



Warrington YOUTH FOR CHRIST

THE POWER OF A DOORSTOP...



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“In the last few weeks of term before summer, when everything else was winding down, we launched a prayer space in school!

Prayer spaces in schools give young people the opportunity to try prayer in a low-pressure invitational atmosphere. Tim Abbott of Prayer Spaces in Schools put it this way: "A prayer space is a place to explore what prayer is like for people who pray, without having to believe something you don't believe."

Each Wednesday lunchtime, I would go into school with a new prayer activity, put on an instrumental worship music playlist, wedge the classroom door open, and wait.

Curiosity drew some young people and teachers to come inside and have a go at the prayer activities. Then one teacher was so encouraged by the prayer space that she helped us to move to prime real estate - a classroom directly opposite the main canteen!

This meant that foot-fall past the prayer space increased massively, with some young people grabbing their lunch and coming back to pray. The music drifting down the main corridor led to young people popping their heads in and asking what was going on. Each week we had young people coming back, bringing friends, and more trying it for the first time. I never thought that buying something as simple as a doorstep would lead to more young people taking up the invitation to try prayer!

Over the four weeks young people prayed for the world, for others they know who are suffering, they prayed to let go of their worries and to ask God one question. I'm excited to see what God does through prayer space this coming year.

As a team we are currently planning more prayer stations for lunchtime prayer spaces with the aim of offering schools a whole lesson session of prayer space. We would greatly appreciate it if you could partner with us in prayer as we look to launch more prayer spaces in schools this academic year. One practical way you could help is by reading through the list of items we need to develop our prayer space resources. If you are able to donate any of the following then please don't hesitate to contact me on rachel@warrington.yfc.co.uk

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray for continued favour in Rachel's school and that she can have the same classroom across from the canteen again this new school year.
2. Pray for opportunities in other schools across Warrington to run prayer spaces, and that young people would meet with God.
3. Please also pray for the team as we start back in schools for a new academic year

PRAYER SPACE ITEM LIST

- Large plastic storage boxes
- Small wicker baskets
- Book of world maps
- Small mirrors
- Small photo frames
- Sheets of coloured fabric
- Sheet of starry fabric
- Rope netting
- Rubber ducks
- Large clear vase or jug
- Kid's night light star projector
- Lego

WE ARE THE CHURCH



Over the August bank holiday weekend, Warrington Youth for Christ were once again so excited to be part of We are the Church at Creamfields.

70 volunteers from nearly 40 different churches set up 2 church tents on the campsites of Creamfields festival, and we offered a safe loving space and listening ear to the 80,000 festival-goers for 24 hours a day throughout the whole festival. We had the opportunity to show God's love in many practical ways, as well as engage in some incredible conversations about Jesus. Several people approached the tent for support, conversation, and prayer. One of our volunteers chatted with a lad for well over an hour who said he thinks about heaven every single day. Several people expressed the view that they "really want to believe in God", and we had the opportunity to pray with many people who asked. We also gave out over 13,000 cups of water and lost count of the number of Jammie Dodgers!

A huge thank-you to all who were involved and supported in many ways. If you're interested in being involved next year, please contact wearethechurchatcreamfields@hotmail.com