

WASP Prayer Points

Please continue to join with us in prayer. We are constantly looking to God for new vision and fresh anointing. We have begun to see some breakthrough in schools over the last few weeks and are keen to see the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of young people, transforming them and helping them to transform society. The following is a list of pointers that might help you in your prayer.

1) Yoof 2geva.

Please pray for:

- ‘thebandwithnoname’ event on 11th December.
- ‘Pure’ - the guests for the February event, specialising in relationships.
- The knitting together in heart of the planning team.
- Vision for future events and impact.

2) Schools

Please pray for:

- Riversides in Barbourne where I will be visiting this week and again in the new year. This school is a difficult place to go and somewhere that we at WASP really believe God has big plans for.
- Dyson Perrins in Malvern. We took our first assembly here last week and it was very well received, we will be going back again in the new year. Pray for growing relationship with this school.
- Nunnery Wood. We are booked to take some assemblies in January and April. Please pray for the team as we deliver these and look to build something here too.
- Other schools in Worcester including Blessed Edwards, Bishop Perwone, Tudor Grange, Christopher Whitehead, Worcester Sixth Form College and Worcester Tech.

3) Personal

Please pray for:

- Ashley, Esther and Maisie as they settle into family life together
- Andy as he continues to grow in his work with WASP and elsewhere and personally.
- The WASP Trustees and Management Group as they discuss vision and key issues.

4) Financial

Please pray for:

- Increased monthly support for the project
- God to provide for specific outreaches and events
- Thanksgiving for recent gifts and grants that WASP has received

All that s left is to wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year in all that you do, with kind regards.

Please fill in the response form below and return by email to ashley@wasp.me.uk or post to the WASP Office:
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Church _____ Tel No. _____

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Please send me information about how to support WASP financially

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Newsletter

December 2009

I recently went away on a youth leaders’ conference and was inspired to go away and seek God for fresh vision and anointing for my life and ministry.

Time spent in intimacy with God is an essential part of the work of WASP and it is through this time that He speaks and reveals His plans, purposes, vision and ideas. It is often through these times that He challenges us too, asking questions that make us think about our effectiveness in spreading the gospel.

“Where is the house that you will build me? And where is the place of my rest?”

Isaiah 66:1

So it was when I read Isaiah chapter 66 recently that I was challenge by this verse which caused me to ask myself several searching questions: “What am I building for God?”, “Where am I building it (in my own life as well as in Worcester)?”, “How am I working towards it?”, “What is working?”, “What isn’t?” and “What haven’t I tried?” I am still working out some of the answers to these questions and thinking about new ways in which to build the kingdom of God through the ministry of WASP in the future. There must be a thousand ways to proclaim the gospel and I am challenged that we are currently only seeing the tip of the iceberg with regard to the things God can do here.

All of the problems in today’s society are due, in large measure, to a lack of Christian, moral principals, which are no longer taught or upheld and seen as extreme. Politicians aside, the most influential people in today’s culture are pop stars, movie stars and TV personalities, most of whom are in their 20s and 30s. In ten years time, the pupils in our schools will make up this demographic and unless we are instructing them today in holiness, integrity, forgiveness, love, justice, sexual health, moral judgement, reconciliation and other key issues, then we cannot look to change the culture in our nation.

Habakkuk 1:5 says,

‘Look at the nations and watch, and be utterly amazed, for I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.’

I have claimed this promise for my own life and been reminded of it many times. I believe that God is working on something amazing in Worcester and I am desperate to be part of it. I want to thank you, as a supporter, for your continued efforts in prayer, financial support, practical help or any other way that you see your involvement with WASP. It is essential that we all partner together in unity if we are to see God’s power at work in our city.



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News In Brief

WASP's relationship with *Blessed Edwards* is growing. We have been into the school twice this term, once with Tony Anthony, which created a real buzz of excitement and planted some fantastic seeds of the gospel, and once again in early November to take assemblies based on Human Rights, where we focussed on giving up our rights to let Jesus give us what we need.

We are also progressing in our work with other schools. *Worcester Sixth Form College* have asked me to go in one month in the new year to provide a drop in for students to chat, debate and ask questions and are keen to help us raise our profile on campus in any way possible. We have already had stands at the Freshers' Fayre and other special days as well as helping to encourage and support the Christian Union to be more effective in their influence at the college.

We now have ministry booked at several other schools as well including *Dyson Perrins High School* in Malvern, where we will be looking to get involved in various aspects of the school's

life, including assemblies, mentoring and running a mission week in the summer of 2010.

Riversides in Barbourne has given us the opportunity to go in and work with some very difficult students. This is a great opportunity and one that will take me out of my comfort zone in seeking to be a light in what is considered a very hard place. I will be going to the school in December as a precursor to some assemblies we are running in February. Please pray about this. Doors seem to be opening at *Worcester Tech*, *Nunnery Wood* and *Christopher Whitehead* too. Please continue to pray for the Lord's guidance and favour in all areas.

Yoof 2geva is still growing and we have recently set up a new planning team for this consisting of people from various Worcester churches. The next event is in December where we'll be joined by *thebandwithaname*. We are excitedly discussing the future of these events, sharing vision and organising things to come, in the hope that we can really make a significant impact on teenagers in Worcester.

TONY ANTHONY VISITS WORCESTER

Early October saw the visit of international evangelist, Tony Anthony to Worcester. Tony, accompanied by a colleague, George Osborne, visited Bishop Perowne C of E College and Blessed Edward Oldbome Catholic College over two days, speaking to around 1,500 students about his life story, including his days as a world champion in kung-fu, his life of crime and violence and his incarceration in prison. Thankfully he went on to describe how an encounter with Jesus changed him and transformed his life, giving him hope, joy, love and peace and the desire to tell everyone he meets the good news of the gospel. Staff and students at the schools, particularly Blessed Edwards, where I was able to be present, were genuinely affected by Tony's clear and concise presentation of the gospel message, and many copies of his book, *Taming the Tiger*, were given out, planting seeds which will go on beyond just the one day.

On the evening of the second day of the visit, Tony was the guest speaker at Yoof 2geva, which took place at Perdisswell Leisure Centre. 300 young people turned up to worship God, have fun and hear this phenomenal, inspiration message, some for the second or third time, and it was an absolutely fantastic night, which will be remembered for a long time to come.

As is customary for Tony wherever he goes, he delivered a gospel presentation and then appealed for anyone wishing to respond to go to the front to be prayed with. Approximately 30 people committed, or re-committed their lives to God that evening, which we praise God for.

These people have since been discipled and nurtured by their local churches and we are praying that the fruit that comes from the event is much greater than we could think or imagine.

One teacher said of the visit, 'Tony Anthony is a great guy. The kids were talking about him for a couple of weeks afterwards.'

Please pray that the fruit from this visit is lasting and that God continues to water the seeds that we replanted in schools.



Tony Anthony speaking at Perdisswell Leisure Centre. 2nd October 2009



BABY NEWS

Many thanks to all those who have been praying for and supporting Esther and I during our pregnancy. I am both pleased and proud to announce that a little girl, Maisie Sapphira Faith, was born on Saturday 21st November at 7.15pm, weighing 6lb 15oz. We thank God for a happy and healthy mother and baby and would ask for your continued prayer and encouragement as we embark on the journey of parenthood. For the more slushy types among you, here are some photographs to go gooey over...



Upcoming Events



Yoof 2geva—Friday 11th December.

This event is taking place at Christopher Whitehead Language College and features special guest **thebandwithaname**. Tickets coast £4 and are available from St Peters Baptist Church on 01905 767090.



WASP Quiz Night—Sat 23rd January 2010.

WASP is running a quiz night for our annual celebration. See below for details.



WASP Fundraiser—Spring 2010.

WASP will be running a fundraising event in the spring. Please keep an eye out for further details.



WASP Mission Week—Summer 2010.

WASP will be running a mission week at a couple of schools in the summer term. Again, watch this space for details.

WASP WORCESTER AREA
Schools Project

WASP invites you to our inaugural Inter-school Quiz and Celebration Evening at Nunnery Wood High School on

Saturday 23rd January
7PM - 10PM



WHY NOT PIT YOUR WITS AGAINST STAFF QUIZ TEAMS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN A BID TO GET YOUR HANDS ON THE WASP INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ CHAMPIONS TROPHY ALSO UP FOR GRABS FOR THE SCHOOLS ARE £50 OF BOOK TOKENS! AND FOR THE PUBLIC A FANTASTIC MYSTERY PRIZE!

THE NIGHT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A PIG ROAST AND PLENTY OF SOCIAL INTERACTION ALL FOR THE BARGAIN PRICE OF £5 PER PERSON.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM(S)
PLEASE CALL ASHLEY ON 0754 707 3925

Check out our website on

www.wasp.me.uk



Why not catch us on Facebook too?

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Search for 'WASP Worcester' and join the group.

'Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.'

(Hebrews 10:23)

CALLING ALL CHURCH MEMBERS... I am looking for passionate people who have a genuine heart for schools and education and the work that WASP does. If you would like to be involved with WASP but don't have time to volunteer, why not think about being a WASP Church Representative? Read on...

Communication between WASP and the local churches who support and uphold us in prayer is a key concern and one that we are always looking to improve. I would love every member of every church in Worcester to be kept fully up-to-date with everything that God is doing with WASP, notified of future events and prayer requests so that they can feel some degree of ownership of the project. However it is difficult for me to get around to visit the different churches every week and electronic and newsletter communication only gets us so far.

I would love for one or two individuals within each church to take up the role of communicating the above things to their members, distributing newsletters, publicising events and leading prayers for WASP. Basically, I am looking for people who are passionate enough about WASP to represent it in their church body and annoy people as much as I do (if not more)!

If you're interested, please let me know. Thanks. Ashley

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