

PRAYER LETTER

September - November 2018

Welcome to the NISCU schoolworkers' prayer letter.
Come and hear news from the teams and find out how you
can be involved and support your local schoolwork.
We hope that you enjoy the read.



He answered: "Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your soul and with
all your strength and with all your mind",
and, "Love your neighbour as your self".

Luke 10 v 27

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News from Katie

I am a student at a local school in Sixth Form and part of a local church. During a week at the end of the summer term this year I have had the pleasure of accompanying Lynn and other members of the NISCU and church teams in their work in local schools. This has included Year 6 transition lessons in primary schools, setting up a prayer station in a primary school and completing a project that the secondary school students from a club have been involved in during the year. I have also had the opportunity to discuss the vision for clubs (mainly the 2 clubs I am involved with in school called QM and EM club) and other ideas for the school in general over the coming year. Throughout the course of the week, I was able to witness the amazing work that NISCU does in schools on a day to day basis and was in awe of the commitment and passion for working with young people that the team has.

God is working so powerfully in schools in this area through both pupils and teachers. God is really using the brilliant relationship the NISCU team has with schools to bring comfort and pastoral support to people of all ages as well as building links between the church and the communities we live in. During the week God enlarged the heart that I have for working with children and has equipped me with valuable skills I will be able to use in the future.

It would be great if you could pray for a continuation of the development of relationship between NISCU, churches and schools and that God would use this to further his Kingdom. Please also pray for former Year 6's as they make their move from primary to secondary, and especially over the coming months as this can be an uncertain time. Pray that they would be able to make great new friends and quickly grow accustomed to their new surroundings. Also pray for the new Year 7's that will be starting NISCU clubs in secondary schools, that this is a step along the exciting path that God has planned for them.

Katie

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Our tribute to a great friend and man of God

Many of you will remember Dai Cowles and how he pioneered, along with some other trusty fellows, the NISCU work in West Cumbria. He sadly passed away on Sunday 26th August 2018 and will be dearly missed by so many.

Dai has been more than an encouraging friend, more than an amazing mentor to me over the years, he has been a dear church family spiritual father. A man of God who has, in his humorous, generous and determined way, urged me on in the NISCU work over the years. I will always be grateful for his listening ear and wise counsel as well as his gracious love and encouragement. The world will be a very different place without him.

Both Dai and Maggie (his wife) have been involved with the schoolwork as a team and also with different roles and calling by God. They have given so generously to our lives and the lives of young and old across churches and schools over the years and always with God's heart and grace.

Our prayers are with Maggie and all the family as they go on with the light and love of Jesus who supplies all our needs according to his riches.

In fond memory,

Lynn.



Prayer Diary

September

Mon 17: Assembly at Whitehaven Academy

Tue 18: Assembly at Whitehaven Academy

Tue 18: Year 8 Assembly Cockermouth School TBC

Tue 18: Copeland PPT practice

Tue 18: QM Club at lunchtime Cockermouth School

Wed 19: Assembly at Whitehaven Academy

Wed 19: Allerdale PPT practice

Wed 19: QM Club at lunchtime Keswick School

Thu 20: Assembly at Whitehaven Academy

Thu 20: Workington PPT practice

Thu 20: Lunchtime Clubs at Whitehaven Academy KS4 and Beacon Hill Community

School Aspatria

Fri 21: Assembly at Whitehaven Academy

Fri 21: QM Club at lunchtime Whitehaven Academy KS3

Tue 25: Copeland PPT at St Patrick's, Cleator Moor

Tue 25: QM Club at lunchtime Cockermouth School

Wed 26: Allerdale PPT at St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary and Wigton Infants Schools

Wed 26: QM Club at lunchtime Keswick School

Thu 27: Workington PPT practice

Thu 27: Lunchtime Clubs at Whitehaven Academy KS4 and Beacon Hill Community

School Aspatria

Fri 28: QM Club at lunchtime Whitehaven Academy KS3

October

Mon 1: Years 7 & 8 assembly Keswick School TBC

Tue 2: Years 9 & 10 assembly Keswick School TBC

Tue 2: Copeland PPT at St Bega's Eskdale

Tue 2: QM Club at lunchtime Cockermouth School

Wed 3: Allerdale PPT at St Patrick's Primary, Maryport and Maryport Junior School

Wed 3: QM Club at lunchtime Keswick School

Thu 4: Workington PPT at Maryport infant and Northside Primary Schools

Thu 4: Lunchtime Clubs at Whitehaven Academy KS4 and Beacon Hill Community

School Aspatria

Fri 5: QM Club at lunchtime Whitehaven Academy KS3

Mon 8: Allerdale PPT at Braithwaite Primary and Bassenthwaite Schools

Tue 9: Copeland PPT at St Mary's, Kells

Tue 9: QM Club at lunchtime Cockermouth School

Wed 10: QM Club at lunchtime Keswick School

Thu 11: Workington PPT at St Michael's Infant School, Workington and - venue TBC

Thu 11: Lunchtime Clubs at Whitehaven Academy KS4 and Beacon Hill Community

School Aspatria

Fri 12: QM Club at lunchtime Whitehaven Academy KS3

Tue 16: Copeland PPT - venue TBC

Tue 16: QM Club at lunchtime Cockermouth School

Wed 17: Assembly at Beacon Hill School

Wed 17: Allerdale PPT at All Saints, Cockermouth

Wed 17: QM Club at lunchtime Keswick School

Thu 18: Workington PPT at Lowca School & St Bridget's, Parton

Thu 18: Lunchtime Clubs at Whitehaven Academy KS4 and Beacon Hill Community

School Aspatria

Fri 19: QM Club at lunchtime Whitehaven Academy KS3

Tue 30: Copeland PPT practice

Wed 31: Allerdale PPT practice

November

Thu 1: Workington PPT practice

Thu 1: Lunchtime Clubs at Whitehaven Academy KS4 and Beacon Hill Community
School Aspatria

Thu 1: Support Group meeting

Fri 2: QM Club at lunchtime Whitehaven Academy KS3

Tue 6: Copeland PPT practice

Tue 6: QM Club at lunchtime Cockermouth School

Wed 7: Allerdale PPT practice

Wed 7: QM Club at lunchtime Keswick School

Wed 7: Christmas Roadshow practice

Thu 8: Workington PPT practice

Thu 8: Lunchtime Clubs at Whitehaven Academy KS4 and Beacon Hill Community
School Aspatria

Fri 9: QM Club at lunchtime Whitehaven Academy KS3

Tue 13: Copeland PPT practice

Tue 13: QM Club at lunchtime Cockermouth School

Wed 14: Allerdale PPT practice

Wed 14: QM Club at lunchtime Keswick School

Wed 14: Meeting to plan weekend with Solway Network Youth Ministry

Thu 15: Workington PPT – venue TBC

Thu 15: Lunchtime Clubs at Whitehaven Academy KS4 and Beacon Hill Community
School Aspatria

Fri 16: QM Club at lunchtime Whitehaven Academy KS3

Sun 18: Allerdale PPT at Cockermouth Christmas lights

Mon 19: Christmas Roadshows begin in schools

Tue 20: Copeland PPT at Thornhill Primary

Tue 20: QM Club at lunchtime Cockermouth School

Wed 21: Allerdale PPT at St Joseph's Primary, Cockermouth and Dean School

Wed 21: QM Club at lunchtime Keswick School

Thu 22: Workington PPT at Nethererton Infants and - venue TBC

Thu 22: Lunchtime Clubs at Whitehaven Academy KS4 and Beacon Hill Community
School Aspatria

Fri 23: QM Club at lunchtime Whitehaven Academy KS3

Tue 27: Copeland PPT at Montreal Primary, Cleator Moor

Tue 27: QM Club at lunchtime Cockermouth School

Wed 28: Allerdale PPT at Blennerhasset School and St Matthew's, Wigton

Wed 28: QM Club at lunchtime Keswick School

Thu 29: Workington PPT at St Bridget's, Parton and - venue TBC

Thu 29: Lunchtime Clubs at Whitehaven Academy KS4 and Beacon Hill Community
School Aspatria

Fri 30: QM Club at lunchtime Whitehaven Academy KS3

Fri 30: QM Club project in Keswick School

QM (Question Mark) Club:

"What is life about? Who am I?" QM is a club for life's big questions and a place to have fun, with games, video clips and space to think.

Please pray for all our church partners in the weekly clubs and RE sessions

Rachel Phillips, Ian Harvie, Alison Riley, Jenny Sloan, Michael Sloan, Adrian Cozens
Darryl Boustead, Fergus Pearson, Ruth Smith, Sudharshan Sarvananthan
and Richard Goodfellow

Hello from Primary Puppets

I can't believe we are now into another school year! I always count it a real privilege to be able to go into our schools to share the Good News about Jesus with the puppets - and of course the puppet teams! We are so blessed to be allowed to do this! It excites my heart when I think of the seeds sown through puppet plays, puppet songs and bible stories which we have used to share the Gospel so creatively with the children and teaching staff.

As we look forward to this new academic year ahead of us, my prayer is to see new schools open up to us and doors that have been closed for a while, to open up again. Also, for new team members to join us, and for new fresh ideas as we plan for our future assemblies.

Please pray with me and the teams, and if you feel God calling you to serve with us in any capacity - whether it be setting up for assemblies, making props, providing transport or puppeting - please do contact *Maggie, Angela or Julie*. I know they would love to hear from you!

Right now, I am looking forward in anticipation and thanksgiving for what God is going to do through us and maybe even you!

Jeremiah 29 v 11 - *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

God Bless!

Yvette

Prayer Points

- Please thank God for the opportunities that lie ahead this half-term, to take puppet assemblies into our local schools - Workington team on the theme of 'Creation'; and Copeland and Allerdale teams on 'Who Cares?' based on the story of The Good Samaritan.
- Please pray for God's wisdom and enabling in our team practices.
- Please keep praying for God's protection on the health of team members and their families and for safe travel on our roads.
- Please keep praying for new team members to come forward to help grow our Copeland and Workington teams. Let's ask God to give us fresh ideas as we plan new assemblies.
- Please keep praying for *Maggie, Julie and Angie* in their leadership of our puppet teams, for God's day-to-day wisdom and for future development in this work.

New Worker!!

I hope that you have all had a good summer and those that have got away have had a good break. The weather has certainly smiled upon us in the most part.

I wanted to let you know of some exciting news within NISCU West Cumbria. From the beginning of September, we will have an official new member of our team going into schools and helping to spread the word of the Gospel. Ruth Smith will be joining us to work 8 hours per week. Ruth has also been volunteering for us for a while, and has extended this into a formally paid role as well. She brings great drive and passion to sharing the Gospel with our young people – please pray for her as she continues to do this with Lynn and Alex.

Ruth is officially with us for 12 months. This is because her position is being funded from a small reserve we have managed to build up. However, WE NEED YOUR HELP. If we are to afford to keep the additional 8 hours going we will require more regular funding. So, if you don't give regularly now or haven't reviewed your giving with NISCU for a while – then please think about doing so. If you would like to know how to give or increase your giving then please contact either myself or Paul, our Treasurer (our contact details are on the front of the prayer letter).

These are really exciting times and we feel God is at work in the young people of our area. Please let us, in firm partnership with the church, continue this work.

Simon Astill

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Prayer

Breakfast

*You are invited to come and pray
for local children, young people,
leaders and schools*

8 - 9am

On Thursday 10th January 2019 at
Christ Church Rooms, South Street,
Cockermouth CA13 9RU

Please RSVP to lynn.graham@niscu.org.uk
to book your breaky.

Hosted by NISCU West Cumbria

We were sorry to say goodbye to Alan and Mim Rainford who we have partnered with in Aspatria schools work over the last few years and also a wonderful teacher at Beacon Hill Community School who is moving on to another job.

Do pray for them in this new chapter in their lives, and also for the Aspatria schools work to continue with the small fantastic team and for God to grow this team and the work He wants to do there.

Are you a parent? Do you work in a School?

Do you want weekly encouragement in your news feed every week, which you can share with others?

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