

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing on behalf of the University of Birmingham Christian Union to inform you about our upcoming Events Week, which is taking place on the 3rd – 7th February 2020, of which prayer would be greatly appreciated! As a Christian Union our big vision is to give every student at the University of Birmingham the chance to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ. One of the ways we reach out to people on our campus is through our Events Week. In many ways Events Week is the climax of our evangelism through the year! We raise a marquee right in the middle of our campus and run all sorts of events and talks that point people to Jesus. There are dozens of chances to hear about Christ in the week and we have seen so much fruit from what has been done before. Last year we even saw half a dozen people become Christians within the week.

Each year we direct our events with a theme. This year's events week is KNOWN. The bible verse which inspired the theme was 1 Corinthians 13:12: 'For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.' We're excited to share with our campus the good news that God has made himself known to us through Jesus and that we can have a personal relationship with God, who knows everything about us!



Last year's lunchtime events at Events Week.

A typical day during events week will look like this. The morning will start off with a time for prayer and devotion, equipping us to go out and share the good news. Then there will be a time for flyer-ing – which is a way of inviting students to the events who don't have a friend in the Christian Union. A café will be set up inside the marquee creating a welcoming environment; members of the CU will serve drinks and cake and it will be a great opportunity for fruitful conversations. Next come the lunch-bars, a series of lunchtime apologetics talks covering topics such as 'Can Science explain everything?' and 'Can we ever hope to know spiritual truth?'. These talks are designed to help remove barriers that people may have that stop them hearing the Gospel, and leave them wanting more. Then, everyday there will be an evangelistic talk for international students.

The day will then conclude with a dinner, entertainment and a Gospel presentation relating to the theme of the week. Some of the talk topics are: 'The God Who Makes Himself Known' and 'The God Who Knows you'. We're really looking forward to sharing God's word with our campus and our prayer is that God's glory would be displayed, and he would draw people to him. After the week there will be a chance for new Christians, or those interested in knowing more, to attend follow up events with more talks and discussions.

To put on the best possible Events week we rely heavily on the generosity of our members, friends and churches we know. This year we would like to raise £20,000. This £20,000 covers costs such as the marquee, heating, food and technical equipment, so please be prayerfully considering whether you would like to give money. If you wish to give to the Events Week, we have set up a fundraising page online at the link:

<https://wonderful.org/fundraiser/universityofbirminghamcuknowneventsweekinfebruary-9c73df42>

Alternatively, we accept cheques, so please make a cheque payable to "The Guild of Students" and write the University of Birmingham Christian Union on the back. You can then give this cheque to a member of your church that is in the Christian Union, or you can send it to our Treasurer, Joshua Minton at:

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Selly Oak,
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But most importantly we would greatly appreciate your prayers in the run up to the event. Here are a few things that you can be praying for us:

- Pray for the events week team, that the planning of the events would go well and that we would do everything to glorify God, not ourselves.
- Pray for the members of the CU, that we would have courage to invite our friends along to events and be good witnesses to them.
- Pray for the logistics of the week, that everything would run smoothly. And that God would provide the finances and everything we need for the week.
- Pray that we would not rely on our own efforts, but fully trust in God.
- Pray for the non-believers attending the events, pray that God would work in their lives and change their hearts and that they may give their lives to Him!

Thank you so much for your prayers and support! It's great to know that we can't do this in our own strength, but with God's help. I'd love to update you with another prayer letter nearer the time of the event with more specifics! Please email me at

josephsamuelmarsh@gmail.com if you would like to know more.

God bless,

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On behalf of the University of Birmingham Christian Union

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Last year's Evening Events