



# Exciting times

## Prayer Meetings

**20 Nov, 18 Dec, 15 Jan, 19 Feb, 19 Mar**

*Usually 3rd Monday each month*

7.30 -8.30 pm at St Peter's Church,  
Kingstown Road, Carlisle, CA3 0BB

**Note** 18 Dec is a "Christmas Special"  
Led by the schools worker team.  
Followed by seasonal refreshments

**All Welcome**

## Diary Dates for 2018

### Commissioning of our new workers

Sunday 14th January  
2 opportunities to be part of this  
11.00 am St John's Houghton  
4.00 pm Wigton Methodist church

### Church Leaders Lunch

Monday 22nd January

### Teachers' Supper

Thursday 8th February

***More details available soon!***

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# See, I am doing a new thing. Isaiah 43:19

*Rachel Gleave*



There is one word I have found myself using a great deal over the past month or so whenever I have been asked about the work of NISCU. That word is (drum roll please.....) **EXCITING!**

Back in September, after the interviews for new colleagues I was filled with a real sense of excitement, not just about the 2 people that were appointed on that day, but was also strongly reminded of Isaiah 43:19

*“See I am doing a new thing, now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wastelands?”*

New things can be a little bit daunting but also quite an adventure waiting to see where God is leading and new streams of work are going to form. It is so exciting to have Hayley joining us who is based in the Wigton area but also working in Carlisle, and Trudi joining us to be focusing on the Caldew catchment area and Carlisle as well. I am genuinely so excited to see how God is going to use them both in their new roles but also to see the new opportunities, the new church partnerships and the many young people I know He already has lined up for them.

But, new staff has also meant a new role has developed for me as well. Part of my week is now spent in more of an area manager role – looking after / training / supporting the new staff but also building up and supporting church links and school links across the whole area. Although ‘new’ can feel a little bit daunting, it isn’t us as schools’ workers that are forging a way in the wilderness but it is God himself who is making a way for new streams and opportunities to flow. How exciting is that!

Although it may feel at the moment like a lot of (exciting) change, it is also hugely comforting to know that some things never change. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever!* The Christian message of Good News and hope for everyone through faith in Jesus is unchanged. Even though God is doing a new thing, with new people in new schools, the message is exactly the same as it has been for about 2000 years – Jesus saves! Yesterday, today and forever.

# A great start to the term!

*Ruth Evans*



What an exciting start to this term! Some well-established contacts have been kept up, and seeing the delight on the faces of children and staff was a real encouragement. The arrival of Hayley and Trudi as new colleagues is already proving a joy and working together looking at all the schools we can be involved in is thrilling.

Caldew School had a tricky start to the year with the lunch club having to totally restart. The Deputy Head has been very supportive and, after a somewhat surprising introduction, the club now has a regular group of 9 year 11 girls coming. A year 7 assembly has also been done and the head of year was also supportive of advertising the club in the assembly.

I will be working closely with Trudi over the next term introducing her to current school contacts and encouraging her as she continues the work with Trinity and Caldew and their feeder primary schools. I am continuing to do some North Cumbria work, but with Trudi and Hayley now on board, this will be decreasing. I love the team though, working with Rachel has been a real encouragement!

# Joining the team

*Hayley Wisbey*



Greetings I'm Hayley and I am excited to be joining the North Cumbria team of NISCU.

I will be involved with Richard Rose Morton Academy and developing the Wigton area and am eager to get going.

My family and I moved to Wigton 5 years ago now and Wigton has felt like home almost from the start so I am especially excited to be working locally with young people I see around me on a daily/weekly basis.

I attend Wigton Methodist church and have spent some time volunteering with various activities including Messy church and a Kidz club aimed at junior school age children. These, I believe, have helped prepare me for this role and have shown me that anything can be done when walking where God leads us.

I am married to an amazing man called Matt and have 4 children who are amazing and challenging, all in very different ways and I wouldn't now be without any one of them.

I hope to develop existing links with schools and churches as well as establishing new ones, please pray this goes according to God's great big plan. I am also looking forward to being a part of showing young people that Jesus is there no matter what happens or what pressures they are put under in today's society.

## New beginnings & confidence in the Lord

*Trudi Newgarth*



I'm Trudi and I'm from Houghton and what a joyful beginning to a new role it has been! It's great to join the NISCU team and particularly North Cumbria. The team have been so welcoming and given me plenty to be praying and thinking about. I'm part of St John's Houghton with St Peter's Kingmoor, just north of Carlisle and I am delighted to be working in the Carlisle and Dalston Area.

I'm really looking forward to working closely with Ruth in Trinity and Caldew and the many schools that feed into them and praying into how we can bring the gospel to every young person in this area, giving them the chance to encounter the Lord Jesus! I'm hoping to grow links with schools such as Kingmoor Nursery and Infants School and Stanwix C of E school and get alongside this great group of girls at Caldew lunch club!

Please pray that the nerves would be replaced with a confidence from the Lord and that my desire to reach young people would grow. Also please pray that relationships with schools, young people and churches would be quickly established and for doors to be opened and the gospel welcomed in.

# Puppetual Fun

*Ailsa Taylor*

*“Yes, we should make the most of what God gives, both the bounty and the capacity to enjoy it, accepting what’s given and delighting in the work. It’s God’s gift! God deals out joy in the present, the now.”*

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 (The Message)

As the puppet teams embark on another run of Christmas assemblies I am reminded that being joyful is a choice. I am continually blessed by our presence in schools. This year some new schools have been opened up to us such as St Margaret Mary’s, St Bede’s, St Cuthbert’s and Inglewood Juniors. Some schools, such as Rockcliffe, which we visited initially, but have not been to for a while, have opened up again. We rejoice in the schools that faithfully welcome us back again and again. For this category, the list is just too long to give. We are so grateful for the privilege of visiting these schools and being able to shine with God’s goodness. The message we have taken into schools this year has centred round the parables of “The lost sheep” and “The lost son”, showing that even when we are lost to ourselves, we are never lost to God. His grace means that we can never ever do anything that could separate us from his love. Equally there is nothing we can do to gain his favour. We are loved. We are his children and we can be sure of his forgiveness. This year we have had the joy of being able to visit most schools twice, bringing a different but similar message

Praise God for his encouragement to us. We see God blessing this ministry and who knows, he may have plans for a third team. If you have a couple of hours to spare each week we’d love to have you get involved. Our puppet teams bring to life Paul’s teaching of being one body. Each member worships at a different church and each one has a different gift and role within the teams. All things can work together for his glory and he shows us week by week just how joyful doing his work can be. Please continue to pray for our schools and for the freedom we presently have within them. Times are changing but we are full of joy for the present.



# RE week - Prayer Cubes

*Rachel Gleave*

One of the exciting activities we have been involved in this term is an RE week in 6 primary schools, looking at art and prayer. Prayer is a real privilege. We are able to communicate with God, not just about one thing but lots of different things, so the activity involved making prayer cubes. Cubes have 6 faces so we came up with 6 different things we could talk to God about: saying thank you, saying sorry, ourselves, our communities, our world and those who are suffering. We then wrote a different prayer on each of the 6 cube faces, one for each category.



The idea is that each child can roll the cube like a dice and then pray for each of the different categories at home. As you can see, this activity was very creative but also reflective as each child prayed about things important to them.

## Secondary School Lunch Clubs

<b>Trinity</b>	Monday lunchtime in HU3
<b>Morton Academy</b>	Tuesday lunchtime in S19
<b>QUEGS, Penrith</b>	Tuesday lunchtime in Lab 5
<b>Caldew</b>	Wednesday lunchtime in the meeting room by student services
<b>Lime House</b>	Wednesday lunchtime in the common room
<b>Nelson Thomlinson</b>	Wednesday lunchtime in J4
<b>William Howard</b>	Thursday lunchtime in R2
<b>Central Academy</b>	Friday lunchtime in F38

Please encourage any children you know at these schools to join!

# From the CEO– Exciting times indeed!

*Nick Klein*

Wow!...Exciting times indeed! We have not only seen the staff capacity increase in North Cumbria, but have increased our capacity across most of our other areas, and also re-introduced a work supporting local volunteers in the Furness area.

Why?...The question I ask myself regularly, is why would we take on more staff in more areas...that only means more work for me! I'm sure that you already know the answer...because there are great opportunities for us to meaningfully support our schools and church communities...and this opens more doors to tell children, youth and adults about this incredible God that we know who really cares for them. As I hear the stories about how children, young people and even teachers are responding to this hope I am amazed by His goodness and care for us. My only frustration is that even with all of our increases in capacity, there are still needs in schools and children that we cannot meet. But I leave this in His hands of compassion and in our hands of prayers.

How you can help? I am so appreciative of all the prayer that NISCU receives from supporters all over our areas and beyond and can see the real difference that prayer makes. But I still meet lots of Christians who don't know that they can pray for their local school, don't realise how they can make a difference in their children/grandchildren's schools simply by praying. So my request again is 'Please join us in prayer' and also a new one ...'Please ask a friend to join us in prayer' and together we will see an even bigger difference in our communities, and that is really, really exciting! God Bless.

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# Prayer Diary - Regular Events

*Items in blue are events led by Ruth in the Eden area*

**SUNDAY** Pray for the Staff, their families and churches.

**Rachel & Paul Gleave** Isaac, Lauren, Reuben. (St Peter's)

**Ruth & Bryn Evans** John, Jemima, Mark (King's, Penrith)

**Haley & Matt Wisbey**, Georgia, Dylan, Brandon, Caitlyn (Wigton Methodist Church)

**Trudi Newgarth** (St John's, Houghton)

Pray for all local churches to be welcoming to children and to value and teach them well. Pray for all who lead and teach in children and young people's work in churches.

## MONDAY

### Weekly Clubs

Trinity School 12.00  
*(Ruth, Kristian, Trudi, Donna)*

Pennine Way 15.30  
*(Diane, Susannah)*

### Other

**Weekly** puppet assemblies

**Monthly** Prayer meeting 19.30  
3rd Mon each month at St Peter's

## TUESDAY

### Weekly Clubs

Richard Rose Morton 13.05  
*(Rachel, Kristian)*

**QUEGS, Penrith** *(Ruth)* 13.00

Kingmoor Juniors 15.30  
*(Barbara, Robert, Bruce, Helen,  
Trudi, Ruth, Margaret, Bryony)*

### Other - Weekly

**General Support North Lakes** 09.00  
*(Ruth)*

## WEDNESDAY

### Weekly Clubs

Nelson Thomlinson *(Alan, Hayley)* 12.20

Caldew *(Ruth, Trudi)* 12.20

Lime House *(Ruth, Trudi)* 13.15

Houghton 15.20

*(Andrew, Miriam, Anne)*

## THURSDAY

### Weekly Clubs

William Howard 12.25  
*(Rachel, Hayley)*

### Other - Weekly

Puppet rehearsals / assemblies

## FRIDAY

### Weekly Clubs

Richard Rose Central 12.25  
*(Rachel, Brian)*

**Ullswater Community College** 12.30  
*(Ruth)*

### Other - Monthly

Youth leaders Prayer meeting 11.15

## SATURDAY

### Half Termly

**X:site Carlisle**, 18.00 –20.00 Hebron Evangelical Church (years 4,5 &6)

### Head office staff:

Nick Klein, Pam Jones, Ruth Robinson  
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Each month we produce a more detailed prayer diary, which we send out by email. If you would like a copy, please send your email address to [north.cumbria@niscu.org.uk](mailto:north.cumbria@niscu.org.uk)