



JANUARY - MARCH 2024



PRAYER CALENDAR

Dear friends,

A little while ago I was asked what my favourite verse in the Bible was. How do you answer a question like that when there are so many precious verses right through the God-inspired book?

However, as I considered this, I said that right now it's Ephesians 3:20–21. And to be fair, it's a belter: 'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen'

Right there are two truly amazing things. Firstly, God is not able to do just a bit more than what we ask or imagine, but immeasurably more. Secondly, it's his joy to do that 'immeasurably more' work through very ordinary people like you and me – wow!

My story, and The Message's journey, is exactly that. I hope that, as you read this prayer letter, you will agree that God really has done – and continues to do – so much more than we could have ever imagined when we first started The Message Trust as a one-man-band over 30 years ago.



I hope you're encouraged by everything God's doing in and through The Message in Wales and that this would give you faith to pray big, bold prayers as we go into this next season.

Thanks for praying with and for us it means more than you know. If, as well as our prayer calendars, you'd like to get our prayer points emailed to you, you can sign up for this at message.org.uk/pray

God bless,

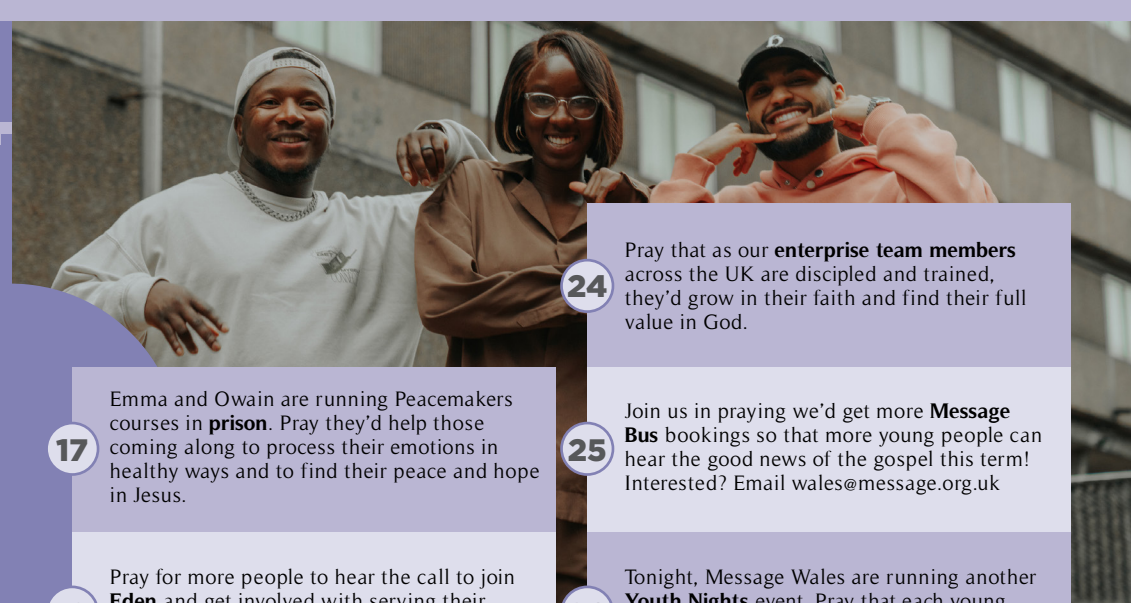
Andy Hawthorne

Founder and Global CEO, The Message

P.S. As well as our prayer supporters, we're incredibly thankful for our financial supporters too who help make mission happen. 2024 is set to be another epic year of mission and we want to make the most of all the fantastic opportunities open to us. If don't already give to The Message and would like to, visit message.org.uk/donate



JANUARY PRAYER POINTS



1

Happy New Year from all of us here at The Message! Today we're starting the year by thanking God for all he did in 2023 and for all he'll do in 2024.

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Thank God for those who responded to the gospel at outreach events the **Community Groceries** held over Christmas. Pray they'll go from strength to strength in their faith as they discover more about Jesus.

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This month, we're launching **Advance Youth** in The Netherlands. Pray many young people would be excited to come along and get trained to share the good news of Jesus with their friends and community in Haarlem.

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Lift up **The Oaks** residents in South Africa as they're disciplined in their faith, develop new skills, and turn their lives around with Jesus.

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Pray for Daniel, our **Message Brazil** hub leader. Thank God for the doors he's opening into schools, and be praying for more opportunities to take gospel-packed music and lessons to young people.

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Our work doesn't stop at the prison gates. Pray for our **prisons workers**, Owain and Emma, as they help people through the resettlement process and get them plugged into local churches.

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Thank God for all our amazing **volunteers**. Pray they'll be blessed as they give up their time to help make mission happen. You can get involved too at message.org.uk/volunteer

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Today, **Message Wales** are gathering for prayer and worship. Pray it would be a time of pressing into God and hearing from him as we step into a month of mission.

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Thank God for the young people who came along to **LIFT**, heard the gospel and responded. Pray they'd continue to want to keep finding out more about Jesus and get involved in church.

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Our **schools team** are in Pencoedtre High School (Barry) today. Please pray the young people would engage well with the lessons and learn about their worth in Jesus.

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Eden Farnworth (Bolton) are partnering with the local church to set up a coffee morning to run alongside their food bank. Pray this would be a great way to connect with the community.

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This term, our **Message School of Evangelism** (MSE) students are out on placements with Eden teams, churches and communities. Pray they'd be able to share Jesus boldly in word and action.

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Luiz is currently in America sharing about the work of **Advance** in prisons. Pray we'd see many prisoners coming to know Jesus, getting excited about evangelism and wanting to start Advance Groups in their prison!

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Pray for **nghtnday**, our creative mission team in Germany, as they go into schools sharing lessons on identity, hope and purpose. Pray God would give them wisdom and that students engage with what they hear.

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Lift up The Message's staff and volunteers as they gather for the monthly **Prayer and Vision Day**. Pray they'd be encouraged and spurred on by all that God is doing.

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As our team deliver **Respect ME** lessons in Brynmawr High School (Ebbw Vale), pray the students and staff would be inspired by what they hear and want to find out more about God.

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Emma and Owain are running Peacemakers courses in **prison**. Pray they'd help those coming along to process their emotions in healthy ways and to find their peace and hope in Jesus.

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Pray for more people to hear the call to join **Eden** and get involved with serving their communities across Wales. Could it be you? Head to joineden.org

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Today Message Wales are partnering with Kings Church, Newport to run their **youth club**. Pray the team would have great conversations with the young people and encourage them in their faith.

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Thank God for each of the young people who're part of **Advance Youth** in Cardiff and Swansea. Pray that as they learn how to tell people about Jesus, they'll be filled with boldness to put what they hear into action.

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Thank God for our amazing **supporters** who help keep our work going! Could you stand with us financially? Visit message.org.uk/donate

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As our **Community Grocery** members shop in store to get the affordable food they desperately need to feed their families, pray they also find the life-changing hope Jesus offers them.

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Message Germany are gathering together for a night of prayer and worship crying out to God for the young people of Erzgebirge. Pray it would be a powerful time where they see God do incredible things.

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Pray that as our **enterprise team members** across the UK are disciplined and trained, they'd grow in their faith and find their full value in God.

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Join us in praying we'd get more **Message Bus** bookings so that more young people can hear the good news of the gospel this term! Interested? Email wales@message.org.uk

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Tonight, Message Wales are running another **Youth Nights** event. Pray that each young person there will grow in their faith as they seek after God.

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Today is **Global Advance Day**. As thousands of people around the world gather for the first time in new Advance groups, pray each of them is refreshed in their faith and equipped in evangelism.

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Message Wales hub leader, **Mat**, is speaking at All Saints Church in Penarth today! Please pray that his message spurs the church on to become a beacon of hope in the community.

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Andy Hawthorne and Sam Ward are visiting our **Community Grocery** church partners across the North East today. As people hear about all God is doing through our stores, pray they're encouraged.

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Thank God for Georgia who's heading up **Street Pastors** in Cardiff. Pray that as she and the team go out into the city centre sharing Jesus' love in action, they'd have great conversations with those they meet.

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Pray for **young people** across Wales today who're being bullied in school. Pray God would comfort them and bring peace and reconciliation at school.





FEBRUARY PRAYER POINTS



1

Praise God for the community outreach events happening in our new **Woodseats** building in Sheffield. Pray the building would become a community hub where people can find out more about God.

2

Pray for the students in Mountain Ash High School (Rhondda Cynon Taf) as they learn more about their self-worth during our **Respect ME** Girls' Course today.

3

Advance groups are now training evangelists in 93 countries around the world! Thank God for how he's expanding the work of Advance and equipping thousands of people to share his good news.

4

Pray for our community hub teams in **Parkwood and Nyanga** (South Africa) as they continue discipling and supporting young people through sports, creative arts and maths tutoring.

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We'd love to launch an **Eden** team in The Netherlands. Pray we'd find the right people to join us as we do this.

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We're opening **Swansea Community Grocery** this month. Pray that new members coming in store would find the help they need and discover Jesus.

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Street Pastors Cardiff are looking for more volunteers! Pray we'd find more people to join the team. Could this be you? Find out more by emailing wales@message.org.uk

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Tonight is our **Message Business Network** (MBN) dinner. As people hear about all that God's been doing, pray they're encouraged and inspired to stand with our work.

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It's our **No More Knives** gig in London tonight. Pray that as young people come to hear more music from the bands they've seen in school, they'd listen to the gospel message and respond to it.

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Thank God for the young people going along to Youth Alpha being run by **Eden Top Valley** (Nottingham). Pray that as they learn more about what Jesus did for them on the cross, they'd grow in faith.

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Owain and Emma are running Bible studies and the4points courses in **prisons** across South Wales. As they do this, pray they'd have great gospel-filled conversations about the forgiveness and love Jesus offers.

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The **No More Knives** tour is in Newcastle! Pray that the young people who are hearing stories of hope would be encouraged and resourced to make positive choices to keep themselves and their mates safe.

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As young people step on board our **Message Bus** in South Wales tonight, pray they'd want to find out more about the hope we find in Jesus as we share the gospel with them.

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We now have 26 **Advance Ambassadors** working across Africa! Pray God would open doors for each of them to partner with new churches to launch groups that will equip people in their evangelism.

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Message Germany are running Hope Camp in partnership with local churches. As young people get involved in the dance and music production sessions, pray they'd learn more about their worth and identity in Jesus too.

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Thank God for the three people **Eden Ragworth** (Stockton) have been getting to know who came to church, responded to the gospel and are getting baptised!

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A **LIFT** evangelistic gig is happening in Manchester tonight! Please pray that many young people would step out and invite their non-Christian friends along for a fun night of music and getting to hear the gospel.

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Message South Africa is 10! Thank God for all he's done and the lives he's changed over a decade of mission. Be praying for the team as they look to take mission to the next level.

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Pray for our team members at **Neal Street Espresso** (London) as they meet for their weekly Bible study today. Pray God would continue to move in their lives as they grow in faith.

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Our **Genetik Sessions Winter School** starts today. Packed with drums, dance, music and production workshops, pray young people would have a great time but also want to say 'yes' to Jesus.

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Thank God for our church partners who're passionate about taking the **Message Bus** to more young people across South Wales. Pray that as young people step on board, they'd be excited to hear more about God.

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Join us as we pray that the **pupils** at St. Illtyd's Catholic High School (Rumney) will discover what it means to be loved by God as our schools team deliver lessons today.

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As our **prisons workers** Owain and Emma run Alpha courses today, pray those they meet would find healing, hope and freedom in Jesus.

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As the work of **Message Canada** continues to grow, pray God gives the team wisdom on how to share the gospel in schools, prisons and local communities in creative ways.

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We're hiring! Pray we'd find the right people to join our teams as we take mission to the next level. Want to join the Message family? Visit message.org.uk/jobs

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Pray for us and the churches in the South Wales Valley who are joining together for a week of **schools mission and outreach**. Pray God would do more than we could ask or imagine in the lives of those we meet.

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As our **Advance Youth** press into prayer and worship and learn more about sharing their faith with their mates, pray they'd be emboldened by God today to go again for him.

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The **MSE students** are getting stuck into their studies about apologetics, theology and practical evangelism. Pray they'd be inspired by God as they do this and feel him speaking to them.

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Alice and Fi are in Cyfarthfa High School (Merthyr Tydfil) with **Respect ME**. Pray the young people would feel encouraged by the truth-filled lessons and want to find out more about Jesus.

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MARCH PRAYER POINTS



1

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus! Happy Saint David's Day! Let's pray for our nation today, that God will use Wales in a powerful way to advance his kingdom here on Earth.

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Today, Sam Ward is speaking at **Project 24**, a conference all about encouraging people in their 20s in their faith. Please pray that many are challenged and inspired to step out in mission.

3

Lift up our **prisons team** as they run chapel services today. Pray many would come along, be impacted by Jesus' love for them and respond to the gospel.

4

Eden Parkfield (Stockton) are using the Message Bus to create a coffee drop-in point for the community. Pray the team would have great gospel-filled conversations with those coming along.

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Please pray that as we start to recruit new **MSE students** for September, the right people would hear about the course and want to join. Find out more at message.org.uk/mse

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As we continue to employ and disciple ex-offenders through our **Gangstar** enterprise cafés in South Africa, pray that team members would discover more about how loved they are by Jesus.

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We want to take our truth-filled **Respect ME** lessons to even more schools across Wales. Please pray that God would help us build relationships with teachers across the region to make this happen.

8

We'd love more people to join **Eden** in Wales. Pray God would stir people's hearts to join us. Could it be you? Head to joineden.org

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Please pray for our **Advance groups** meeting in countries where Christians are persecuted. Pray they'd continue to grow in boldness and that God would protect them.

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Thank God for the relationships our **prisons team** are building with those living and working in prison. Pray for more opportunities to share the love and hope of Jesus with them.

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As our **Message Bus** team continue to build relationships with local churches and youth groups across Wales, pray we'd be able to share the gospel with even more young people on board the mobile youth centre.

12

Eden teams across the nation are inviting their community to Easter outreach events and services. Pray many would come along, hear the good news of Jesus and respond to it.

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We're excited to grow our schools work and Love Where U Live social action projects in **The Netherlands**. Pray for our hub leader, Daniël, as he plans mission over coming months.

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Pray that as members come for their shopping and sign up for courses in our **Community Groceries** in Hexham, Newcastle, Ragworth, Redcar and Middlesbrough, they'd experience the love and hope of Jesus.

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Eden Latchford (Warrington) are supporting Iranian refugees. Please pray for a strong partnership with the local council as they do this, and for opportunities to share more about the hope and peace of Jesus.

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Pray customers coming to the **Mess Café** in Manchester experience the love and hope of God as they chat to our team members.

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Please be praying for the **Message Bus** as it travels across South Wales in the coming weeks. Pray many young people would come to know Jesus as the team share the gospel on board.

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We're passionate about **local church partnership** so that those we meet on mission can get plugged straight into discipleship. Pray for us as we build relationships with churches across Wales and plan more events.

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Lift up our **MSE students** as they head out on mission this week. Pray they'd be a blessing in word and action to those they meet and would see God use them powerfully to share his love.

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Eden South Bank (Middlesbrough) are seeing so many people from their estate wanting to find out more about Jesus that they're now running three discipleship groups! Pray those coming along would grow in their faith.

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Today our **schools team** are at Aberdare Community School! Pray that through the lessons, young people realise they are loved by God and want to find out more.

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Each week, the **Cardiff Street Pastors** head into the city centre to offer practical support and pray. Lift up the team as they do this tonight.

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Pray that **young people** across Wales would be stirred to learn more about the real meaning of Easter, come along to church and have their lives transformed by the gospel.

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As our **Advance Youth** gather in Swansea and Cardiff to be equipped in sharing their faith, pray they'd see God use them powerfully.

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Our **Eden and Community Grocery** teams in Ragworth are joining forces to run an Easter Fun Day with bouncy castles, craft activities and the gospel. Pray many come along and learn about the real meaning of Easter.

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We'd love to find more **volunteers** to support us as we grow in mission across the UK. Pray we'd find the right people to join our teams. Could this be you? Find out more at message.org.uk/volunteer

27

As our **prisons workers** run Alpha courses today, pray many people would discover the hope and peace of Jesus.

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Thank God for our friends at **Coastal Church**, Vancouver (Canada) who're running an Eden Café enterprise helping those with barriers to employment get skills and Christian discipleship.

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Today is **Good Friday**. Thank Jesus for what he did for us on the cross, taking our sin and exchanging it for salvation.

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Please pray for all the **Easter outreach events** happening across The Message. Pray that many will hear the gospel, respond and be connected to local churches.

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Happy Easter from everyone at The Message! Join us in thanking God for all he's done for us, and for the miracle of Jesus rising again!





Raising Up The Next Generation

From Cardiff to Sunderland, and London to Manchester, every month you'll find young people gathering to worship, press into prayer and get equipped in mission as they get involved in Advance Youth. And the best bit? Every time they meet, they put what they've been learning into practice by taking to the streets to share the good news of Jesus.

As they do this, God's using them and they're growing in their faith.

Gabriella is one of the young people who's been coming along. Recently she and a team were out prayer walking and, after asking God who they should chat to, they met Ellis and Omar. The group asked if there was anything they wanted prayer for and Ellis told them he had a new baby and wanted to pray for the baby's health.

As they prayed together, Omar looked unsure and Gabriella asked if he was okay. 'I'm a Muslim', he replied, and knowing this was a chance to share her faith, Gabriella said, 'That's okay, could I share the gospel with you?' Omar agreed and Gabriella, remembering what she's learnt in Advance Youth, boldly told him about Jesus' love using the 4points.

Listening in, Ellis was so touched by what he heard that he said he wanted to find out more about Jesus! As they left, Gabriella and the team were encouraged how God had used them.

Lily is another young person who was blown away by how God used her. She came to Advance Youth having had a really tough week at school and told the group that she was feeling nervous and discouraged about sharing her faith. So, they all prayed that she'd have the boldness to share the gospel with someone that day.

Later that morning, Lily met Shannan who was looking nervous. As they chatted, Shannan shared that she was anxious about a job she'd applied for. When Lily offered to pray for her, she accepted straight away, and as they prayed for peace, she started to relax. After praying, Shannan said, 'I've never really thought about faith before', so Lily decided to grab the opportunity to tell her about Jesus. As she shared the gospel, Shannan was amazed and left wanting to explore more about what it means to have a faith in Jesus. Lily was so happy that, despite feeling nervous and underqualified, God gave her everything she needed to share about him with someone.

**Find out more about Advance Youth and
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