

Youth Report 2026

This year has been a year of encouraging and exciting things.

Weekly:

We have seen as many as 37 young people on a Sunday Morning and similar numbers throughout the week. Amounting to nearly 45 young people in total. We have taken the decision to split the age groups during these sessions to enable to younger ones to have more a voice and the older youth get the opportunity to go a bit deeper in their faith.

Our Wednesday youth and Thursday youth sessions have both being growing, we see across the two days 30-40 young people. We decided, due to a lack of integration from Children's ministry to start at new Friday hangout for years 5,6 and 7. Which seems to have grown very organically to nearly 15 YP each week. Our hangouts tend to have many youth who don't attend church or consider themselves followers of Jesus which is cool.

Across the Year

We welcomed a team from YWAM in the May and also in the February (due to scheduling) to serve on a mission week here. Where we saw the youth who attended able to grow in their call to share their faith, going out into town on both occasions, praying for members of the public and sharing their faith.

We had the joy of taking two All Age services as a youth group and we are always impressed by the gifts and abilities of our young people as they lead the church in worship.

We capped off our year with an amazing Christmas season and thanks to Dawn Thomas and her team of chefs we fed 40 young people a three-course meal to celebrate Christmas.

New Day

We took 67 young people from 6 churches across the island to the New Day festival. Which is incredible and once again, a fantastic opportunity for our young people to dive deeper into their faith and relationship with Jesus and also building their friendships across the churches and schools. We are on track to take nearly 85 young people in the summer of 2026 which is amazing.

Training

In the Autumn Joel and Esther went to the National Youth Ministry weekend with some members of our team In Birmingham and found that time greatly encouraging. Following the encouragement we found we have now designed a full tri-yearly program of content encouraging the older youth to dive even deeper into their personal journeys with Jesus.

All in all, this year we felt super encouraged and feel God is doing an amazing work at St Paul's and we are blessed to be part of it.

Prayer

Firstly we want you to join us in prayer that God would guide our plans in the next season of SPJ youth as we look to guide substantial changes and projects. And also that we create a culture of commitment, to youth and to each other. We want our youth to be a place where Young people are safe to explore and grow in their faith together. Praying for one another, worshipping together and becoming part of the wider church family through serving. The hardest part of this can sometimes be how much we are competing with other activities and clubs and so we need prayer also in how to best serve one of the most busy generations of youth.

Thanks once again for all your support and prayer as a church.

Your youth team, Joel and Esther