



But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. Psalm 92:12-13

## All Grown Up!

Entering the summer term is a time of looking forward to long sunny days, to the excitement of upcoming events and also further into the future - what will happen next. It's also a time to look back at where we've come during the past months or year. We've seen young people in clubs and lessons grow in knowledge and understanding of God and answered many questions that they have about faith. We too have grown,



helped by the fact that we get to flourish in God's house! Here are a few examples of how we've grown and seen growth.

### All Blown Up



Recently I discovered an inflatable dolphin at the bottom of a box in the office (porpoise unknown). On one side is printed this warning: Only to be used in water in which the child is within its depth and under supervision. This got me thinking how God often puts us in places where we feel 'out of our depth'. God doesn't work under our 'safety first' guidelines, and when we consider the story of Jesus sending out his disciples, he was quite happy to let them get on with the job of telling the world about God without him watching over them. However, this doesn't mean he leaves us unsupervised. After the Great Commission, Jesus tells the disciples, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." This year I have discovered more of the truth that wherever we go, God goes with us, giving us the boldness to speak out, the wisdom to know what to say, and the craziness to crack eggs on unsuspecting heads (empty eggs, I will add) as I did in an assembly in Morecambe High School just after Easter.

Jonny

### Overflowing Growing!

Prayer doesn't just open doors, it opens whole new areas. Just over a year ago at a Prayer meeting at Garstang Free Methodist God put it on our hearts to consider growing beyond our original boundaries. I have since had many pleasant cuppas with enthusiastic vicars and welcoming head teachers. Growth is happening steadily - I took the Easter story to most classes at Garstang Community Primary and enjoyed teaching every class and taking assemblies at St Michael's-on-Wyre, Pilling and Winmarleigh. The work at the community school brought a lump to my throat as one girl read out her diary piece describing John's feelings in Holy Week. Please pray that our growth is Spirit-led and for His glory.

Debbie

## Regular CUs

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| Mon  | Skerton (Diana)<br>Wray (Margaret)<br>Scotforth (Catherine, Jo, Donna, Lauren)<br>Torrisholme (Hannah)<br>Quernmore (Ali & Catie)<br>Halton (Amy, Paula, Rachel)<br>LRGS (Jonny & Stuart)<br>St Tees Pre-School (Lauren & Jessica)<br>Caton Community KS1 (Suzanne & Sarah) |
| Tues | LGGS (Lauren, Lou & Rachel)<br>Hornby (Jane)<br>West End (Ruth)<br>Grosvenor Park (Diana & John)  |
| Wed  | Lancaster Rd (Diana & Karen)<br>Christ Church L/C (Lauren & Sallie)   |
| Thu  | Caton Community (Suzanne & Julie)<br>Dallas Rd (Lauren, Mary & Annabelle)<br>Ripley (Sam & Jonny)<br>Ridge (LBC & Diana)<br>Central Y8-9 (Jonny & Renata)   |
| Fri  | Trumacar (Diana & Rebecca)<br>Central Y7 (Jonny, Rachel & Leah)<br>Caton St Paul's (Julie)  |



## Prayer this Term

Fri 9th June 11am  
Fri 7th July 11am  
Inglewood, Aldcliffe, LA1 5AR

Mon 8th May 10am  
6 Draycombe Drive, Morecambe,  
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Everyone Welcome

## Encouragement Evening

for all those working and volunteering in schools.

Monday 5th June 6.30pm  
St John's Church Hall,  
Pilling

Please book your place with the NISCU team.

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# Encouragement Evening Lift

The encouragement evenings are really important they lift and encourage me knowing I have support and prayers over what has been a difficult year. One evening came after a particularly difficult few weeks and the following day I felt lifted up and supported, I felt an extra strength and this has helped me through the following weeks. I would feel a loss if these evenings were not available. They always give me a real lift spiritually and emotionally. I really feel it is so important to meet and pray for each other. May God bless you all for supporting Christians in schools and bringing the Bible message to children. (Jo, a teacher)

## Outgrown

The team is growing, which is wonderful. Lou Mosey and Sarah Dodd, Diana, Jonny and myself and this year interns too! We love our networking at our St Tees office but with their needs and their building work in the future, we are starting to look for a new home for our desks, lessons plans and huge Bible, huge egg, huge candle, huge phone. Please get in touch with ideas.

## Thank you

- you met the challenge and very quickly sent in enough money for every one of the 300 classes to have a "Diary of a Disciple" as a reward for taking part in the Bishop's Bible Challenge. Please pray for Cumbria as they begin the challenge in September.

## Walk Through Easter

Over 400 children from Willow Lane, Dallas Rd, Moorside, Trumacar, Scotforth, Christ Church Carnforth and Our Lady of Lourdes came to Walk through Easter in their local churches (Priory, St Tees, St Pauls, HFM and Carnforth Congregational). Six interactive stations from the Last Supper to the Emmaus Rd and a wonderful NISCU team as well as volunteers from churches too. Here's one story from Lou Mosey after this wonderful opportunity...

"Some people hit Him, some people bullied Him, some people spat on Him...." at this point the children audibly gasped, "Did that really happen?" asked a child in my group. I was leading a group of 8 children from Willow Lane through our Walk Through Easter at Lancaster Priory. We had walked through: The Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, The Trial and reached The Cross. "Yes", I replied, "The Bible says that Jesus was treated badly and was hurt and yet....." at this point I took the speech bubble that read, "Father forgive them" and nailed it to the cross....."he forgave those who hurt him." The children's expressions were a mixture of wonder, confusion and disbelief, something was sinking in about this incredible moment in history and this incredible demonstration of love.

## How have the Interns Grown?

What a blessing it is to be able to share the Gospel with so many wonderful children in so many ways. A particular highlight was after a session teaching the little ones at the Pre-School Jam Club. They learnt that Jesus loves them no matter what and a little boy the next day, during snack time turned around to Jessica and said, "Jesus loves me right now, doesn't he...?" So, I think we've learnt that it's never too young to sow the seeds.

Lauren has been working in the Lancaster area: Dallas Rd, Christ Church Lancaster, Scotforth, LGGS and the new Pre-School Jam club at St Thomas's.



I joined NISCU for the intern year handing it all over to God for Him to work through me. That is exactly what He did. I have been challenged to be flexible and to not worry about sticking to a routine; I have learnt to let my creativity flow and use it to bring God's word to children; I have been challenged to work through cold after cold as my immune system grew accustomed to schools in the UK. And most of all I have learnt to allow myself time to sit at my Heavenly Father's feet and just listen. What an amazing year! I can't wait to see what God has in store for me to grow into next.

Rachel has been working in the Carnforth area: Christ Church Carnforth, Warton, Bolton le Sands, Halton as well as helping at LGGS & Central.



## MIRACLE MONDAYS

Sign up for your weekly term time emails. Please email Jonny to add your name to our growing list.  
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## Growing Up

Please pray that as children grow up and move on to high schools they find encouragement and keep connected with NISCU.