

A word from Alison Hughes - South Lakes Chair

“My people, listen to my teaching. Listen to what I say. I will speak using stories. I will tell things that have been secret since long ago. We have heard them and know them. Our fathers told them to us. We will not keep them from our children. We will tell those who come later about the praises of the Lord. We will tell about his power and the miracles he has done.” Psalm 78 v 1-4 (ICB)

We often wonder what our next generation will be like, perhaps as we get older we grow more sceptical about the state of society. But since the fall of man in Genesis 3, society has always had one problem, that of our own sin and need for salvation. I thank God that so many are concerned about telling the next generation the gospel and am thankful that NISCU is playing a wonderful part in this, serving churches by taking the gospel into schools. This last term has seen so many open doors in many schools. There is so much scope to expand our work. We are so encouraged. Pray that God would provide for us as we seek to do this.

Vacancy - Christian Schools worker (South Lakes)

If you know anyone who may be interested in working for NISCU, please would you direct them to the following advert, the full details of which can be found on the NISCU website at niscu.org.uk.

Vacancy – Christian Schools Worker
Start Date: Monday 24th April
16 hours per week

The work will involve working across the whole South Lakes area, but ideally based in or around Sedbergh. Primarily the role will be supporting Secondary schools and local feeder Primary schools through curriculum programmes, assemblies, clubs, discipleship groups and other activities. Closing date for applications Friday 24th February. Interviews to be held on Thursday 16th March.

Katy's Update - giving time and gifts:

I thank you for your ongoing faithful prayer support, the teams of volunteers leading clubs and supporting ventures like the puppet shows, and the generous financial support we receive which altogether enables us to share the gospel with children and young people in our schools. In an ever changing world, we can count on God's gift of His son, and for our ever present “Wonderful counsellor, Mighty God, everlasting Father” Isaiah 9:6. I am reminded that there is no mountain too high to climb with Christ at our side, whatever challenges we may face. God is answering so many prayers. On her last visit to QES CU, Sue Yardy, Craven schools worker, reminded us that we can count on God alone as constant and unchanging. I love serving God being part of the growing team in God's big plan in our schools, giving our time and gifts, which after all, have come from the Father.

Update from Diana:

It is wonderful to see how God brings people together with many different gifts and uses them to complement each other to do His work. I saw this in action when we put the puppet teams together for the Christmas Roadshow and was really blessed by these special people who came together as volunteers/team to take the Christmas Story to children in 16 schools. There are those who have creative skills to make costumes and backdrops or write imaginative scripts, those who can bring the puppets alive (not me) and those who are narrators, organisers and all rounders, all committed to taking the Gospel message in to schools in a creative way. Katy and I really appreciate this support without which we would be very limited in what we could do.

The children we come into contact with in schools are ‘gifts from God.’ When I teach them in Jam Club how special they are to God and how much He loves them, some children are amazed by this. “We’re the most important in the Kingdom?” “What! We’re all really special?” It is such a privilege and a great responsibility to teach these children about Jesus and the Bible and I am very thankful for the gifts that God has given me to enable me to do this.

A big thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Jenny Gardner for her service & commitment as secretary on the NISCU committee. Due to other commitments Jenny has resigned her post. We are looking for a new secretary - do you know someone with a heart for schools work & the time & skills to come on board the NISCU South Lakes committee? Please contact Alison Hughes.

Update from Esther:

It really is such a privilege to be able to go into both schools in and around Kendal, and to be able to connect with students. I particularly enjoyed being a puppeteer in the Christmas Puppet Roadshow in December, as we were able to access many primary schools in such a short space of time. I'm excited to see what God has planned for the new lunch club that I have set up at St Thomas', and I pray that more volunteers would join in & be able to help these children on their journey.

Club prayers

QKS, Dallam & QES CU's - Pray that God will draw together a core group of students desiring to go deeper in their faith & motivated to reach out to their peers.

Vicarage Park Quest Club - Pray that the Christian message will be received well by the 20+ children.

Burton Morewood Club - Pray that the children who attended last term would continue coming and hearing about Jesus from John's gospel.

St Thomas' JAM Club - Pray for more Christians to come on board, and that the club is received well and will draw together a core group of students.

St Patrick's Club - Pray for more Christians to come on board and actively support this club.

St Maru's CU - Pray for the Ecumenical team as they continue to lead St Mary's Club.

Dates for your diaries:

Prayer breakfast - Sedbergh Methodist Church from 8.30 - 9.30am, first Saturday of the month. Bacon butties included. Contact Sandy & Beth Roy - 015396 20785

Kendal prayer group - 9 Weaver's Court, Queen Katherine Street, Kendal. First Wednesday of the month, term time only from 10 - 11am. Contact Katy Hall - 07910 329473

NISCU Prayer Week - Nick would like to invite you to join him in a week of prayer for all things NISCU 27th February to 5th March. We will be sending out more details to you via the Miracle Monday and Supporters mailing lists.

AGM celebration evening - Wednesday 21st June, time & place to be confirmed.

Encouragement Evening - St Mark's CofE School, Natland, LA9 7QH.

Meal, worship, an encouraging Bible thought & prayer. Christian staff and volunteers in schools all welcome. Tuesday 28th March, 6pm for 6.30pm meal - book your place now! Contact Katy or Diana to book a place.

Miracle Monday - Sign up to weekly emails from NISCU South lakes' virtual prayer group. Email Katy.

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