

Autumn 2018

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God'. 2 Corinthians 5:20 NLT

In this season of asking God to stir hearts and ready feet to stand and be an ambassador for Christ in our schools, I think of Gideon who had to place all his trust in God, not in his own strength.

Part of our job is to work with local Christians and Churches to serve our schools. I recently asked the teenagers at one church who attend three different Secondary schools "Just one thing? What will you do?" "Will you . . . Meet with someone to pray for your school? Invite someone along to a lunch club?" One girl told me how her friends react to her faith is a challenge at school, and said she was going to ask her head of year to put up a lunch club poster in the school. What an honour to be able to pray for just one of our young people on their faith journey right now. I am challenged to step up and would encourage you to ask yourself what is that 'Just one thing' you can do next to champion Christ in our schools in this time?

Blessings from Katy

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News from Bee

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven Matthew 5:14-16 NIV

What a reminder to be God's ambassadors in our workplaces, our communities, our families, and our schools. At QES I want to encourage the young people to do the same as they might be the only bible their friends will read. I've been encouraged by their faith, new students joining us this term, and one of the girls inviting two others to join as they passed the door to our club. We are collectively learning more about the bible as we delve into The Bible Course by The Bible Society whilst still enjoying space to play games, eat biscuits, and get a well-deserved break from studying.

Working in partnership with local Christians in schools- Lol Wood (Kirkby Lonsdale), Dan Huddleston (QES), Chris Fawcett and Ralph Penny-Larter (Sedbergh) has such a great impact, the light shines even more brightly!

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Encouragement Evening

St Mark's CE School, Natland, Kendal, LA9 7QH
Thursday 22nd November

Do you serve in your local school?

Are you a member of the school staff, Governor, volunteer or Church leader?

You are invited to join us for a meal, followed by worship, a word of encouragement and time for small group prayers.

Come along and be encouraged and network with others!

Arrive from 6pm for 6.30pm meal

Please contact katy.hall@niscu.org.uk by Thursday 15th November to book a place.

(Please let us know any dietary needs)

It is a gift from NISCU South Lakes, but if you'd like to donate there will be a box on the evening for any contributions.

News from Diana

I had a busy start to the term with schools booking in for assemblies and lessons almost straight away. Katy and I led assemblies at Kirkbie Kendal and Dallam to reconnect with the Year 7s and invite them to our Drop In Clubs. Children are gradually filtering in to the clubs which is encouraging.

St Mark's at Natland, St Thomas' and Levens primary schools invited me in to take our New Beginnings Assembly where the children heard the story of Zaccheus and how he had a fresh start after he met Jesus. The children thought about how they could have new beginnings at the start of the new term.

I enjoyed the day I spent at Arnside school when I taught lessons on Forgiveness to years 3,4,5 and 6. The children heard the story of John Mosey, a local retired pastor, whose daughter had been killed in the Lockerbie bombing. They were astounded to hear that he and his family chose to forgive the people behind the bombing and we had some interesting conversations about why he did this and how hard this must have been. One young boy said during the lesson, 'Well he really must be a true Christian to do that!'

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Charlie's update from Furness . . .

September is a time of new beginnings in school life and here in the Furness area we started back on the very first day of term welcoming the new Year 7 students into John Ruskin School in Coniston. We were following on from the transition work that we'd started in the summer term when they were still in Year 6 and it was lovely to see them "land" in their new school.

All of the Big Questions groups have restarted in John Ruskin School, Ulverston Victoria High and Millom School. We have seen new members at each of the groups and it has been fantastic having some really deep conversations about who God is, what Jesus did for us and why God loves us so much.

It's been a half term of new beginnings for me too - taking on Millom School. One assembly and many Big Questions later I can say that I'm really enjoying getting to know the folks over there.

We're also extremely happy to have Windermere Deanery Network Youth Church Leader Chris Mason helping in John Ruskin School helping to build the church and school link in the Hawkshead/Ambleside area.

We've also started a new year of peer mentors in JRS which has been really exciting. We've had one group session where the Year 7/10 pairings got to know each other and establish how they were going to support each other through the year.

Thanks again for your support for the work of NISCU in the Furness area!

Charlie Day – Secondary Schools Worker in the Furness Area charlie.day@niscu.org.uk

Message from the South Lakes Support Group

2 Corinthians 5 v 20 urges us to be ambassadors for Christ. Why? Because God wants to use us, his people, to take his message of reconciliation to those who do not yet know him. What an amazing message, that we can become friends with God through his son Jesus, and what a privilege to carry this message. Pray for our NISCU workers as they work as ambassadors for Christ, and let us pray that we would all consider how we can spread the good news of reconciliation to young people in our schools and communities. Many thanks for all your support.

Alison Hughes

Meet the new members of the Support Group



Rachael Sutherland: Secretary

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I moved to Leasgill from Essex with my family just over a year ago. We worship at St Thomas's in Kendal. I have been a primary school teacher and a children's pastor and currently work freelance, writing teaching materials. I have a passion for sharing the good news of God's love with children and am so happy to be able to share in NISCU's work as part of the Support Group.



Amanda Conner: Donor Manager

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I have lived in Kendal for over 20 years and worship at Parr Street Church, Kendal together with my husband and 3 children. I have been a supporter of NISCU for many years and, having recently stepped down as a primary school governor after 8 years of service, I was pleased to offer to more actively support the NISCU schools work by joining the Support Group.

NISCU SOUTH LAKES SUPPORT GROUP

Chair: Alison Hughes – avh.dev@gmail.com Pete Barfoot, Amanda Conner, Chris Norris, Rachael Sutherland

Please pray...

Katy and Diane:

- for volunteers to serve in our Secondary school clubs and our Primary school puppet team.
- that God will continue to captivate hearts of supporters, school staff and students willing to serve and support God's work in our schools through 'Just one thing'.
- for our young people to have the courage to explore and express their Christian faith in their school.

Bee:

- that we might get a date for an assembly at Settlebeck School in Sedbergh, and that the lunch club might grow.
- that we can bring joy and a message of God's love in the run up to Christmas.

Charlie:

- for the recruitment process for a new Deanery Network Youth Church Leader in the Furness area.
- for new volunteers in Millom and Ulverston
- for Peer mentors and mentees at John Ruskin School

JOIN WITH OTHERS TO PRAY:

Sedbergh Prayer Breakfast First Saturday of the month 8:30am for tea and toast

Kendal Prayer Group First Wednesday of the month -10am Please contact Katy for further details.

Just one thing: what could YOU do?

Could you pray for your local school with 2 or 3 others?
Could you be the NISCU ambassador in your church?
Could you organise a fund raising activity for NISCU?
We would love you to get in touch if you would like to talk about doing just one thing for NISCU.

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