

SUMMER 2018

“Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear” Hosea 6:3.

ARE YOU ON BOARD?

You are invited to our AGM - Tuesday 17th July at STK, Kendal. Please join with us as . . .

We will be celebrating and sharing where God has led the team this year, saying thank you and farewell to Sue and Ben before they set off on new missions, and welcoming on board our new support committee members. We press on in the schools work, knowing:

- 230 Secondary students in 3 schools brought their one Big Question for God this Easter, so we could share the gospel.
- More Primary and Secondary schools are asking for more regular collective worship with a Christian perspective.

Thank you for coming on board!

Blessings from Katy

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An update from Bee

I've really enjoyed my first two terms with NISCU and in the schools, it's such a privilege to do this work and be part of a fantastic supportive team.

It has been wonderful getting to know Sedbergh better through prayer breakfasts, church leader meetings, speaking at People's Hall, and our weekly lunch club at Settlebeck school. It is encouraging to see this club grow with several young people returning each week, and new people dropping in.

In Kirkby Lonsdale I have been working on a rota with Ben and Sue to lead QES lunch club, with support from Dan Huddleston. This club is continuing well with great consistent numbers each week, and we have a good rapport with the young people. We are exploring themes of grace, humility, anxiety, the power of prayer, and forgiveness. At St Mary's Quest Club Sue and I are co-leading with support from Lol Wood. The group has recently changed to a dozen Year 2s and we are exploring stories from the Old testament. We have been very pleased with the high numbers even on sunny days!

Thanks for your support and prayers,

Beverley

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Message from the South Lakes Support Group

The NISCU South Lakes committee has recently changed its name to the South Lakes NISCU support group because this is what we want to do support and encourage the NISCU workers in their wonderful role of taking the gospel into schools. We hope to take on more of the administrative tasks the workers currently do, to allow them more time in schools with children and young people. Thank God that we have two new members being elected at the AGM in July. Please pray for more people to come forward and help us in this vital role. Alison Hughes

Keeping the connection

Last term was extremely busy connecting schools and churches with our 'Walk Through Easter' and 'The Easter Experience' led by The Parish Church. Stramongate visited St George's Church and Heron Hill visited The Parish Church to hear the Easter Story and take part in different activities at set points of the story. We also connected with Vicarage Park School and supported The Parish Church's Easter Experience which was set up in school.

This term we are focusing on Year 6 and will be taking our transition lesson in to primary schools to support the children as they move to Secondary School. Many of these children have had a connection with NISCU in their schools for many years and we hope to reconnect with them when they start in year 7 by having 'Drop In' clubs set up at lunchtimes which they can visit, Assemblies and possibly some lessons.

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NISCU SOUTH LAKES SUPPORT GROUP

Chair: Alison Hughes – avh.dev@gmail.com Pete Barfoot and Chris Norris

Schools in Kirkby Lonsdale

The work in Kirkby Lonsdale continues to be going well. At St Mary's Year 2 children have started to attend the lunchtime club and so numbers have increased, along with the excitement! Bev and I share the work and Lol (Laura Wood) supports us each week. At QES we have been looking at life issues and linking Bible verses with them. We now have a rota in place for who is attending and leading these sessions, they are split between Bev, Ben and myself.

Sadly this is the last newsletter piece I will be writing for the South Lakes Newsletter as I move to the Isle of Man in August as Bryan my husband (a Methodist Minister) has been stationed at Ramsey and surrounding area from September. At the time of writing this I have no idea what I will be doing but I am sure God has a plan.

Thank you for all your prayer support for the work of NISCU. I will keep in touch!

God Bless

Sue

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South Lakes Secondary Work

Hi everyone!

What has been going on in the secondary school's work? Well before the Easter holidays we were blessed to run our Easter Egg-stravaganza at Dallam, KKS, and QKS. This was an incredibly encouraging time of seeing young people come and want to explore the big questions of faith. On the back of the Egg-stravaganza we have been exploring these big questions in our weekly lunchtime clubs, particularly at KKS. We were also able to launch these 'Big question clubs' with assemblies to the year 7's at KKS and year 8,9, and 10 at Dallam. It's also been thrilling to be involved with QES club, serving alongside Sue and Bev, seeing the passion of the young people who come along to discover more about who Jesus is. As we enter this final stretch before the summer, I would appreciate your prayers for it not to be a term of sitting off or going easy but a term of going strong till the end and finishing well.

God Bless. Ben

Charlie's update from Furness . . .

After a whirlwind Easter term this half term we have been preparing ourselves for transition, which starts right after half term. It has been great networking with other Christian youth and children's workers across the area and preparing a programme for our primary and secondary schools.

We have also been working with our peer - mentoring scheme in John Ruskin School, which most recently saw the mentors and mentees pitching ideas that would have a positive impact on the school in a Dragons Den style pitch to their head teacher and deputy head teacher. In the end two ideas were picked and in our next session we will be looking at implementing these ideas. Please pray for us, and all those involved in the transition work as we continue to organise and deliver these lessons across the schools in our area. Charlie

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Flight NISCU18

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Tuesday 17th July

7 – 9pm

STK, St Thomas' Church, Stricklandgate, Kendal,

LA9 4QG

Sedbergh Prayer Breakfast

First Saturday of the month

8:30am for tea and toast

Kendal Prayer Group

First Wednesday of the month -10am

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