington, and we kicked things off last month with an assembly led by Jon in Padgate Academy. Focussing on the

fact that the Bible is our "lifecode", sharing with Year 7s about the sacrifices people have made throughout history to preserve this book, and that it is freely available for us today. 87 young people took a Bible home with them, along with videos and follow-up material to help them to read it. Praise God!