

Annual Report

2019

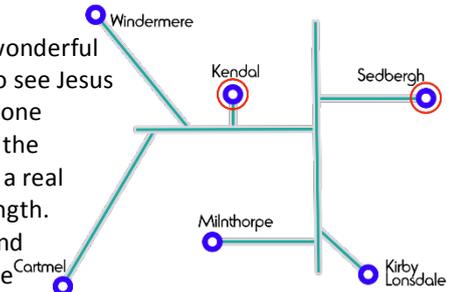


South Lakes Area Report

Chair's report

This year, as always, we have seen God's word faithfully taken into schools by our wonderful NISCU staff members. We always have at the heart of the work at NISCU a desire to see Jesus made known to children and young people. Within a school context this has to be done sensitively but it is great that we have so many opportunities to share our faith and the gospel both with students and school staff. Our thanks go to our workers who have a real passion for the work and we ask for prayer for them as they work in the Lord's strength. We are pleased to report that as a support group we are increasingly able to help and encourage the workers and aid them in practical ways releasing them to spend more time in schools. We have real benefit from having a donor liaison manager (treasurer) and secretary on our team again. Also of immense value is the input from two primary head teachers both members of the support group. This year we are adding another member to the Support Group, Mike Hattersley, who has already been busy in his role as prayer coordinator attending meetings and prayer groups across the South Lakes area. We are encouraged that NISCU has been able to cover the whole of the South Lakes area and are encouraged by the new links we have with churches, which we are constantly renewing and developing. We are so blessed in this area to have so many opportunities to go into schools and this year feel have felt challenged to consider the need for an additional secondary schools worker. This would of course require extra funding that we do not have at present, so we ask that you would pray for and consider giving towards this future goal. Many thanks for all your prayers and support.

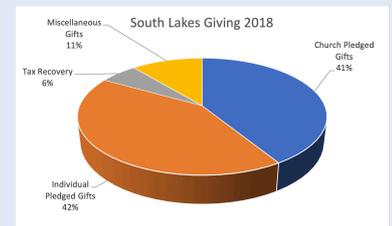
Alison Hughes



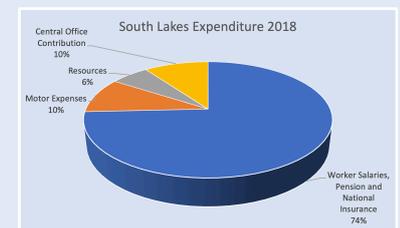
Finances

Income and Expenditure - For the Year ending 31st December 2018

Income	2018	2017
Interest		
Church pledged gifts	£12,133	£7,967
Individual pledged gifts	£12,369	£12,566
Tax Recovery	£1,692	£2,212
Miscellaneous gifts	£3,252	£7,201
Total Income	£29,446	£ 29,946



Expenditure	2018	2017
Worker Salaries, Pension and National Insurance	£33,103	£29,943
Travel	£4,409	£2,743
Resources	£2,629	£2,361
Central office contribution	£4,440	£3,936
Total Expenditure	£44,581	£ 38,983



Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2018

Capital Account	2018	2017
Accumulated Fund	£28,645	£37,682
Net Surplus for the year	-£15,135	-£9,037
Balance	£13,510	£28,645



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Work in Schools

This year we	Primary work	Secondary work
Connected with schools	22	5
Delivered assemblies (collective worship)	17	3
Christmas puppet roadshow	17	0
Taught lessons	51	0
Supported lunchtime after school clubs, including 'Pop up Big Questions'	4	5
Led Rewind to Christmas, Outdoor Prayer event St Patrick's CE, Creme Egg Quest with local churches (Dallam, QKS, KKS), and Understanding Christianity training (QKS Y7 Teacher training)	5	5
Supported QKS Y5 RE Day (Forgiveness), Old Hutton CE Multi-faith day (the bible), St Mary's Harvest Messy Church.		

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Our Story

Katy – Schools worker Kendal, Windermere and surrounding areas

This year we have been focusing more on building stronger working relationships with schools and churches, developing beyond lessons, assemblies and the puppet shows to include opportunities to support more schools working with the local church, for example with a whole school multi-faith day and a Secondary RE day for feeder Primary schools.

Moving forward we would appreciate your prayerful consideration individually and in your churches for how you could best support the growing work, with your gifts and treasures of prayer, finances and time. What is the 'Just one thing' you could do to further the schools work in your local schools. It is essential for this good work to continue, and grow to reach all the schools asking for more regular and consistent sustainable schools work.

I am incredibly thankful for the amazing team, Diana, Bee and the wonderful support group, who all bring their unique gifts and strengths to serve your schools.

Here are my highlights to share with you this year;

- Supporting students, with help from local Christian volunteers and church leaders, meeting them in their Primary school Year 6 'moving on' lessons in the summer term 2018, to reconnecting with them in Drop in lunch clubs in year 7 at QKS, Dallam and KKS in the autumn term 2018, and giving them a safe space every week in the spring and summer term 2019 to explore their big questions, about God and Jesus.
- Reconnecting with young people we knew in Primary schools and providing a safe place for them in Secondary schools to ask their big questions about God and the Christian faith during the lunch clubs, with 102 young people visiting a weekly lunch club at QKS, KKS and Dallam at some point during the year.

Please pray for

- God's provision of finances to grow the work reaching more schools, while developing the good work in our existing schools.
- Funds for another schools worker with the experience, wisdom and capacity to develop the work in our Secondary schools.
- An office space for the team near Junction 36

Thank you for all your support this year.

In His Blessings

Katy

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Diana – Schools worker Kendal, Milnthorpe and surrounding areas

I have enjoyed another year with NISCU in North Lancs and South Lakes and I continue to enjoy the variety of work in each area.

My focus in South Lakes continues to be taking Christianity lessons in to the primary schools and this past year I have visited 14 schools in the area and taught 27 lessons.

Being part of the Christmas Puppet Roadshow which visited 17 primary schools in the area provided a wonderful opportunity to share the 'true' meaning of Christmas with hundreds of children. It was particularly encouraging to add a new school to our Roadshow this year which had not previously had any contact with NISCU.

The Drop In Clubs at Dallam and Kirkbie Kendal have been well attended and since September 26 children have visited the club at Dallam and 48 at Kirkbie Kendal. These numbers do not include the children who came along to ask questions about Christianity/faith at Easter when 49 children from Dallam and over 100 children at Kirkbie Kendal came along to ask their questions, listen to answers from a church representative /schools worker in exchange for a crème egg. They sat in groups and heard the answers to their friends' questions as well as their own. It was wonderful to hear the Gospel being shared with so many children.

Katy and I have decided to pilot a similar idea in a couple of primary schools in the Summer Term.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Diana

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Bee – Schools worker Kirkby Lonsdale, Sedbergh and Dent

What a year it has been! Thank you for your support and prayers. It has been amazing to develop my relationships with the schools in Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale whilst also working as a team for puppet shows and outreach events across many schools in the South Lakes.

In September I expanded my work with NISCU by covering schools in Craven too, which has helped tremendously with the link between those primary schools and QES. It is also great to share ideas across the areas and to be able to pray regularly in the South Lakes Team.

The clubs in Kirkby Lonsdale have been rewarding and encouraging, QES particularly, where the numbers have grown as two new Year 7 girls brought three non-Christian friends along, who have stayed! With help from Dan Huddleston, I have been running The Bible Society course each week with a 'food and games, invite your friends' outreach session every half term to encourage the club regulars to bring their friends (which they do!). Jammie Dodgers (the new name for Quest club), at St Mary's School Kirkby Lonsdale has a strong group of eight Year 3 girls who are always **very** happy to see both me and Lol Wood (Rainbow Parish), which is very encouraging.

My highlights include:

- Being part of the team for the Christmas puppet roadshow. I absolutely loved it, from animating the puppets to hearing the reactions of the children, being part of a team and meeting more schools and staff across the area.
- Seeing one of the young people at our Settlebeck club grow in confidence and then connect with the local church youth group.

Thank you, and God Bless,

Bee

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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