

Wirral Youth for Christ – January 2010 Prayer Diary

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1st to 3rd	<p>May I take this opportunity to wish you a very</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Happy New Year!</h2> <p>Please turn over for a quick profile of the current team members.</p>				Today we say thank you to God for all that He has done in 2009 and all that He will do in 2010.	Please pray for the young people of Wirral. For God to do mighty things amongst them.	Please pray that this will be a year of great harvest.
4th to 10th	Please pray for the team as they head off to the YFC conference this week where they will join 450+ YFC members from across Great Britain. The conference is an opportunity to explore current trends in youth work and to grapple with a vast array of related issues and opportunities. There are also bible study and worship sessions and themed workshops throughout the week.						
	Please pray for Zoe as she hosts the first night at staff conference and for the team as they travel to North Wales.	Please pray for Martin who is leading a debate today on the pro's and con's of 'Online Evangelism' in the digital age.	Martin is leading a session today on the power of prayer and the need to mobilise people to pray for, and with, young people.	Today each of the 66 YFC centres from across the UK, and British YFC will renew our 'covenant agreement' with each other to work to serve Christ together.	The conference finishes today with Communion; an act of gratefulness to Christ and a sign of unity in our mission to take good news relevantly to every young person in Great Britain.	Doors open in Wirral schools because of your prayers – Please pray for more opportunities to deliver more lessons and assemblies in more schools.	Please pray for the continued impact of Pulse groups across the Wirral. Our prayer is that the members will begin to have a real impact on their schools.
11th to 17th	Please pray for Zoe this week as she delivers lessons in Wirral Grammar Girls on Sexuality and Relationships from a Christian perspective.	Please pray for Sarah as she begins teaching 6th form lessons in Pensby boys again this week. Sarah will see the lads every week now until the end of term.	Martin meets church leaders in Ellesmere port today to discuss Wirral YFC's role in that area.	Pensby Romance Academy starts today for 12 weeks. Please pray for the young people attending and those leading. This is our 3 rd course now.	All our drop in's and Pulse groups start back up in the Wirral this week. We see great potential in these; please pray that this potential becomes reality.	Pray for Sarah as she spends time this week writing some new assemblies - for inspiration and revelation from God on the subjects, content and message.	Please pray for all those attending Catalyst tonight – 8pm at Jireh Bebington. Please pray that the vision and purpose of Catalyst would be an inspiration to young people.
18th to 24th	Pray for Martin as he meets with key denominational leaders today to discuss a prayer initiative for later in the year.	Martin attending Wirral Life Expectancy Summit today – Please pray for Bishop Keith Sinclair and all those involved in this groundbreaking 'kingdom' initiative.	Zoe taking lessons in Oldershaw on Self Esteem and Identity today and Sarah taking assemblies in Pensby Girls all week.	Pray for the girls at Wirral Grammar School who will attend our lessons and assemblies all this week.	For all those heroes that nurture and disciple young people in churches across the Wirral. That God will give them great vision, wisdom, and drive.	New Birkenhead 6 th Form College drop-in inspired by Rev Steve Mansfield at St Chads. Pray that it would have a hugely positive impact on the college, the community and those who attend.	Sarah is delivering a presentation on the work of WYFC at St Michaels and All Angels Newton today. We would like to deliver more of these and would appreciate your prayers for this.
25th to 31st	Sarah taking lessons in Pensby Girls on Identity. Pray that the message would challenge the girls to consider where their identity lies.	New Worship Academy starts today. Please pray for Sarah as she heads this up and for all those attending the course.	Please pray for positive conversations in the playground at South Wirral High. We have permission to stay for lunch to chat to pupils on an informal basis.	Some teachers resist our input and are suspicious about our intentions. We would like to chat with them about our work; please pray for opportunities to do this.	Pray for our work in schools in Wirral and for opportunities to do more lessons and assemblies in coming weeks.	Pray for Christian teachers, that they would be granted great wisdom and boldness in equal measure as they share their faith in their schools.	Please pray for the Christian young people in Wirral. That they would be salt and light in the places they go and that God would protect their faith.



Rob Pitts is our East Wirral Worker and has been with us for nearly a year. Before coming to work for Wirral YFC, Rob did a 3 year apprenticeship in Cabinet Making working with a local cabinet maker and attending Liverpool Community College where he gained a number of related qualifications including a Level 3 City and Guilds in furniture production. We are currently exploring ways that Rob can use his carpentry skills to support and invest in local schools.

Over the last year Rob has been building some very positive relationships with the secondary schools in East Wirral and has had some great results.

Sarah Hockley is our West Wirral Worker and our Worship Academy course leader. Sarah, originally from St Albans Hertfordshire, started youth work in her gap year working for a large youth work organisation. From here she gained a passion to work with young people. Sarah moved to Chester to study for a Degree in Christian Youth Work. It was during this time that God broke her heart for the young people of Wirral and she knew that God was calling her to live here. She has since married Joel and they live in Moreton.



Sarah is now on the advisory panel for the University of Chester's Youth Work Degree program, the course which brought her to Wirral in the first place.



Zoe Povall is our North Wirral worker and has been with WYFC for over 2 years. Zoe has lived on the Wirral all her life and spent her years in education at Weatherhead High School where she took her GCSE's and A Levels. After leaving school Zoe took a gap year and became a full time volunteer at The Foundry Church in Widnes. It was during this year that Zoe discovered her passion for sharing her faith with young people.

Zoe is particularly keen to see young people value and respect themselves as unique people created by God with purpose and the opportunity of a relationship with Him. As well as schools work Zoe also runs The Romance Academy, a 3 month course on relationships and sexuality from a Christian perspective which helps the young people who attend to explore respect, value and integrity.



Rosie Day is this year's church apprentice and is working with Wirral YFC and with St Luke's Methodist Church in Hoylake. This is part of a strategic approach to nurture young leaders.



Kyle Armstrong is doing a year out with British Youth for Christ, mainly shadowing Dave Newton (Director of National Ministries) part-time and working as a volunteer with Wirral YFC part-time.



Aimee Farlam is currently studying Youth Work at Chester University and as part of her course she has joined us for a year. She is also running the Kids Club at Emmanuel Birkenhead.



Lisa Radcliffe and **Zoe Putman** are our two very special admin volunteers. Without their support and commitment the team would not be able to carry out the mission. They deal with all the incoming and outgoing communications and are often the first point of contact for our supporters and for service providers and statutory bodies. As well as working part-time as volunteers for Wirral YFC they are also both full time mums.



Martin Dickson is the Director of Wirral YFC; he is married to Joanna and has two young sons, Jacob (4) and Matthew (2). Martin started with WYFC in 2003 after graduating from Chester College with a 1st class degree in Theology and the Hollybank Prize for his outstanding academic work and his contribution to theology and religious studies. Martin is a passionate evangelist and since starting with WYFC he has shared his faith on TV and live radio, met with HRH Prince Charles to chat about young people in relation to Hope 08, co-authored Explo:RE for Alpha, spoke at Spring Harvest and shared the gospel with many 1000's of Wirral's young people.