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Refusing to be confined by gender or genre, **Witch Fever** have always defied expectations as individuals in society. Now, they’re defying expectations as a band. Their debut album ***Congregation* is** the sound of punk without boundaries of any kind, and with it they are ushering in a new era of heavy music that’s accessible, confrontational and, most importantly of all, a huge pressure release.

Lyrically, *Congregation* draws largely on Walpole’s experience of growing up in a Charismatic Church – a form of Christianity that emphasises the work of the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, and modern-day miracles. She left the church when she was 16, and her parents followed suit two years later. Guitarist Alisha Yarwood also grew up in a church, though not to the same extent as Walpole, and all members agree that the themes of the album – control, abuse of power and patriarchal violence – resonate beyond a religious framework.

**Listen to *Congregation*** [**HERE**](https://witchfever.lnk.to/Congregation)

While the subject matter of their songs is often heavy, Witch Fever’s attitude certainly isn't. Their videos have always been vivid and playful, showing the band having as much of a laugh on set as they do at their shows or in the studio, plus a wardrobe that’s very London Fashion Week meets Berlin club night.

“We always try to have a sense of humour in everything that we do,” says Thompson. “As heavy as everything is, we all love what we do, and the essence is positive and productive.”

Since their formation in 2017, meeting through Manchester’s close-knit alternative music scene, Witch Fever – Amy Walpole (vocals), Alex Thompson (bass), Alisha Yarwood (guitar) and Annabelle Joyce (drums) – have spent six years making gains within an industry that still skews overwhelmingly male when it comes to punk. Their raucous on stage presence, followed by last year’s *Reincarnate* EP has seen their sound develop in intensity as well as scope.

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**CATCH WITCH FEVER LIVE AT THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

8-Jul-23 Cheltenham 2000 Trees Festival

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16-Aug-23 Milton Keynes The Craufurd Arms

17-Aug-23 Ramsgate Music Hall

18-Aug-23 Colchester Three Wise Monkeys

19-Aug-23 Derby Dubrek Studios

30-Aug-23 Newport Le Pub

31-Aug-23 Reading The Facebar

1-Sep-23 Bridgwater  The Cobblestones

2-Sep-23 Brighton Bad Pond Festival

6-Sep-23 Darlington The Forum Music Centre

7-Sep-23 Edinburgh Sneaky Pete's

8-Sep-23 Darwen Sunbird Records

9-Sep-23 Leicester The Soundhouse

13-Sep-23 Huddersfield The Parish

**Supporting Hot Milk**

18-Nov-23 Glasgow SWG3 Warehouse

19-Nov-23 Nottingham Rescue Rooms

21-Nov-23 Bristol The Trinity Centre

22-Nov-23 London O2 Forum Kentish Town

24-Nov-23 Birmingham O2 Institute 2

25-Nov-23 Manchester Manchester Academy

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