



**Join us on an adventure...**

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020. There is an exciting adventure that every one of us can be part of this year – an adventure in prayer. We would like to invite you to join the whole of NISCU in praying – wherever and whenever you can. There are lots of ideas in this newsletter to get you praying, and plenty more on the NISCU website. *Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all that he has done. Philippians 4:6-7*

**News from our Schools Workers about where they see God at work:**

**Katy:** There are deepening relationships with Primary schools that we support regularly in Kendal and Windermere and surrounding areas. There are also encouraging new connections being made. Teachers are sharing stories of changes in their daily school life and the impact on the children's prayer and worship in Primary schools. 'Prayer projects' are naturally springing to life for local Primary and Secondary schools led by local Christians in and around Kendal.

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**Diana:** It's very encouraging to see how many young people are coming along to Dallam (mostly year 7) and KKS (year 8) lunch club to explore big questions.

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**Bee:** It's great to see that QES lunch club continue to thrive, with 16 to 26 young people joining us each week. Together we explored themes of justice, generosity, wisdom, and looked at the story of Esther. New Year 7 students are still joining which shows it can take a term and a bit to settle into high school before getting established in a club. Dan Huddleston (QES staff) has been superb and I'm very grateful for his support each week.

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**Charlie:** We've really seen God at work here in the Furness area. Recently we had three GCSE lessons in John Ruskin School, where I was asked to share about my faith and how I came to be a Christian. The lessons ended with a question and answer session where I was asked for a Christian viewpoint on some very serious issues for our young people. We've also booked Tim Farron in for a lesson in UVHS in April which both myself and the school are looking forward to. We have had some very exciting Big Questions sessions which have been full of discussion and fun. Both peer mentoring courses in Millom School and John Ruskin School are continuing to go down well.

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*Praise God for all that He is doing and please keep praying. Turn over to read our prayer requests.*

**South Lakes Support Group:** Alison Hughes (Chair), Pete Barfoot, Chris Norris, Amanda Conner, Mike Hattersley, Rachael Sutherland (Secretary) [rachaelsutherland@icloud.com](mailto:rachaelsutherland@icloud.com)  
We would love to have people to represent these areas: **Sedbergh - Kirkby Lonsdale- Windermere**. Could that be you?  
Do you have expertise that you could offer, perhaps in fundraising?  
We would love to hear from you!

20 PEOPLE IN EACH SOUTH LAKES AREA COMMITTED TO PRAY 10 MINUTES A MONTH AND GIVE £10 A MONTH BY THE END OF 2020

KENDAL  
KIRKBY LONSDALE  
MILNTHORPE  
SEDBERGH AND DENT  
WINDERMERE

*Giving the gift of the gospel to schools*

**Exploring prayer at St Mark's, Natland:**  
Katy and Diana worked with children in KS1 and KS2. KS2 learnt saying sorry is admitting when we are wrong and want things to be right again. Many wrote sorry prayers and thoughts on cardboard to peg on the strings.



KS2 used the thankful box full of photos of incredible, beautiful and wonderful things and places, and wrote thank you prayers.

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN

# Encouragement Evening

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FOR THOSE WHO WORK OR VOLUNTEER IN SCHOOLS

MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP,  
DEVOTION AND PRAYER

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 6.00-8.30PM

ST MARK'S CE SCHOOL, NATLAND, LA9 7QH

Bookings by 26.2.20 to [katy.hall@niscu.org.uk](mailto:katy.hall@niscu.org.uk)  
Donations gratefully received on the evening



*The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16*

**Please pray for each of our Schools Workers:**

**Katy:** My prayer request for the South Lakes schools: Wisdom and discernment about how to best serve our Secondary schools alongside local churches; developing better ways to support young people as they explore and express their faith in their community.

**Diana:** Please pray for growing support from local churches for the Secondary school lunch clubs.

**Bee:** My prayer focus for the area is for continued opportunities: continuity in the work already underway and for doors to open in schools we have not worked in recently.

**Charlie:** Please do pray for the upcoming fundraiser and all the planning needed for that to happen. Pray for the sustainability of the Furness area and for a support group to be established. We have a few church visits booked in for March so do pray as I prepare for those. Please pray for upcoming meetings with local churches in Dalton to look at provision for Dowdales School.

### Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

To everyone who bought, sold and sent NISCU Christmas cards – you helped us raise a wonderful £600 for NISCU's work in the South Lakes.

### Supporters' Spot: What can YOU do?

Thank you so much for supporting NISCU's work in so many ways. We've got so many opportunities to share Jesus in schools but we need funding if we are to continue and grow. Could you help us?

**Spread the word through a NISCU Sunday** – Why not book a NISCU Sunday for your church? There are some great new materials on the NISCU website and the team are happy to help. Contact Katy for a chat!

**2020 Vision** – Can you help us reach the exciting target of 20 new supporters in each of the areas we serve in the South Lakes by the end of 2020? Each person would commit to pray for 10 minutes a month and donate £10 to NISCU's work.

**Furness Fun Run: 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Charlie is running an incredible 40 miles to raise funds for NISCU in the Furness area – and Katy is joining him for 6 miles! Could you help find sponsors or offer support on the day? There's more information below.



|                 | What is going on?  | How can I help?  |
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| 08:45 Millom    | <b>On 14th March 2020...</b><br>Charlie, your schools' worker is running between all of his secondary schools...<br><br>... a full 40 miles!!! | <b>Before the day...</b><br>We will be hosting events at each of the towns highlighted, if you want to help us run these, get in touch.<br><br>email: <a href="mailto:charlie.day@niscu.org.uk">charlie.day@niscu.org.uk</a>                                   |
| 10:00 Broughton |  | <b>On the day...</b><br>Turn up to one of the events, cheer Charlie on, buy a coffee, a cake, or simply put a gift of money in the buckets.<br><br>track or sponsor Charlie...<br>visit <a href="http://www.niscu.org.uk/Furness">www.niscu.org.uk/Furness</a> |
| 12:00 Dalton    |  |  |
| 13:30 Ulverston |  |  |
| 17:00 Coniston  |  |  |

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<https://niscu.org.uk/giving-with-amazon/>

**This Adventure** [www.niscu.org.uk/thisadventure](http://www.niscu.org.uk/thisadventure)

There are lots of resources on the website to help you and your church get praying including:

**Prayer Diary 2020:** You can download a month of reflections and prayer pointers for NISCU and for schools

**Vision and Prayer week: May 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2020:** Put these dates in your diary. We will let you know all the events that are taking place during that week nearer the time.

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