

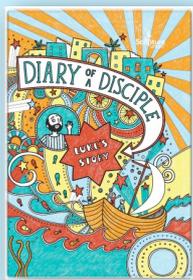


**BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. EPH 6:10**

# FACING NEW CHALLENGES

For Christmas I got a shiny new pair of crampons. This of course means I am now desperate for it to snow so I can test them out, but in the mean time I am content to think up all the possible analogies for which I could use them. Primarily this seems to lead to trusting God not to let me slip even in potentially dangerous situations. At NISCU we're always up for a challenge, although we're well aware of the need for God to help us, as well as the support of friends and volunteers. In this new year we're thinking of all the challenges we're facing and praying for God's powerful hand to help us!

Jonny



**"Diary of a Disciple"** [by Scripture Union] is like the postcards I send to my grandchildren, only better. The quirky illustrations help you into the text of Luke's Gospel and then you are hooked. It's clever and playful at the same time.



The **Bishop's Bible Challenge** is another way into Luke's Gospel only instead of quirky illustrations we are offering stickers. Each challenge to find something new in the gospel is rewarded with a sticker. I'm grateful to Debbie Green in bringing her creative gifts to making this challenge accessible to boys and girls. Most children are now halfway through the challenge.



Bishop Geoff Pearson (Bishop of Lancaster)

Your Challenge: To help us find £1,000 so that each class taking part in the Bishop's Bible Challenge can have a Diary of a Disciple.

8,000 children doing Bishop's Challenge = 300 classes = 300 copies

Please send any donations to Carnforth Office (see back for address) marked "Diary of a Disciple". £10 buys 3 books!\*

\*We are thankful to S.U. and to Rob Steward for their discounts and a number of free copies!

## MIRACLE MONDAYS

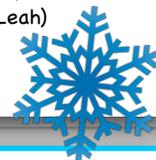
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## REGULAR CUS

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| Mon  | Skerton (Diana & Trev)<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><b>St Tees Pre-School (Lauren &amp; Jessica)</b> |
| Tues | LGGS (Lauren, Lou & Rachel)<br>Hornby (Jane)<br>West End (Ruth)<br>Grosvenor Park (Diana, Trev & John)<br><b>Central Y7 (Jonny &amp; Renata)</b>   |
| Wed  | Lancaster Rd (Diana, Trev & Karen)<br>Christ Church L/C (Lauren & Sallie)  |
| Thu  | Caton Community (Suzanne, Julie, Sarah)<br>Dallas Rd (Lauren, Mary & Annabelle)<br>Ripley (Sam & Jonny)<br>Ridge (LBC & Diana)   |
| Fri  | Trumacar (Diana & Rebecca)<br>Central (Jonny, Rachel & Leah)<br>Caton St Paul's (Julie)  |

Those in bold are new!



## PRAYER THIS TERM

Fri 3rd Feb 11am  
Fri 3rd March 11am  
Inglewood, Aldcliffe, LA1 5AR

Mon 20th Feb 10am  
6 Draycombe Drive, Morecambe,  
LA3 1LN

Everyone Welcome

Next **Capernwray Encouragement Evening** for all those working and volunteering in schools.

**Wednesday 8th March 6.30pm**  
Please book your place with the NISCU team.

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North Lancs written onto back of cheque)



## PRE-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

How young is too young? When St Thomas' Pre-School manager Jessica Fitton asked us if Jam clubs could run for little children we said "Why not!" Our intern Lauren and Jessica will start their first club on Monday 30th Jan with at least 5 precious little ones. Praise God for this new opportunity to build Jesus-foundations in children's lives.

## CLUB CHALLENGES

Lunchtime and after school clubs are an excellent way of helping children learn more about Christianity, Jesus and the Bible in a more informal setting but they are not without their challenges. Finding someone within the school, a teacher, TA or parent to lead the club and volunteers to help is the first and then encouraging the children to join.

If the children are only going to come to the club for a term, the next challenge is what to teach them. I always feel it has to be about Jesus! Keeping the sessions fast paced and fun is also a challenge and keeping ideas fresh and relevant. It could be so easy to get in to a routine when covering the same material time and time again.

Which school is next for a new club? Please pray that God will guide us and open new doors for clubs. Could you help with any of these challenges?

Diana



## PRAYER CHALLENGE

As we continue to rely on God for his guidance Nick Klein (CeO) is running a Prayer Week from **27th February until 5th March** as an opportunity to pray for the wider work of NISCU. Please email our Central office [leah.ward@niscu.org.uk](mailto:leah.ward@niscu.org.uk) to hear more about this important challenge.

Follow this link for an excellent NEW 3 minute video to update you on NISCU NL's news...

<https://youtu.be/Wgy7WSKxo1k>

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NEW  
YEAR  
FROM  
NISCU North Lancs



## EXPANSION CHALLENGE

NISCU North Lancs is expanding further south to the area around Garstang. Jonny and I have met a number of the church leaders in the area and whilst making connections with primary schools we are also praying for a way to serve the high school. I've already had two great days at St Michaels-on-Wyre and Pilling teaching every class and taking part in assemblies. There were precious moments: the teacher who said she had been reminded to pray and not worry and the child who came after a lesson to say she would like to be baptised.

**EASTER CHALLENGE:** With a number of Easter lessons tried and tested, the usual expectation of a roadshow assembly and with new ideas bubbling to bring schools into churches for an interactive "Walk Through Easter", pray that we'll hear God's voice and know what to prioritise. So many possibilities. Pray that we can build on links made by our interns between churches and schools as we meet the challenge for sharing the amazing news that God's Son died and rose again to bring us new life.

Not forgetting our two day "Creme Egg Quest" with opportunity for LGGS girls to chat with Bishop Geoff, the NISCU team and many other local church leaders as they ask their questions about God in "eggs-change" for a creme egg. A very popular event!

Debbie

Working in the Lancaster area volunteering at Dallas Rd, Bowerham, Scotforth, Christ Church and LGGS.



LAUREN

Heysham area volunteering at Heysham High, Trumacar, St Peters & Overton (+ extra clubs).



TREV

Carnforth area volunteering at Christ Church, Bolton-le-Sands, Warton, Halton (+ extra clubs)



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