

# UK: Gospel

## Bible Verses

"Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvellous deeds among all  
peoples."

**Psalm 96:3** - *New International  
Version*

"He said to them, "Go into all the world  
and preach the gospel to all creation."

**Mark 16:15** - *New International Version*

"For "Everyone who calls on the name  
of the Lord will be saved." But how  
can they call on him to save them  
unless they believe in him? And how  
can they believe in him if they have  
never heard about him? And how can  
they hear about him unless someone  
tells them?"

**Romans 10:13-14** - *New Living  
Translation*

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes  
on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and  
in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**Acts 1:8** - *New International Version*

## Prayer for the Gospel in the UK

At St. Paul's Church, we are committed to fulfilling the call of God to us, which is to share the gospel with our community and our nation. We are also committed to standing with those who are sharing the Gospel especially at this difficult time.

This is a unique time in many respects, but also a unique time in that there is an openness to the Gospel. The Guardian reports that "A quarter of adults in the UK have watched or listened to a religious service since the coronavirus lockdown began, and one in 20 have started praying during the crisis, according to a new survey." (3rd May 2020) We must take full advantage of this openness.

Here are some prayer points for you to use to help in your prayer for the advance of the Gospel in the UK:

1. Prayer of thanks that the Gospel can be freely preached in the UK and that there is a freedom for Christians to worship and share the good news of Jesus.
2. Prayer for further opportunities for the Gospel to be shared in every context of our society.
3. Prayer for the UK Church to create new and dynamic ways to present the Gospel in an unprecedented time.
4. Prayer for outreach and evangelistic organisations such as Evangelical Alliance, University Christian Unions and others, and for them to have wisdom in how to adapt in this time.

## Young People in the UK

A recent survey was conducted amongst Youth organisations around the UK in an attempt to understand how COVID-19 will affect Youth work. The survey concluded that "...88% indicated they are likely or very likely to reduce service provision to young people. 31% said that staff redundancies were likely, while 17% said permanent closure was likely." (UK Youth: The Impact of COVID-19 on Young People & the Youth Sector, page 6)

It is clear that Youth work will be greatly affected as a result of the virus. Please pray that:

1. Those in authority see the need and importance of youth work and release sufficient resources to meet those needs.
2. The Church would continue to spearhead and model Youth work, showing to all that young people are valuable to God and to our society.
3. Young people would continue to come to Youth clubs and events run by Churches, and that they would find a home and a family there.