

Annual Report

2018

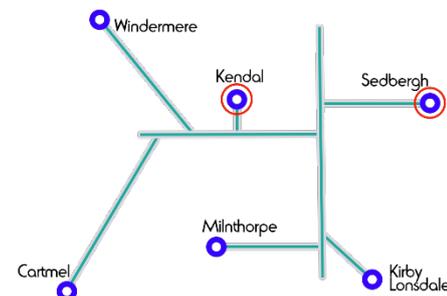


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Chair's report

We have been so encouraged this year as a support group, with a marvellous team of staff workers and with the prospective addition of two new committee members at the AGM. The work this last year has focused primarily on school links - engaging with secondary schools and their primary feeder schools and this summer concentrating on effective transition of children to secondary school NISCU clubs who have already met with NISCU and churches in their primary years. We are blessed that all six state secondary schools are already engaging or planning to meet with NISCU workers. We are also encouraged by the new links we have with areas such as Sedbergh and the Furness peninsular where we support Charlie Day in his role as a NISCU secondary school worker. Please pray that God will continue to help us to serve NISCU by getting the gospel message into schools.

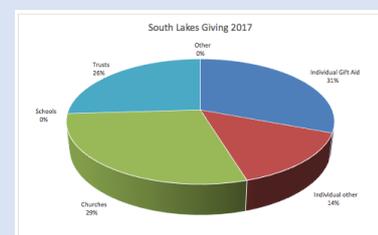
Alison Hughes



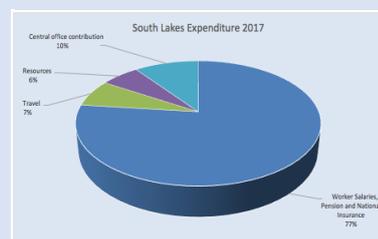
Finances

Income and Expenditure - For the Year ending 31st December 2016

Income	2017	2016
Interest		
Church pledged gifts	£7,967	£7,940
Individual pledged gifts	£12,566	£12,161
Tax Recovery	£2,212	£2,300
Miscellaneous gifts	£7,201	£8,401
Total Income	£29,946	£ 30,802

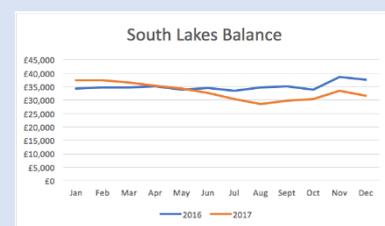


Expenditure	2017	2016
Worker Salaries, Pension and National Insurance	£29,943	£21,671
Travel	£2,743	£1,935
Resources	£2,361	£1,059
Central office contribution	£3,936	£2,849
Total Expenditure	£38,983	£ 27,514



Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2017

Capital Account	2017	2016
Accumulated Fund	£37,682	£34,394
Net Surplus for the year	-£9,037	£3,288
Balance	£28,645	£37682



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Work in Schools

This year we	Primary work	Secondary work
visited schools	25	5
Delivered assemblies (collective worship)	20	7
Christmas puppet roadshow	20	-
Taught lessons	58	8
Supported lunchtime after school clubs	3	5
Led harvest event 1 Primary, Easter walk through events 4 Primary, Easter Eggstravaganza 3 Secondary (Dallam 87 Y7,8,9 and 10 students, QKS 50+ Y7, 8 and 9 students, KKS 95 Y7 students), Understanding Christianity training 1 Secondary (2 of 3 term course).	5	4

Area Support Group:

Alison Hughes (Chair), Pete Barfoot, Chris Norris
Amanda Connor and Rachel Sutherland (co-opted)

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Our Story

Katy – Schools worker Kendal, Windermere and surrounding areas

What a season of God breaking ground and building the kingdom one stone at a time! This year the team have known some personal challenges, but have pulled together, stood firm again and again, felt God's power at work breaking barriers and encouraged each other on and grown stronger for it. We have been really encouraged to see much growth and development in the schools work across South Lakes, with God opening new doors to schools for lunch clubs, assemblies, lessons and Easter events, expanding and growing existing schools work enabling those relationships to strengthen, deepen and develop, and providing opportunities to connect with more churches in order to serve the schools together. That said, there is more to be done, schools asking for more lessons and assemblies, and churches and partner organisations keen to serve schools through prayer spaces and much more. I am thankful for the amazing team who have stepped faithfully forward trusting and following God, and for their wisdom and discernment as to when to wait and when to go. We are thankful that God has shown us where, when and how to build relationships with schools and churches this year.

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We continue to pray, and invite you to join us in prayer, for the seeds God has sown in the hearts of our young people during Primary schools work through the small encounters and moments in lessons, assemblies, lunch clubs, Easter experiences, puppet shows and year 6 transition events. We pray that those seeds will grow and bring fruit during Secondary school encounters particularly in lunch clubs, assemblies, lessons, Easter Big Question for God, and in years to come that young people would come to know the Lord Jesus for themselves.

I have many highlights to share this year, so I have chosen three areas of growth I am truly thankful for and want to share with you;

- More children and young people given opportunities and keen to find out more about God, connecting with enthusiasm in our lessons, questioning and grappling with faith and life challenges in lunch clubs, growing in confidence and in their identity and purpose.
- Hearing stories and testimonies of students standing and being a witness in their school community; being asked to read their bible out loud in their dorm on a residential trip; inviting a friend to a lunch club who has faithfully attended every week and now connects with the local church Friday night group.
- Growing opportunities to walk alongside Head teachers and staff we regularly connect with as they care for their pupils and colleagues, celebrating the good times, sharing and developing trust in the challenges, and on one occasion being able to pray together.

Diana's Report – schools worker Kendal, Milnthorpe and surrounding areas

I have enjoyed another year with NISCU in North Lancs and South Lakes and it is good to continue to share ideas from each area with the other. My focus in South Lakes continues to be taking Christianity lessons in to the primary schools and this past year I have taught various lessons in 13 schools in the area. I also continue to lead the JAM Club at Levens Primary and support the year 7 'Drop In' clubs at Dallam and Kirkbie Kendal.

Highlights

Being part of the Christmas Puppet Roadshow which visited 19 primary schools in the area provided a wonderful opportunity to share the 'true' meaning of Christmas with hundreds of children.

Partnering with St George's Church/Stramongate and The Parish Church/ Heron Hill for the 'Walk Through Easter' and also visiting Vicarage Park CE School and Selside CE School to share with their Easter Experience. These visits gave children the experience of being part of the Easter Story and time to think about the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

It has been good to see how much the Jam Club children have grown in their understanding and how eager they are to learn. A few weeks ago, when the club had reduced in number to 4 (7 year old boys) due to hot sunny playtimes, I gave them the opportunity to have a break until after the summer, but they were all adamant they wanted to carry on. Later, when I was introducing a session called 'Did Jesus die for you?' I read out the title and before I had chance to say anything else, 4 little voices replied in very loud and confident voices, 'Yes!' Such a wonderful encouragement!! Diana

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Bee – Schools worker in East M6 corridor

I have really enjoyed my first two terms with NISCU and in the schools, it's been such a privilege to do this work and to be part of a fantastic supportive team. I've been working in QES, Settlebeck School, Dent Primary, and St Mary's Primary Kirkby Lonsdale, and have occasionally covered the after school club at Ingleton Primary School. I have also had the privilege of speaking at The Peoples Hall in Sedbergh alongside Katy, and have been attending the Sedbergh prayer breakfast.

My highlights include:

- Seeing the lunch club blossom at Settlebeck with several young people returning each week, and new people dropping in.
- Teaching my first lesson at Dent Primary School and gaining feedback from the Head teacher, Nicky, to say that the Year 6s found it really helpful and uplifting.
- Finally it's been wonderful getting to know the young people at the QES lunch club each week, but even more wonderful that two of them felt bold and confident enough to bring along a friend each on our last session this summer!

I've observed a lot of assemblies whilst I've been learning about the schools work, and I've been fortunate to be part of Sue's lessons in Ingleton Primary School.

Thanks for your support and prayers

Beverley Scott

Ben – Secondary Schools worker in Kendal, Milnthorpe and Kirkby Lonsdale

This has been an exciting and rewarding year being part of the South Lakes Schools Work team. There have been many moments that I can celebrate but here are just a few highlights;

- Regular Weekly Clubs at Dallam, QKS, KKS, and QES
- Assemblies at Dallam, KKS and QKS.
- Delivering lessons on church and pilgrimage to year 7 and 8 at QKS, in particular seeing their perceptions of what Christians actually believe challenged.
- Seeing the young people through the clubs connect with us, and be able to share God's love with them.

Being part of an ever-growing team, with different gifts and talents, but the same heart to see young people get to know Jesus.

Further information

If you would like to receive our weekly prayer bulletins or periodical newsletters, please email katy.hall@niscu.org.uk

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