

Hi,

This term at Red we have been doing a series about fear on a Sunday and a series about shame in our small groups. Fear and shame are two big topics that no one likes to talk about, but we have found that both fear and shame are all too common among young adults. and both emotions can trap people, cripple people and cause people to lose God.

Within our chats at small group about shame we have watched a TED talk by Dr Brene Brown, who studies shame and it's consequences. During the talk Brene speaks of the power of vulnerability in overcoming deep feelings of shame. She says "Vulnerability is the core of shame and fear and our struggle for worthiness, but it appears that it's also the birthplace of joy, of creativity, of belonging, of love."

I have often found that churches are the last place I would want to be vulnerable in. I would open up to a stranger in a bar or a friend who wasn't a Christian, but I have a nagging feeling that being vulnerable in church is the fast track to judgement and rejection. I also have a suspicion that I'm not the only one that thinks this. Maybe in order for people to be vulnerable in church we need to love before we judge, accept before we reject and open up ourselves before we demand it from others.

Ben Dyer



Our two new interns Mitchell and Lea (center)

What's happened?

Last prayer newsletter we asked you to pray about Ben's contract being extended. Well during the last few months it has been extended for another year until Jan 2019.

Edge Hill Students came back to Ormskirk at the end of September, so it was all systems go. All our small groups started up again and we have been busy cooking students dinner every Thursday.

We have moved venue on a Sunday from Ormskirk school to Ormskirk Parish Church hall.

This term we started another Alpha course (4 for this year!). God has been doing some really exciting stuff within those group of people and a couple of people have already given their lives to Jesus.

In October we prayed for 24 hours around Edge Hill. It was a really great experience, even though the weather was bad!

Our two new interns started at the end of August (Mitchell and Lea). They are both from Germany and will be working with us for the whole year.

We also redesigned our website - if you haven't seen it yet go to www.redchurch.org.uk



Bonfire night party

Prayer Points

1. 1st year students (and also 2nd/3rd years) that have not found a

church. Most Christian students that go to Edge Hill never find a church they settle in.

2. People on our Alpha would continue to meet with Jesus and discover what Christianity is all about.

3. This term we have 4 new small group leaders. Pray that God would help them to lead their small groups well.

4. We need more worship leaders (a continual prayer of ours!)

5. Our weekend away is on 1-3rd Dec. Pray people would get to know each other really well and we would have a good time away.

6. On 7th Dec we have our carol service. This is a great opportunity for people that normally don't come to church to engage with us.

7. Student dinners. 1. That more people would come along to have dinner for £1 2. That we would form friendships with them and they would become interested in God.

Red Church is based around Ormskirk, Lancashire. We are a church that is focused on young adults and their brilliance. Our aim is to be a welcoming and honest group of people, who try to live life following Jesus and helping each other along the way.

