



Ivy Church Academy

Knowing

At the beginning of the year, we moved back to Didsbury after it was no longer possible to meet in the venue in Fallowfield. The freedom of having our own building allowed the space to give more time to worship and response. We had some very significant and powerful times together in God's presence that increased our passion for worship as a church. We are thankful for the time we spent in Didsbury. Looking back, we can see how God prepared us for all we are doing now. During Lent we organised a 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting. We developed a liturgy that the whole church were encouraged to pray every day in the areas of Knowing, Growing and Going. We had at least one person praying and fasting every day. It was during that time that the opportunity to meet in The Academy became available. Through all the change, we developed our dependence on God to lead and guide the church, and to open doors to bring us to Academy! We've definitely learnt what it means to allow God to take the wheel! This year we celebrated the baptism of eight people and were joined by loads of their friends and family. We've also seen several people make decisions to follow Jesus for the first time. We have had important times of prayer and worship outside of Sundays with our monthly Friday Night Worship, and the new weekly 7am Tuesday Morning Prayer meeting.

Growing

The team was incredible this year and grew so much. Particularly through the summer when we were joined by our Ivy family from Ivy Kingsway. It was a real time of stretching and growth, and they did an amazing job! We've seen many grow groups flourishing this year with growth and multiplication. New leaders were developed and released to lead new groups. We had a "Year of Celebration" event where we had a BBQ and thanked all of our amazing leaders and celebrated what God had been doing in people's lives in the church. Through the summer, we prayed that there would be people from Didsbury who felt called to come with us on our mission to help students find their way back to God. We have been thrilled and so thankful to see God answer our prayers through some fantastic people.

Going

We commissioned and sent out a student mission team, led by Sam Duquemin and Aoife Quinn to reach the students in Owen's Park, a University of Manchester Halls of Residence that is home to about 3,000 students. The team has grown to around 20 people that regularly go out on Wednesday nights to talk to students, pray and tell them about Jesus. The team has seen significant breakthrough this year through meeting students who are interested in finding out more and have had the

opportunity to regular follow ups and make decisions to follow Jesus. But this is still just the beginning! We are also encouraged to have six first year students join the church and immediately get involved with student mission on their campus. To see each of them find their place in the church and flourish has been an incredible blessing. Welcome Week outreach in Owen's Park was brilliant. Once again, we took the Eden Bus onto campus, which was a big success. We were out every night caring for and talking to students about faith. We are still talking to some of the students we met that week. Jewels, our team who reach out to vulnerable women in Fallowfield grew from strength to strength. Greatly encouraged by breakthroughs in prayer and the Press Red and Launch conferences this year, the team led by Rosie Hall established connections across the city with likeminded churches and organisations. They have big dreams for 2018. We are thankful that God put us in the heart of the mission field in the Student's Union. We are crying out to God and asking that He will use us to equip others to reach the 40,000 students at Manchester University and the 90,000 students in the city of Manchester who do not yet know Jesus.

CAP Debt Centre

- Visited 42 people in South Manchester in their homes to offer free debt help, support, an invite to church and prayer. 40/42 said yes to prayer.
- Saw 21 people became debt free...our best year yet! Counting the children of those 21 individuals this means 35 adults and kids who are no longer living under the pressure and anxiety that debt brings.

Dan, who became debt free in May, said "Before coming to CAP we were probably at the bottom of the barrel, as low as anyone can possibly imagine. It's horrendous being in debt. I personally was in total despair. The day when Gail and a befriender came to visit us at home I was filled with apprehension as was my wife; there was no need. That day and every day since, the curtains have been flung wide open, the weights lifted from our shoulders."

- 6 people went on a free CAP holiday. David said it was his first holiday in 40 years and he loved it. Tony, who is 72, said he had the best weekend in many years and made a first time commitment to Jesus!
- 19 Christmas hampers were kindly made, and donated, by Grow Groups. One lady said "thank you for the most amazing hamper ever, it really made my Christmas"
- 13 Ivy folk came out on visits as a CAP volunteer, 11/13 were new to this in 2017. Thanks to them all as it would not be possible to see so many people debt free and supported without them.
- 50 people came to the CAP Christmas party where Ivy folk made lovely food, helped to set up, gave lifts and sat with people. It was a great night, the gospel was shared and 3 people found their way back to God. For at least 4 of CAP clients there, it was their first night out in the whole of 2017.

Central Support

- 23 couples completed our Marriage Course
 - 40 people completed the Freedom in Christ
 - In January, we re-opened the worship space in our Didsbury building.
 - 5 Transform Leadership sessions with Ivy and other local church leaders
 - 3 Fuel nights diving deeper into the Bible
 - The Call women's ministry launched in March 2017
 - 163 went to Spring Harvest in April
 - Over 150 went to Big Church Day Out North
 - 3 All Together services with over 600 in attendance at each
 - 89 committed to following Jesus in 2017
 - 1 Staff Christmas Panto
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Creative Arts

Firstly - a huge thanks to all the teams of fabulous people who served week in/week out to create a space where people can find their way back to God. Whether in our regular services, all together gatherings or Launch Conference, I saw people give sacrificially of their time, gifts and heart. We are so grateful.

Worship:

We now have Volunteer Worship Team Builders in each of the sites. Their responsibility is to build and grow the worship team in a culture of family and community. Team builders are part of key leadership conversations in local sites and champion the role of worship and the pursuit of the presence of God in our services.

Over the last year the worship team increased slightly. We currently have 21 worship leaders plus around 90 musicians serving at around 250 services over the year as well as special events, conferences and trainings.

- We delivered mid-week training in the following areas: entry level tech, mix master class, Cajon and percussion, vocal tuition and guitar. We will be rolling out more training over 2018 every six weeks.
- We continued to populate ivyworship.org. This is the central resource for worship teams across Ivy Churches.
- We continue to assess and evolve the recruitment processes for worship teams across all sites.

We increased the opportunities for worship and prayer in 2017. We road tested a prayer room, which was really successful. The staff team now meet for worship and prayer every Tuesday before staff meeting. In the New Year we will start a rhythm of worship and spiritual disciplines mid-week at intervals throughout the year.

Creative

- The creative team continued to do an incredible job resourcing Ivy Church with a consistently high level of design for series, print and social media.
- This year we experimented by running the creative team from a different office and refining our processes for project management. This was really successful and increased both the quality and volume of creative output.
- We completed phase one of the skinning of ivychurch.org and will go into phase two in the New Year, fleshing out the secondary tier which includes site pages.
- The team have worked hard to develop Ivy Church's Brand Bible. An important reference document for us as we continue to grow and establish new sites and new ministries.
- Included in the Brand Bible will be our Social Media Policy. Huge thanks to Lucy Round who helped to facilitate the conversation on our social media policy and strategy.

Tech

- The tech teams were amazing again this year—continually serving, often the first in and the first out of any gathering we hold. Huge thanks to the teams and their continued commitment.
- We developed a few things in the background; particularly in the areas of live streaming, track playback in services and recording.
- We're happy to announce that Pete Bonnebaigt will join the team a day a week. He will focus on training our teams, facilitating the tech requirement of our events, and liaising on our behalf regarding tech provision with consultants and hire companies.

Ivy Church Didsbury

Knowing

Vision: To be a church planting church...Growing a community of Disciple Makers
Hospitable / Communion / Family / Servant-hearted

Accessible Sundays: Gatherings are designed & planned for all ages to engage. Worship /
Community Slot / Talk / Ivy Kids

- Worship: All Age Worship – wanting to come together as family in celebration.
- Community Slot: Seeing & hearing what God is doing within the church community – to excite, inspire & encourage.
- Talk: Preaching in series – x2 Ivy Care / A Christmas Carol
- Ivy Kids: Child focused Bible teaching
- Ivy Youth: Fellowship, teaching & service

- Community Lunches x3: Modelling our values & creating a culture of hospitality – our Community Lunches have provided a fantastic opportunity for Church family to get to know one another, build community & experience our core values

Growing

Ivy Church Didsbury = Max Capacity
How to grow when at maximum capacity?

- Volunteers / Serving: 10+ teams to volunteer & serve on at every Sunday gathering
- Team Builders: 8 Team Builders have stepped up - leading their ministries
- Leadership: 4 Core Leaders – meeting weekly / casting vision / setting culture, 40+ connected / committed Launch Team
- Steps of FAITH: Planting back into Didsbury, taking on new leadership position, COMFORTABLE with being UNCOMFORTABLE

Going

The first 3 months have been spent developing structure & stability for our Sunday Gatherings. Plans for 2018 focuses on being a SENT people.

- A Church Planting Church: 1+ New Church Plant by end of 2018
- Community Engagement: Community Action / Random Acts of Kindness / No Place Left
- Alpha: Jan 2018 launching Didsbury Alpha course
- Individuals on Mission: 10+ members sent out & supported on mission

Key Facts & Figures

- 10 Gatherings
- 3 Community Lunches
- Average Attendances: Adults = 181, IK 0-2 = 5, IK 2-4 = 16, IK 5-8 = 16, IK 8-11 = 18, Youth = 24
- 1 Ivy Hero
- 6 Speakers
- 6 Hosts

Discipleship and Pastoral Care

The vision of discipleship at Ivy is to equip every Jesus follower to find their place and fulfil their purpose. Discipleship happens in community through knowing God's word more deeply, growing in relationship with Jesus, and going on mission to help people find their way back to God.

The Discipleship Question: What did God say to you this week as you read your Bible, and what are you going to do about it?

Highlights from the Year

- Each Ivy site was challenged to create a culture of care by looking for ways to cross over, help others and be a pastor in our IvyCare series. This was the first pastoral care series in recent history, and there was a considerable feeling across the Ivy congregations that the series changed their culture in meaningful ways. Comments about the series include one Ivy member, who said that ‘we could tell that the series was changing our culture around Ivy. It felt unreal the level of support and care people were showing to one another.’
- One Grow Group multiplied twice this year, and plans to multiply a third time at the beginning of 2018. The group leader made this comment about the nature of multiplication; “most of what I found is about being transparent with the vision of it and being intentional to tell others in the group that it is important for them to know how to disciple others and multiply leaders. When you grow so big that you need to become two groups, people see the vision and really get behind it.”
- Ivy Academy is making disciples on the campus and in other places with students. The team leaders believe that accountability is at the heart of their discipleship. “The team itself have hit new levels of accountability and day to day discipleship, but it is all focused around the mission. Real discipleship has happened within the team just by the fact that everyone shares the same mission. Weekly we’re already meeting up with non-Christian students, going through the Bible and creating space for discipleship. Next we’re going to start small groups focused around student-specific topics with the aim of building people up and creating an invitational space.”
- New opportunities for church planting have come up over the year, with more emphasis placed on discipleship and multiplying disciples. It has truly been a year of acceleration for discipleship at Ivy.

By the Numbers

- 45 active Grow Groups at Ivy
- 430 members
- 5 new Grow Groups started last year
- 35 people joined a Grow Group for the first time
- 5 leader events, plus 1 new training course was developed for new and existing leaders
- 37 people signed up to receive pastoral care training

Testimony

On Grow Groups:

“I joined a Grow Group and went deeper and deeper in the Bible. I started to lead a small group for the first time in my life and it was so good. That is one of the reasons I realised I could be a leader one day.”

“Leading a Grow Group has been so easy. I didn’t realise that I could ever lead a group, but having helpful notes and an outline has been great.”

“I felt that in my group I was in a trusted place. It encouraged me and helped me to know how to pray. Things were changing and I was getting the support I needed.”

On Pastoral Care:

“The pastoral care training was the best training I have ever received on people skills. Profound and clever, yet put in a way that was simple and easy to grasp, the material was both practical and helpful. The teaching was life-changing for me personally and the two group members who practiced their new skills on me, unearthed something God needed to heal and remove from my life. I can’t recommend this course more highly and I still can’t believe it was free! If you work with people, live with people or want to bless people, you need to do this course.”

“It is a really good thing that Ivy is doing. I pray that our LifeCare ministry will help accelerate so many more people's decision to turn away from the devil's lies and find their way back to our God's truth about how deeply we are ALL loved.”

Ivy Church Fuse

This past year we were able to build an ‘Ivy Fuse Culture’ that is rooted in Ivy’s Vision and DNA, yet serves the context in which we find ourselves. We saw a few changes within our core team over this last year. However, we are firmly established as a team, and each member is modelling our culture and values and did an amazing job building up teams around them. God has really been at work in and through us, and we continue to meet together as a core team once a month.

From January Ivy Fuse started meeting on a weekly basis; every other week we met for a regular Sunday celebration, and on the alternate weeks we started something called ‘Community Sundays.’ Whilst we had spoken lots about being a missional church, we wanted to model this during our corporate gatherings. During these times, the whole Ivy Fuse community went out into the local community to be a blessing, to meet local need, to pray with people and share the gospel. We experienced favour through these community Sundays and built significant relationships with people from the local community. This resulted in us being involved and invited to community events.

Our Sunday celebrations grew in depth and intimacy in our worship, especially as we seek to give space for the prophetic and for God to speak a ‘now word’ to us. We also gave lots of space for testimony and sharing which was really encouraging for the whole church.

We saw growth in all areas of our community; from new believers, new members, new givers and more team members serving across all our teams. It was really encouraging to see lots of people step into areas of serving and also leadership; we were able to facilitate opportunities for people to really step out and grow in the areas God has called them to.

Our kids serve as part of our teams as well and some of them are leading and serving their peers.

We had lots of people join Grow Groups, and we also started 3 new Ivy Fuse Grow Groups. Two of these groups facilitated Alpha, and at the start of the New Year we are launching another two Alpha courses that will run in people's homes.

Aaron and Louise Leech, who are local to Partington, started a weekly street team. They go out every Friday with Nick Duffy and others to share the gospel in the local community. They recently baptised a local lady who made a commitment through their work.

Ivy Fuse is invited to regular meetings regarding the future development of Partington; a real sign of God's favour on all we have sown into the local community.

Ivy Kids

- Packed out, highly creative and interactive Messy Easter service.
 - Took over 20 children to the Urban Saints weekend away where they enjoyed kayaking, archery, climbing walls and many more adventures! They had a fantastic spiritual program that focused on Jesus as the Living Water.
 - 'The Search' Holiday Club was a roaring success with around 60 children attending. We had over 20 team members from First Woodway Baptist Church. The children enjoyed getting involved in songs, dance, arts, craft, sport and even sliming the team! 7 children responded to the gospel! Many had already made commitments and were encouraged in their faith.
 - Around 70 children attended the Glow Party and many responded to the gospel.
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LAUNCH Conference 2017

"3 years ago at the AGM we made a commitment to help ten thousand new churches around the world and 250 in Europe get planted. How could such a big dream be possible? Well, through LAUNCH we are making an incredible start." - Anthony Delaney (*Strategic Leader*)

'LAUNCH 2017, in partnership with Exponential' was a huge success and the feedback has been incredible:

"We have been deeply impacted. It was a divine appointment. We have really appreciated many things: the organisation, the leadership, the different speakers, the workshops. Many fruits will come in Europe following this." - *Thierry & Sylvie Bonhomme, planting in France*

"So inspiring, spirit filled and continuous message of encouragement to just get on and do it! Already booked and invited others." - *Jonny Gios, planting in Kendal*

"A real game changer! We have been exposed and grown more in these last two days than we might have in general church life over a long period of time. It was so encouraging to be with people that understand the pressures of leading churches and have a passion for Jesus, church and believe for multiplication. To be able to worship God freely, led by such passionately and committed musicians, for the quality of the main stage, the positive language used and the stories of our big God we heard, God is certainly on the move! Now we are back in the field, how do we feel? We believe that this is a reality, its on, all for Jesus."

- John and Jaci Hall, planting in Rhondda Valley, Wales

- 400 church leaders, network leaders and church planters gathered from across Europe (and further) in Victoria Warehouse, Salford Quays in November.
- The incredible line up of speakers included Danielle Strickland, Luis Palau and Jossy Chacko who really challenged and inspired the leaders to launch out into deeper waters, and do what no one else is doing to reach those who no one else is reaching.
- The pre-conference and 12 workshops gave practical support to leaders and encouraged them to think differently as well as giving tools to help make their ideas and hopes reality.
- Emma Jeffery and Anthony Delaney organised and led the event, and the staff team did an incredible job of supporting and making it all happen.

‘LAUNCH 2018: Heromaker’ is booked for November 12-14 and will be at The Edge in Wigan.

- 140 leaders booked in during the first week of ticket sales being open, and we expect up to 800 to attend next year.
- Speakers confirmed already include: Alan & Deb Hirsch (Forge), Pete Greig (24/7 Prayer), Ness Wilson (Open Heaven), Bishop Ric Thorpe (Church of England), Paul Harcourt (New Wine), Andy Hawthorne (The Message) and Lucy Peppiatt (WTC).
- The theme will focus on how we become “HEROMAKERS” – leaders who grow leaders – Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherds and Teachers, and we’ll have 25 seminars that will drill down into each of these callings to grow a multiplying movement across the continent.

Ivy Church Merseybank

Knowing

Sunday afternoons on Merseybank are a great time for many of us to get together as part of the Ivy Church family to worship, share what God is doing in our lives and our community, pray, give and learn together what it is to follow Jesus.

Many friends and neighbours talk enthusiastically about how Merseybank has changed over the last few years. They can see the positive impact and difference God is having through those who are choosing to follow Jesus. These changes really sped up this year.

The longer we live together in community, in our homes, the café and all parts of Merseybank, the more joy and grief we go through together. All this deepens and widens everyone's experience of both our community, our friends, ourselves and our God.

Growing

This year we have seen increasing success for both the very successful youth milkshake Bar on Thursday nights led by Annie and R&R (Religious Rave) music nights for young adults at the café led by Jenny. For many, these nights are an easy, relevant and accessible way into church community. New people can build relationships, ask questions, pray and begin their own faith journey as they find their way back to God.

We are seeing more people, both young and old, getting to know Jesus and make commitments -- with a handful of baptisms waiting to kick off 2018 in the community centre car park! Alpha was great, and we're beginning to see more small groups and the discipling of disciple makers.

We are pushing and believing God for 10% of Merseybank's population finding their way back to God, which we can see happening. We can also see Him spreading and multiplying out to neighbouring estates and across Manchester.

Going

Lots of going for Merseybank this year! We've been wild camping in Snowdonia with Merseybank's young men, had weekends away with Merseybank men, and hosted youth residential. We also went to Big Church Day Out, Spring Harvest, Launch, Higher Tour and other Message events. Each event offered time to get to know each other, Jesus, the community we serve and the wider church better.

We continued to find opportunities to share the good news of Jesus and pray with people on the streets, in the café, community centre, school run and our homes. More friends who are discovering Jesus for themselves are doing the same with family, friends and colleagues.

We were blessed by hosting New Thing Residents, interns, students and visitors from around the world. We inspired and challenged each other to do our best for God with what He's given us and where He has placed us. We will be seeking God to reach more of our neighbours and neighbouring estates in 2018.

Stories

Numbers sometimes don't always do God justice for what he is doing in Merseybank. It's the personal stories that bring to life the power of God in our messy lives. These stories are often hard to share as they're personal and unfinished. For example, a friend we recently made came back to Merseybank after escaping another estate, where he got into trouble. He brought a fair bit of trouble with him, but through meeting at the café and on the streets, people were able to show him a lot of love and care. They also prayed with him and spoke to him about a better way through Jesus. This friend had only been around a few days before being hit by a car on the main road. He broke his neck, ribs, leg and suffered a bleed on the brain. He woke up later that night in hospital to find Annie and Heather praying for him. He was discharged just 10 days later at exactly the same time we'd gone back to see him again.

We've had the privilege of being with neighbours at their highest and lowest points this year – grieving and celebrating together and seeing God move. We loved getting to know Sam and welcoming him into God's family. Sam has lived on the estate most of his life. It was when he came along to help with the youth milkshake bar that he began to pray with us and ask questions. Sam started coming on Sundays and to groups in the week as well. He even shared what he learned at church with friends, family and people he works with. He purposefully delayed making any commitment until he had been through Alpha and had the chance to ask more questions. He ended Alpha and committed to getting baptised in January to kick off 2018!!

Refugees Ministry

Pioneered 'The Well project' in partnership with Caritas. Delivering support and English language education to asylum seekers and refugees in Wythenshawe. Sessions created and delivered by Amani, Abigail and Debs with a team of 10+ volunteers from Ivy all year. Caritas have since appointed two staff members to lead the project. The sessions remain created and delivered by Ivy volunteers, with other churches volunteers coming on board.

Welcomed, disciplined and provided pastoral care for asylum seekers and refugees visiting /joining Ivy Church, including support for asylum applications.

Built and led a team to host the Boaz Night Shelter in partnership with the Message Enterprise Centre. Our team of 24 volunteers provided shelter for 10 destitute women. We ran each Sunday night at the M.E.C., offering a chance for these women to change the trajectory of their lives.

Started the English Language conversation group, led by David King, and five committed wonderful volunteers. A dozen people attended in our first term. From Asia, Africa, Europe and Persia. We have learned, laughed and shared. A recent highlight: we shared the Christmas story through creating a hilarious improvised drama, learned a Christmas carol and had a discussion of the origins of our British Christmas traditions.

Networked with other churches across Greater Manchester to share learning and resources about discipling migrants. Assessed the scope for Ivy Church to reach asylum seekers/refugees in South Manchester. Developed new projects to provide stepping stones for people to find their way back to God.... in 2018!

Ivy Church Sharston

Knowing

Hannah Bettany led Ivy Church Sharston brilliantly over the last year. In June Hannah went on maternity leave, and Lucy Smith has been in post and will be till her return.

The church grew in numbers over the summer from around 70 adults to over 200. The core team was an incredible support during the transition of leadership. A huge thanks to them for their faithfulness in serving the church. Since September, we recruited and supported existing team builders. We now have team builders for every area of ministry, so we have raised up 16 leaders who are committed to growing a vibrant and committed team.

For example, the youth team grew from our faithful two leaders to seven people. They are running a youth Alpha, which will commence in January. We are holding a baptism service after the course, by which we hope many will take part.

The number of children coming to Sharston increased in 2017. We've gone from two groups to three, with the hope of providing four groups next year. We went from one Sharston worship leader to four. This is great to instill a strong worship culture at Sharston.

We instigated 'IVY Heroes', which is a way to celebrate and honour those who serve in our church. It's great to celebrate the culture of being on team, and showcasing how people can get involved in being a part of the family.

Growing

From September we ran an Alpha course with The Oaks. It was a great time, and all seven people who attended the course made a commitment to follow Jesus! We also had people make commitments in our church services on Sunday, and they were connected with a Grow Group to continue growing in their faith. One such person, who was not from a church background, came to church through friends who attend Ivy. She made a commitment for herself after attending for three weeks!

In the first four months of 2018 we are hosting two Alpha courses and two baptism services—to make room for all those who are finding their way back to God!

Going

We were so excited to partner with The Oaks, and Sharston raised an amazing £1,508 to send them on mission to Uganda.

We supported a new charity that came out of our congregation called the Embassy Bus. This ministry helps homeless people get into the system of care that is available in Manchester. We are hoping that in the New Year we will be able to help with volunteers for this ministry too.

We continued to support The Riches family while they're out in Swaziland doing mission for a year.

We are also looking to do more outreach next year, especially building on the work we have already done with refugees and asylum seekers.

IVY Sport

Knowing

Creating opportunities of connection for those who don't know Jesus with those who do!

- IVY Vision Night: Dreamed Big / Vision Casted, shared Ivy Sport DNA ‘Born to Play. Created to Worship’, explained sport is a way we can introduce people to Jesus
- IVY Sport Stories: Real Life Sports Ministry. Hearing what God is doing in the lives of Ivy Church Members through sport, 5 Different stories throughout the year 2017 were published
- Pray. Play. Say: Adopted a Pray, Play, Say model...Pray for our team mates, Play in a way that honours & represents God, Say & speak in ways that echo Jesus

Growing

- Taking steps of faith to grow opportunities, leaders & participation
- Core Team: developed a team of support & assistance
- Engaging weekly with 20+ men through Ivy Cosmos FC, 25% non-Christian / un-churched
- Represented & provided opportunity to engage with 10+ sports throughout 2017
- Built & gathered resource for Sport Alpha – hoping to launch a 2018/19 course
- Expanding the team: opportunity for a new Ivy Sport Team Player to join in 2018
- Developed relationships with unofficial partners (Sports Chaplaincy / Christians in Sport / Ambassadors in Football / Open Arms Int.

Going

- Using SPORT as the platform to ‘Help People Find Their Way Back to God’.
- Resourced / Assisted/ Permissioned individuals to use their passion & gift of sport to build community & share Jesus
- Park Play: Free sport & activities provided in local parks throughout Summer ‘17
- Assisting IK Summer Club: provided sport provision
- 5+ regular sporting activities happening weekly
- 5+ specifically invitational events

Key Facts & Figures

- Engaged with 500+ individuals
- 1 Sports Quiz
- 2 Golf Days
- 15 CORE Women exercise Classes delivered
- 1 Running Event
- 1 ‘Evening With’ Event
- 5 Sport Stories published
- 10+ weekly sports & activities available

Testimony

“I believe sport to be such a powerful tool in being able to introduce people to Jesus & church; building relationship & community with others. Throughout the many different sporting opportunities in 2017 Ivy Sport delivered weekly basketball sessions. It was through this session that one individual was introduced to Jesus!!

Building friendship & community, the opportunity came for an invitation & whilst continuing to regularly access the basketball sessions – Church started to feature as another regular weekly event.

In the summer 2017 a commitment was made: another ONE for Jesus!! I believe sport played an integral role in the journey of this individual finding salvation. Those who know & love Jesus – were His hands & feet in the context of sport!”

Westminster Theological Centre (WTC)

The Westminster Theological Centre Hub in Manchester continued to meet on Monday nights at the Message Trust in Sharston and went from strength to strength. For the courses started in Sept 2017 there are:

- 35 students - 15 are new to WTC and 13 are from Ivy
- 4 courses in Kingdom Theology - CertHE, BA, Grad Dip, MA (from 2 to 6 years long)
- Students in every year group across all courses
- 6 essays a year each - that's 210 essays or over 400,000 words
- Students from many backgrounds, working in businesses, churches, missions and social action organisations

Most importantly, students are:

- Knowing: growing in their understanding and love of God and deepening their faith
- Growing: together as a worshipping, learning community
- Going: into their life, work or mission transformed by what they have learned

We are open for applications for Sept 2018 now! <https://wtctheology.org.uk/courses>

Ivy Youth

- We launched a new way of doing Youth on a Monday night which includes eating together every week!
- We have linked with Merseybank's youth work doing two outreach nights a week and saw some of the young people from that estate come to our Monday nights.
- Trip to Soul Survivor is always a highlight - took 40 young people to meet with God at the youth summer festival.
- Higher - we were in two high schools and took two coaches of young people to the Higher Evangelistic Night.
- Launched Ivy Youth at Didsbury and continued to build our Sunday Youth at Fuse and Sharston.
- Added Luke Anthony as our new Assistant Youth Team Leader.
- At least 17 young people became Christians in the last year.