



A note from Pauline, our Chair.

Dear Supporters,

Again, a warm welcome to you all, particularly during this cooler time of year. I would like first to thank you all for your continued support, without which we would not be able to continue reaching children and young people with the good news of Jesus.

Bev (Bee) continues to work around the area and is continuing the 'Rewind' and 'Fast Forward' programs that were set up with Sue. This December she and the team will be welcoming 73 children from across the district to learn about the Christmas story and find out about what Jesus can do for them.

Also ...a quick date for the diary, in March we have been able to book the South Lakes Gospel Choir, to come and perform for us here in Ingleton, I'm sure like me you know how good they are, and how privileged we will be to have them, so if you would like any of these posters to promote in your church, contact either me or Judith, and we can get them to you.

Finally, if you are in the Bentham area on 19th January we will be having our usual coffee morning, it would be lovely to see you ...details below.

Our prayerful good wishes,

Craven Committee Chair
Pauline Tate



A note from Nick, our CEO.

Dear all,

I have recently been reminded of the number of young people in our communities. Sometimes it is difficult to remember how many there are when we only see a few of them on a Sunday in our churches.

We seem to live in a strange time, where people tend to spend less time in a local community, and more time with their online community, and where we seem to value our ability to talk face to face less and less. And yet, this is what we all, as humans want the most. To feel valued in a community where care, support and appreciation are not only valued, but actually worked out day to day, through good times and bad.

Please continue to pray for the young people in your community, that they will have more opportunities to find this care and support, and also please care and support your young people when they come in to your community to find it. It may mean that we all have to change in our practices, but maybe it is worth it?

God bless

Nick

NISCU's aim is to provide children and young people in education with knowledge and understanding of the Christian Faith as presented in the bible, and to support children and young people who choose to express their Christian faith in their community.

A note from Bee, our worker



'You must be very careful not to forget the things you have seen God do for you. Keep reminding yourselves, and tell your children and grandchildren as well' Deuteronomy 4:9 CEV.

What a great reminder to share our stories of what God has done for us! Those stories, however small they seem to us, can have a big impact on others. Reminding ourselves too of what God has done for us can strengthen our own faith as we remember how He delivered us from a certain situation, or how He guided us when we didn't know what to do, or how He blessed us with something beyond our own understanding.

A warm welcome

Thank you for the welcome you've given me as I've been settling into my new role this term in the Craven area. As most of you are aware I work in the NISCU South Lakes team too, in Kirkby Lonsdale and Sedbergh predominantly and it has been helpful to have that team to bounce new ideas off whilst continuing the great work Sue has done in Craven.

Settling into schools work

I have had the pleasure of meeting with the Headteachers at Ingleton and Bentham Primary Schools, and given whole school assemblies on service and on forgiveness there. I have further assemblies booked in with Ingleton, Clapham and Bentham Primary schools, and am in touch with Austwick Primary about an assembly there.

The after-school clubs at Bentham and Ingleton are going very well, with good numbers in both, and lovely engaged children. We've had lots of fun playing games together, hearing a story from the bible and working our way through the HeartShaper Primary resource by David C Cook. It's been great to have the support of local Christians at Ingleton Primary, and I'd love to hear from you if you are local to Bentham, have a current DBS, and would like to be on a rota as a helper for the Wednesday after school club at Bentham Primary.

Meeting church leaders and supporters

It has been great meeting with some of the church leaders in the area and getting to know the support group better. I joined the Tuesday prayer meeting in Ingleton in October which is the perfect venue to pray for schools as we could actually hear the children playing on their school field while we prayed!

Coming up!

Rewind to Christmas is coming up on Thursday 6th December and most of the local schools are booked to attend, if you would like to be involved as a volunteer on the day please get in touch, thank you!

Later in December I will be involved with St Mary's Ingleton Christmas event in the village, and I will be taking the All Age Worship at IMC on Sunday 20th January.

Thank you

Finally thank you for your prayers and support, it is a privilege to do this work and I couldn't do it without you! Every Monday I send out a short weekly update with diary dates, prayer requests, and bible verse, if you would like to receive this please get in touch.

God Bless

Bee
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Diary Dates: Thursday 6 th December: Rewind to Christmas. (Volunteers needed from 9:30 – 12.00) Saturday 19 th January: NISCU Coffee Morning at Bentham Town Hall. 10:00 -11:30 Saturday 16 th March: The South Lakes Gospel Choir Concert St Mary's Church Ingleton: 7:30pm	Prayer groups: If you would like to join either of our local prayer groups please contact us for further details: 1 st Tuesday of every month, 2:15pm – Ingleton Last Friday of the month, 3pm - Settle If you would like to receive my prayer points each week please contact me.
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