



Young Life Prayer News

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"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Isaiah 1:18

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People who don't truly understand the Christian message often think that God is unreasonable and irrelevant. "How can I believe when...?" or "it's not fair that God should expect..." are comments which I'm sure you are familiar with. Indeed, I've known many people exclaim that the gospel is "a load of rubbish", and when asked why, reply "because it is". How ironic that they should be so unreasonable when God says "come now, let us reason together"! What a lovely insight this verse is into God's love and patience. Though everyone is thoroughly stained by sin, He is ready and willing to make people as clean as snow and as pure as wool. 2 Peter 3:9 helps us understand the situation better: "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance". If only more people would come before God with a spirit of open-mindedness and humility! Let's pray that God would remove the spiritual blindness which prevails these days in our country.

Nathaniel Elcock - YL National Co-ordinator

Branch Focus

This month, we hear from four of our branches with news and prayer requests: York, Leicester, Southport and Newcastle NI.

younger members who have recently joined us would feel really welcomed into the group, and that while they enjoy the friendship and fun each week, they would also grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord.

York



This term has seen a fair few changes at York. Some folk have moved away to other parts of the country or started university, others have joined us as they've become

old enough, and we've moved venue to a new place for the next term. We praise God for a great time away recently at the Harby Centre near Melton Mowbray, with 27 young people attending. As well as having a lot of fun, we studied the topic of temptation, how the Lord Jesus was tempted (Matthew Ch 4), and how we can deal with the temptations we might face in our own lives. Please pray that the Lord would continue to use the teaching brought to us at the weekend away, to help us grow closer in our walk with Him. We would also ask for prayer that the

Leicester

Praise:

- Great Area Houseparty with Jonathan Norbury speaking on Romans.
- Good numbers. It's especially good to have some students coming along.
- Someone trusted the Lord at a recent event.
- November 6th: Evangelistic Bonfire event.

Requests:

- December 11th: Evangelistic Christmas dinner. Last year this was an excellent opportunity, so pray for the same this year.
- New folk who have come onto committee.
- Growing new leaders.

Southport

Please pray for our fortnightly open-air evangelism; also for our regular branch work, that disciples would be made. In particular we would value your prayers for our branch houseparty, 27th - 29th November with Steve Taylor and Frank Brearley speaking.

Newcastle NI

- Praise God for the dedication and help of leaders who help to run the programmes.
- Praise for the continued flow of young teens coming and an opportunity to reach out to them with the gospel.
- Praise for good attendance (45).
- Pray for a new practical programme that will run until the New Year.

Please pray very much for Daniel Grant (UBMer and formerly Southampton YL) who has recently learnt that his brain tumour has returned. He will require further surgery in December or January.

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Invest



We have recently relaunched Invest and need people who are willing to mentor young people. Could you help with

this? If so, please contact the office. In addition, do you know any young people who would be interested in signing up to Invest? Could you mentor them? If you have not yet received all the relevant information on Invest, please contact the office and we will be pleased to give you further details.

Vinny Commons

Thank you for your prayers over the last few months as I have had to deal with illness in my family. I still have a pretty full schedule. Please pray for Southport YL and the continuing branch programme. In the near future, I am speaking at the YL Leaders' Training Day, Spellow Lane in Liverpool and Roundhey Church in Leeds. I also have a couple of commitments with the Association of Evangelists.



Nathaniel Elcock

I have recently had commitments at the Garforth and York branches. In the near future I will be speaking at Harrogate YL and attending the student houseparty in Stoke-on-Trent at the beginning of December. My administrative tasks are particularly varied at the moment. I would value your prayers as I try to keep on top of everything and not forget things!



Dates for your diary

- Nov 13th:** YL National Council, Leicester
- Nov 14th:** National Training Day, Leicester
- Dec 4th-6th:** Student Houseparty, Stoke
- Jan 22nd-24th:** North West Houseparty, Quinta