



PCC Report

Students & Young Adults Ministry – Annual Highlights

Life Groups

There are currently two active life groups:

- **God n Games**, led by *Georgia White* and *Lucy Grier* (9 sign-ups)
- **Students & Young Adults**, with *15 sign-ups*
- The Students & Young Adults Life Group was formed in September 2024 by combining Rachel's original group, which had reached capacity, with a new one. This brought around 10 people who joined a life group for the first time, along with several young adults new to St Mikes.

Weekly attendance now ranges from 10–15 people, occasionally reaching 17. While this growth has been encouraging, it also created challenges with discussion size and relational depth. To address this, two key changes were introduced:

1. **Expanded Leadership Team** – The team grew from two (myself and Desi) to five, adding *Beckie*, *Essie*, and *Zach*. This has helped ensure that everyone is seen and heard, and has strengthened the sense of inclusivity and pastoral care within the group.
2. **Alpha-Style Evening Format** – Evenings now include time for fellowship, worship, and prayer together, followed by study and small-group discussion. Groups remain consistent for the duration of each series to build stronger relationships, with opportunities to mix between series.

The goal is for this life group to serve as the central hub of the Student and Young Adult ministry, growing with the ministry rather than dividing again.

Belong

Belong has continued to be a great success since its launch last year. Each evening follows a format of food, worship, talk, discussion, and prayer, providing an opportunity to explore topics not often covered in Sunday services.



Recent themes have included: *Dating and Relationships, Friendships, Making Wise Decisions, Singleness, and Intergenerational Church.*

These evenings encourage rich discussion and help build connections between people who may not usually spend time together, strengthening the sense of community across the ministry.

Weekend Away

This year's weekend away was organised and led by a team of young adults, taking place between Rachel's departure and my arrival. We returned to Glyncorrwg, South Wales, where we have stayed for the past two years, and have already booked the same venue for March 2026.

Around 20 people attended as we explored the theme of Joy across four sessions. Worship was led by guest musician *Matt Lewis*, who was a real highlight. This was also the first year that nearly everyone attended the optional early morning prayer sessions.

It was a powerful weekend of encountering God, deepening relationships, and enjoying fellowship together. These weekends continue to be a significant cornerstone of the ministry, helping young adults grow in faith, confidence, and their calling to share Jesus in everyday life.

Student Meals

Monthly student meals after the 6:30 service remain one of the most popular ministry activities. Held either at a host's home or in the coffee shop, these evenings regularly attract 20+ attendees, including both life group members and newcomers not yet connected to St Mikes.



Christmas Ball

The annual Christmas Ball in early December continues to be a highlight of the year. It's an evening of dressing up, sharing a three-course meal, and enjoying games, quizzes, and photo opportunities. This year, a team of volunteers will assist with setup and hosting,

reflecting our vision of encouraging young adults to serve within the wider church community.

Looking Forward

Outreach and Mission

We plan to identify local organisations to support and serve as a group. This will allow us to actively live out the faith we discuss each week and connect with the wider community.

Mentoring and Pastoral Care

As the group grows, each life group leader will take responsibility for a few individuals, offering regular check-ins, pastoral support, and mentoring as desired. This structure will help ensure that everyone feels known, supported, and connected.

Intergenerational Activities and Culture

At our most recent Belong evening, we explored how to strengthen intergenerational relationships within the church. Ideas included:

- Partnering with life groups from other age groups for socials and shared activities
- Hosting hobby-based events open to all ages
- Potentially reintroducing the “Adopt a Student” model (originally led by Lily), connecting students with mentors for friendship and guidance.

In summary:

This has been a year of growth, transition, and deepening community. The ministry is strong, with committed leadership and a clear vision to create spaces of belonging, discipleship, and mission among students and young adults.

Prayer points

Please pray for:

- 1) Continued growth in numbers as we are still below the capacity we are capable of.
- 2) Ways to reach out to new students at UWE as contact with the CU has been difficult.
- 3) The Student and Young Adults as we grow in numbers to also grow deeper in our faith and confidence in Jesus.
- 4) Prayer that every Student or young adult responds to the call to serve the church in some capacity.
- 5) Protection over the group especially those who have and will step into any leading role