

APRIL -**JUNE** 2024



Dear friends.

Message Wales recently completed a mission week in schools in the Valleys, using our bands to deliver world-class lessons and invite young people to an end-of-week gig.

On the Friday night, we saw over 400 young people turn up who had a great night but, more importantly, they got to hear a gospel message preached from the band, and praise God we saw 85 young people respond!

All those young people received prayer and a Bible, and got connected in with local churches who partnered with us on all the mission for follow-up and discipleship. Please do pray that these seeds of hope planted in responders' hearts would turn into many disciples living for Jesus over the coming weeks and months.

With the summer fast approaching, for Message Wales that means we are gearing up to more mission weeks, summer outreach projects and of course summer camps like Spree Wales. Please pray we continue to make the most of every opportunity given to us to share the gospel, and of course, pray for more churches to partner with to make this happen.



Message Wales sees itself very much as a missional arm of the local church, and so we are only as strong or as effective as the relationship with churches is. Pray we continue to build strong partnerships and that more churches would see us as an expression of themselves in the schools, streets and prisons.

God bless.

Mat Walls

Message Wales Hub Leader





APRIL PRAYER POINTS

- Our team in **The Netherlands** is growing, and as it does, we're looking for people to get involved with Eden and operations. Pray God would lead us to the right people who can propel the work forward.
- It's a busy month for **Respect ME** as we start Boys' and Girls' courses across the UK. Please pray that as students take part in lessons, they'll connect with the material and decide to make positive choices for the future.
- As our prison workers, **Emma and Owain**, run Bible studies today, pray they'd have great conversations with those who come along and get to pray with both the prisoners and staff.
- The **Message Bus** is out in Caerphilly today.

 Pray that as young people step on board, they'd have fun but also hear the gospel and want to respond.
- Please pray for our **Message School of Evangelism** students as they head out on mission this month. Pray they'd have amazing conversations and see God use them in incredible ways.
- Pray that more people would want to join **Eden** in Wales and share Jesus' love in the toughest communities. Find out more at joineden.org
- Thank God for those in **prison** who've given their lives to Jesus over Easter. Pray that over the coming weeks, they'll grow in their new faith and experience more of Jesus' love for them.
- Every Monday, our **Message Wales** team gather together to pray. Thank God for this time and pray that we'd hear him speak and guide us as we plan this next season of mission.

- Please pray for our new **Community Grocery** in Swansea. Pray that as people come in store to shop, lives will be impacted as families find the hope Jesus offers.
- Our **prisons** team are running Bible studies in South Wales today. Pray many staff and prisoners would come along and be encouraged and filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Lift up our **Eden** HQ team today. Pray they'd have God's wisdom, and find the people and resources to grow the network and continue sharing the love of Jesus in word and action.
- Our schools team are in Pencoedtre School (Barry) today with **Respect ME** lessons. Pray the students would engage with the lessons and leave knowing about their value and worth in Jesus.
- Tonight, **Message Germany** are in the Czech Republic partnering with local churches for a Youth Night event where young people will come together to pray and get equipped for mission. Pray it's a powerful evening.
- Hub leader **Mat** is speaking at Calne Evangelical Church today. Pray that as he shares stories about what God is doing through Message Wales, the congregation would be encouraged in their faith and excited to stand with us in mission.
- Today is our monthly **prayer day**. As staff take time away from the office, gather to share stories and pray into what God is doing, please pray that we are inspired and hear clearly from God.
- Praise God for **Proximity**, our brand-new urban mission resource hub launching this June to equip churches and those on the front line of urban mission. Find out more at proximityhub.org



to find out more about the hope of Jesus.

We have a heart to see everyone take up the call of the evangelist in their everyday conversations. Pray that those coming along to our **Advance** groups to be equipped in evangelism would be inspired to share their faith

- God continues to open amazing doors to share the gospel with young people in schools in **Brazil**. Pray for continued favour on hub leader Daniel, as he builds relationships with school directors and headteachers.
- Today, our **Advance Youth** head into Swansea (North East). Pray that team leader Kele and the young people would be bold as they share Jesus with everyone they meet.
- Eden South Bank (Middlesbrough) are holding an accessible church service tonight for those who might normally have barriers to coming to church. Pray many come along, meet Jesus and connect with our partner church, TVCC.
- Alice and Fiona are in Eastern High School in Cardiff today delivering a Girls' Course. As the young people listen, pray they'd be encouraged by the lessons and want to find out more about the love Jesus has for them.
 - In **South Africa**, the schools team are running a Higher Tour in Hanover Park (Cape Town) sharing the gospel in the streets and schools. Pray for many Jesus-filled conversations and that those they meet come to the evangelistic gig on Friday.

Today hub leader **Mat** is in Newport giving evangelism training to a local church. Pray that those who come along would be inspired and equipped to share their faith with boldness to their neighbours this week.

Message Wales are hosting a Prison Gathering tonight where supporters can be encouraged by all God is doing in prisons. Pray everyone there would be inspired by what's happening and want to stand with us.

The Message School of Evangelism students are in Stockton with our Eden teams to support them as they run outreach events and Love Where U Live projects. Pray they'd be a blessing and have many gospel conversations.

- Join us in thanking God for the incredible volunteers and corporate partners who support our Community Grocery across the UK. Pray God would bless them today.
- As **Emma** runs chapel services in prison, pray many would hear about the hope Jesus offers them and want to get involved with Alpha and Exploring Christianity courses.
- We'd love to take creative mission into more schools in **Canada**. Pray we'd find the right people to join the team and help us reach more young people with the gospel.
- Thank God for our amazing **supporters** who help keep our work going! Could you stand with us financially? Visit message.org.uk/donate



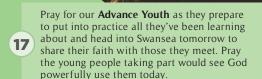


MAY PRAYER POINTS

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- As our **Respect ME** teams across Wales continue building relationships with local schools, pray we'd get more bookings and have the opportunity to take lessons to even more young people this term.
- Message South Africa are celebrating the first graduates of their 2024 prisons and enterprise barista course programme. Pray God would continue opening doors for the graduates to find employment and continue growing in faith.
- As Message School of Evangelism students head off to Germany, The Netherlands and Zambia on their international trips, pray they'll have boldness to share the gospel and an expectation to see God move.
- Pray for our **Proximity Conference speakers**, including Krish Kandiah and Natalie Williams, as they prepare to speak at the event next month. Join us at message.org.uk/proximity
- Praise God for all our **Eden** team volunteers across the nation. Pray that he would refresh and encourage them and give them a new opportunity to share the gospel today.
- As our **Advance** Ambassadors gather online to be encouraged and equipped, pray they'd be inspired and refreshed. Particularly pray for our leaders in Zambia, Germany and Japan as they look to launch new groups this month.
- Thank God for the **chaplaincy teams** across Wales that our prisons team work with. Pray each chaplain would be encouraged and refreshed by God today and spurred on by all that he's doing through people in prison.
- The Yorkshire and Humberside team are hosting a **fundraising dinner** at the Woodseats Community Hub tonight. Pray many would come and be inspired by all that God has done and want to stand with us.

- Please pray that as Chris and Katherine, our team leaders at **Eden Latchford** (Warrington), plan new activities to reach their community, God would give them wisdom about the best ways to serve their neighbours.
- Tonight, Message Wales are hosting their termly **Youth Nights** event in partnership with local churches. Pray the young people would experience God in new ways as they pray and worship.
- Pray today for our **operations teams**, such as the finance, creative and facilities departments, who help behind the scenes to make mission happen. Pray God would encourage them in their work today.
- Thank God for the team members at our enterprise cafés in the UK and South Africa who've turned their lives around. Pray that as they serve coffee today, they'd experience the love and strength of Jesus in a new way.
- Pray for the MSE students who're out on mission in Newport with a local church. As the team get to know and serve people in the area, pray they'd have great conversations about Jesus and see people want to know more about him.
- Today, we're training all our **schools workers** with content for our Wellbeing and Resilience tour. Pray each team member would be refreshed and excited to go again sharing the lessons and their faith in Jesus with young people around the UK.
- We're seeing so many people in **prison** coming to know Jesus. Pray they'd each experience the love, peace and hope that Jesus offers and grow in their faith as they're discipled by our teams.
- Tomorrow our schools team are in Aberdare Community School with **Respect ME**. As the students hear the message that they have worth and value, pray they'd want to find out more about who lesus has made them to be.



Tonight is Message South Africa's **Bloom** event where women are empowered, equipped and encouraged to step into their God-given worth and potential. Pray everyone who comes along will know how loved they are by Jesus.

- As **Sam Ward** shares the gospel and encourages men in prison today, pray both staff and prisoners would be impacted and want to find out more about Jesus.
- Today our **leadership team and trustees** are spending time together to press into God's word and plan upcoming mission. Pray it's a great day and that God would be speaking to them about all that's to come.
- The East Midlands team is partnering with local churches for **Love Where U Live** mission in Derby. Please pray it would be a great time of church connection, and seeing the area come together to show the love of Jesus.

Tonight is **Greater Manchester Prayer**, where Christians gather to pray for God to break into the city, region and world. Pray our hearts would break again for the least, the last and the lost and we'd be refreshed to step up mission.

Our Yorkshire and Humberside team are partnering with 24-7 Prayer to run a **youth prayer and worship** event tomorrow. Be praying it would be a powerful night for all those who come along.

As our **Cardiff Street Pastors** prepare for a weekend of mission, pray God would lead them to the people who need their support and they get to chat about the love and hope Jesus offers.

Today, please pray for the **prison leavers** our team have been working with who're now living in supported accommodation with our partners in South Wales. Pray for their ongoing discipleship as they join the local church.

- Thank God for each person who serves on our **Eden** teams. Pray they'd be encouraged today and see people who they've been journeying with for years accept Jesus into their lives.
- Message South Africa begin their Higher Prison tour today. Pray the team would be able to share the gospel with those they meet and support them as they turn their lives around.

This week, Message Germany are in schools in Wermelskirchen with their 'This Is Me' tour that's all about finding self-worth and identity in Jesus. As each young person is invited to an evangelistic gig, pray many lives would be changed by Jesus!

Lift up our team in the **North East** as they partner with the Luis Palau Association for a series of gospel-centred events in prisons and marginalised areas of Teesside. Pray they'd see many respond to the gospel.

Pray that the young people who come along to the youth group, Insync+, with Eden West Bowling (Bradford) would remain strong in their faith as they prepare to go to university in the autumn.

We're hiring! Pray we'd find the right people to join our teams as we take mission to the next level. Find out more at message.org.uk/jobs



- We're passionate about partnering with local churches in prayer. Today Message Germany are hosting a prayer gathering for church leaders. Pray it's a powerful time of meeting with God and connecting with each other.
- Andy and Michele Hawthorne are in **Canada** for the week speaking in many locations about the work of Message Canada. Please pray they'd encourage and support the team and develop new connections and fundraising opportunities.
- As Community Grocery members visit stores around the UK for their shopping and to access support, pray they'd feel the love of Jesus in the building and want to find out more from our team.
- Fiona and Alice are with Year 7 students in Radyr Comprehensive School today. As they deliver lessons all about improving selfesteem, pray the young people engage well and are filled with the hope and peace of Jesus.
- Lift up our events team in prayer as they serve in the **Message Community Hub**. Pray the building would continue to be a place where people will discover faith, find hope and have their lives transformed by Jesus' love.
- Thank God for everyone who's visited our enterprise coffee shop in London Neal

 Street Espresso and been impacted by the team's powerful testimonies. Pray they'd continue thinking about these and want to find out more about faith.
- Pestival Teesside is happening this weekend!
 As our North East team get involved sharing the gospel on the streets and from stages, pray thousands would respond to the good news of Jesus and have their lives changed by him.
- 8 Eden Fir Vale (Sheffield) are taking part in a local family fun day with their young people. Pray it would be a great day for the community and that the team would make great connections with their neighbours.

JUNE PRAYER POINTS

- As **Daniel** continues to write gospel-packed music to share with young people in Brazil, pray God would inspire him with the words that will stir hearts to find out more about Jesus.
- This evening is the annual **Cardiff Street Pastors** fundraising dinner. Pray that those who come along are inspired by all God is doing through the ministry and want to stand with us.
- It's incredible seeing our **Advance** material translated into different languages to encourage people all over the world in their evangelism. Pray we'd have the resources to make even more translations happen.
- We'd love to see **Eden** grow across Wales.
 Pray that men and women would want to move into disadvantaged communities in Wales and share the love of Jesus in word and action. Find out more at joineden.org
- Please pray that as we recruit new Message
 School of Evangelism students for September,
 the right people would hear about the course
 and want to join. Find out more at
 message.org.uk/mse
- Our 2024 **Proximity** Urban Mission conference is happening today and tomorrow! Do pray that as people come along, they'll be encouraged and equipped again in their urban mission.
- Thank God for the Christian Unions our

 Advance young people have started in their schools to share their faith with their mates. Pray these would continue to grow and gain momentum.
- Sam Ward is speaking at Lighthouse Church this morning, our Telford Community Grocery church partner. Pray people are impacted as they hear about Jesus' love for them.



- Our staff are gathering to **pray and worship** today and be encouraged with news and testimonies of what God is doing across The Message. Pray it would be an incredible day praising God.
- The **No More Knives Tour** is in Sheffield this week! Pray that the students we meet would be impacted by the songs and testimonies and want to give their lives to Jesus at the end-of-week evangelistic gig.
- Pray for our **Respect ME** teams as they deliver sessions on identity and relationships in schools this week. Pray the young people would engage well and learn about their value in Jesus.
- We'd love to find more **volunteers** to support us as we grow in mission across Wales. Pray we'd find the right people to join our teams. Could this be you? Find out more at message.org.uk/volunteer
- As our **prisons** team support men and women leaving prison, pray that those they're working with would get plugged into local churches and continue growing in their faith.
- None of what we do is possible without our amazing **financial supporters**. Thank God for each of them today, and if you'd also like to stand with us, visit message.org.uk/donate
- Advance Youth is growing in The Netherlands! As young people come along to learn how to share the gospel and put this into practice, pray they'd grow in confidence and see God using them powerfully.

We're on **mission in Swansea** this week! Pray that as we share the good news of Jesus with those we meet, many would be changed by God's love for them and want to follow him.

- As the Message School of Evangelism students come to the end of their time on the course, praise God for how they've grown in their faith and pray that they'd know God's peace and wisdom as they decide what to do next.
- Ask God to move powerfully across India as those in our **Advance** groups step out to share their faith. Pray he'd open new doors for the groups and protect them as they do this.
- Pray for the creative mission and GangStar teams in South Africa as they host their monthly **Thursday Night Live** event in Mowbray (Cape Town). Pray many would come along and be impacted by what they hear about Jesus.
- Young people are gathering together for Greater Manchester Prayer Youth tonight.

 Pray that as they cry out to God for revival in their friendship groups, schools and city, they'd see breakthrough and hear God speaking.
 - We can't wait to take the **No More Knives** tour to more schools across the UK in coming months. Pray God would continue opening doors to make this happen so that young people's lives can be transformed by the lessons and Jesus' love.
- Pray that God would continue helping us to grow mission across Wales through the bus, schools work and prisons ministry. Thank you for standing with us in prayer.



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Speakers include: Krish Kandiah, Natalie Williams, Rachael Mutesi, Sam Ward, Andy Hawthorne, plus lots more

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