



## PRECIOUS MOMENTS

The Almighty Himself will be your treasure. He will be your precious silver! Job 22:25

### PRECIOUS WORD



God's word is a treasure, but sometimes we can forget just how compelling it can be, especially to those who have never read it. During a lesson at Morecambe High School, just before Easter, a Year 7 lad asked to see my Bible. At the end of the lesson he then asked if I had a spare one I could give him. For some young people there will be little we can do that is more powerful than to put the Word of God directly into their hands and to let them discover it for themselves. Jonny



**TUESDAY 4TH JUNE**

**6.30pm**

**Encouragement Evening**

For those who work/volunteer in schools. Meal & prayer.  
Capernwray Hall.  
Please book your place by 24/5!

**MONDAY 10TH JUNE**

**10am**

**Open Office Prayer**

Come along to pray with the team.  
Refreshments provided.

**THURSDAY 27TH JUNE**

**7.30pm Hope Church\***

**Annual Celebration**

Praising God for all His precious moments in our schools.  
Everyone welcome. Cakes provided!

\*formerly Lancaster Free Methodist

### FEEDBACK...

"We always look forward to visits from Debbie and the team at NISCU. The way they teach the children about Jesus is superb and the children are always fully engaged in the assemblies and lessons. Puppets, songs and messages are all used really well to show why Jesus is so important to Christians. We are so thankful for the team at NISCU and the work they do in schools."

Vicky Perry, teacher from Nether Kellet Community Primary School

This year it has been a real pleasure to have Niscu North Lincs working alongside me in school. Their representative, Jonny, has been an invaluable addition to our RE lessons and the students have responded in a very positive way. Jonny has delivered sessions to Year 7 about the Creation Story and he did this in a very informative, interesting and funny way. The students enjoyed challenging him with a variety of questions, all of which he answered clearly and in a way which brought the story to life for the students. They were able to consider scientific theories and measure them against the Biblical story, finding many similarities between the two accounts of creation. Their follow-up work and subsequent assessments demonstrated how much they had considered Jonny's presentation and there were some excellent observations and comments made throughout. Jonny's enthusiasm and passion for both his job and his faith shone through and I feel that the students found this contagious, which gave them a renewed interest in the subject. For me, when a student really engages with the teaching on offer and is able to make great progress in their understanding of a topic, these are the times which create precious moments and make my job the best job in the world. I would like to thank Niscu North Lincs and Jonny in particular, for their contribution in making lasting memories for both myself and the students and I look forward to the Autumn Term where we plan to make many more.

Nadine Hockey, Head of RE Garstang Academy

## PRECIOUS WITNESS

It is very encouraging to see the children from Jam Clubs grow in their knowledge about Jesus and the Bible especially when they come to know Jesus for themselves. A young girl from one Jam Club (aged 8) asked for an extra work sheet to take home for her sister as she 'liked to fill them in.' When I found out her sister was a little older, in the same school I said to invite her along. "She doesn't believe in Jesus, yet, but I do keep telling her what I know."

The following week the same girl brought along a boy from her class because "I've told him he can learn about Jesus at Jam Club and he said he wanted to come." Diana

## PRECIOUS MEMORIES

The past year has been amazing! I have had so many different experiences, all of which I have thoroughly enjoyed, but which have also tested me and helped me develop many new skills! I particularly enjoyed being part of the Christmas puppet roadshow this year. It was wonderful being in many different schools, and getting to know them all a little bit. On the other hand, I also really valued helping in the reception class at Garstang Community for a few months. I got to know the children, I was asked to lead a few activities, and I felt I became a part of the class. When it was time for me to leave both I and the children were very sad.

In February I started a new club in St Michael's-on-Wyre primary school; the aim of the club was to make our way through the Bible, looking at the different genres and what they aim to show us. We have now made it to the end, and the 5 regulars seemed to have really enjoyed it. During one of our sessions I asked the children to write down what they believe about God, just for themselves, but they all chose to share with me how they know that God is capable of doing many incredible things, and what that means in their lives. This was a very precious moment! Sarah Möller (New Wine/NISCU intern)



## BISHOP'S BIBLE TREASURE CHALLENGE

The Bishop's Bible Treasure Challenge is a resource for primary schools, produced by NISCU jointly with the Diocesan Board of Education. Our aim was to introduce children

to the treasures of life in Christ and help them to become more familiar with the books of the New Testament. With the aid of a map and some gold coin stickers, they set off in company with explorers Harry and Ruby to discover the rewards of life in Christ. With lots of fun activities and deeper, more thoughtful journalling activities, a new set of challenges was posted out to schools each month. Some of the schools created artworks or displays to show what they had learned. They were exhibited in Blackburn Cathedral during the Easter holidays, along with an interactive treasure hunt and coins of the chocolate variety! For me, one of the most precious moments of the whole challenge - apart from working with the wonderful people at the Diocesan Board - was kneeling at the foot of a cross covered with the word 'Grace' as decorated by children from all over Lancashire - a reminder that we are all covered by grace, thanks to Christ's death on the cross. Sarah D



## PRECIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

We are so thankful for God's direction and provision. Whilst funds aren't amazing at the moment, we are aware that He has met every need and His presence and love is more precious than any other reward. We are grateful that over 60 schools this year have trusted us with their lessons and assemblies. Pray for Year 6s as we visit them with our "JUMP!" lesson, that they will "not be anxious" but discover how precious prayer can be. We have heard children unashamedly share their Christian belief in many schools and look to encourage them in their witness. Your prayers and gifts are so important too - please know how much it encourages us and that you are precious to our team. Thank you. Debbie

## REGULAR CUS

Mon	Skerton (Diana) Wray (Margaret Wright) Halton (Amy) St Tees Pre-School (Jessica) Caton St Paul's (Julie) Christ Church Lancaster (Sallie & Lauren) Garstang St Thomas' (Andrew)
Tues	LGGS CU (Hannah, Jonny & Sarah M) Hornby (Jane) Grosvenor Park (Diana & John W) Ripley Yr9-11 (Ellie & Dan)
Wed	Our Lady's CC Yr 7 Drop In (Jonny) Halton Prayer Club (Amy) Dallas Rd (Mary & Vivien) West End (Ruth)
Thu	Caton Community (Suzanne & Gordon) Ripley Yr7-8 (Jonny & Ellie) Ridge (LBC & Diana) LRGS (Jonny & staff)
Fri	Trumacar (Diana & Rebecca)

Sarah D is also supporting a club running in Winmarleigh school by the local church.



Would you like to know when we are in a school you care about? Please email [jonny.bayes@niscu.org.uk](mailto:jonny.bayes@niscu.org.uk) and sign up to our **Miracle Monday** emails.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

NISCU North Lancs Office  
Torrisholme Methodist Church, Norwood Drive, Torrisholme, Morecambe, LA4 6LT  
[Northlancs@niscu.org.uk](mailto:Northlancs@niscu.org.uk)

Debbie Green (primary)  
[debbie.green@niscu.org.uk](mailto:debbie.green@niscu.org.uk)  
07794414353

Diana Stopczynski (primary)  
[diana.stop@niscu.org.uk](mailto:diana.stop@niscu.org.uk)  
07724866581

Jonny Bayes (high schools)  
[jonny.bayes@niscu.org.uk](mailto:jonny.bayes@niscu.org.uk)  
07789526349

Sarah Dodd (Galgate area)  
[sarahjdodd@talktalk.net](mailto:sarahjdodd@talktalk.net)

Chairman Mark Johnstone  
[markjohnstone153@btinternet.com](mailto:markjohnstone153@btinternet.com)

Donations: please send to  
Mrs R Robinson, NISCU, 57 Lancaster Road, Carnforth, LA5 9LE (NISCU on front, North Lancs written onto back of cheque).