



HE STILLED THE STORM TO A WHISPER

Psalm 107:29

STOP, BE STILL

So much weather! The literal storms around us have caused havoc for many. For some there are storms that are not visible but their affects even more devastating. It is so important to know the Prince of Peace, the one who demonstrated his power over the physical and spiritual chaos - Jesus stilled the storm, conquered the grave and asks us to come to him and be still. Like Mary (Martha's sister) we are invited to sit at His feet and enjoy His presence.

Christmas was a whirlwind of school visits with Sheldon the snail and his nativity play, Easter is around the corner with lessons booked in many of our community schools, but in this lull in between I am visiting 24 schools with the message to "Be still and know that God is God.". Using traffic lights and the story of Martha and Mary we think about the importance of stopping each day to just enjoy God's presence. **DEBBIE GREEN**

THROUGH THE FLOOD

As I approached the flood across the country road, I didn't realise how deep it was. It was only when I was halfway across and the car started juddering that I prayed, 'Lord, please get me through.' How often we try to do things in our own strength instead of His! But when I reached Winmarleigh school (dry and in one piece!) God reminded me that he had been busy doing things without my help, growing the seeds sown at Explorers' Club two weeks earlier. Two of the youngest boys in the school proudly told the class that 'We need to thank God because he gave us life when Jesus died.' And the other piped up, 'But he didn't stay on the cross.' Our lesson on prayer was diverted to a discussion of how Jesus came back to life. Praise God that the Gospel has created such a lasting impression on these young children. **SARAH DODD**

OPPORTUNITIES FLOODING IN

Easter is around the corner and it's a wonderful time to share the most important news that Christians believe Jesus died and rose again so that we can be forgiven and know a new life with God. Here are some of the schools we are visiting with lessons in the next few weeks - please sign up to Miracle Mondays to know which day we are in a school you care about. PLEASE PRAY.

Garstang Academy, Morecambe High, Ryelands, Sandylands, Dallas Rd, Moorside, Mossgate, Nether Kellet, Castle View (Ridge), Caton (Community), West End, Christ Church Lanc, St Helens, Cathedral.

MONDAY 11th MAY

Two opportunities to bring our schools to Jesus.

**10am NISCU NL Office
(Torrisholme Methodist Church - upstairs)**

7.30pm Heysham Free Methodist Church

THANK YOU!

Your incredible generosity last term rescued us from a financial flurry. We are still praying for a regular, predictable increase in giving to expand into new areas of opportunity. Thank you so much.

For those of you who use cheques our office has asked us to remind you that they can no longer pay in cheques that have our area on the front. Please just put "NISCU" and then write "North Lancs" on the back of the cheque.

Thank you again. We are so humbled and privileged to know that your giving enables us to share the gospel with children and young people.



LIFT UP YOUR HEADS!

We are giving permission for Head teachers to stop for 20 minutes a couple of times each term and be listened to and prayed for. This has turned out to be a useful and much needed way of using our listening training. Please pray for our school leaders as they carry so much responsibility and set the tone of a school. Pray that they will lean on Jesus our Wonderful Counsellor and know His strength, wisdom and blessing. **DEBBIE GREEN**

Meet the North Lancs team



Craziness in Brazil!

DO YOU STILL HAVE NO FAITH?

The disciples saw Jesus do many amazing things, but when the storms came they still struggled to trust him. For our faith to grow we often have to put it into action, to trust God to provide for our needs. I was privileged to spend most of January in Brazil, witnessing the faith of our Christian brothers and sisters there, how they give all of themselves to share about Jesus on mission and to worship him with all their lives. During the two weeks that I was on mission, in a small, remote town, I saw many people accept Jesus because of the the words and actions of the team I was with. I also saw God supply our needs of strength, energy, wisdom, understanding (especially for me not speaking much Portuguese) and support - spiritual and physical. Since returning to the UK I have already been able to share my experiences with young people in schools and churches, encouraging them to Have Faith and to see it grow by trusting God with all their lives. **JONNY BAYES**

BE STILL AND REFLECT

The second half of the Spring Term usually starts off a little quieter for me but it allows me to prepare and book in Easter lessons in schools. To date I have 40 lessons booked in the diary mainly for the community schools in the area.

At Jam Club, as well as having time for games and singing, we take the opportunity to be still and reflect on a Bible story each week. We think about what the story teaches us about God and what that means for us, how we can 'make it real' and 'live it out'. This term we have been looking at stories from the Old Testament, thanking God for his wonderful creation, understanding that there are consequences for obeying and disobeying God, learning some of the promises God has for us - that we can trust God, that God is in control, and ways we can serve God. **DIANA STOPCZYNSKI**



Please pray for two events this Easter when pupils are invited to bring a question about God or the Christian faith and put it to members of the CU alongside local Christian leaders.

Lancaster Girls' Grammar School
Wed 25th March 12.15-1.15pm
Lancaster Royal Grammar School
Thu 2nd April 1-2pm (new this year!)

Ever thought of helping to run a club in a school? One that shares the love of Jesus in a fun and relevant way? We'd love to hear from you.

Email Diana for a chat
diana.stop@niscu.org.uk

REGULAR CLUBS ETC

Mon	Skerton (Diana) Wray (Margaret Wright) Christ Church Lancaster (Sallie & Lauren) Garstang St Thomas' (Andrew)
Tues	LGGS CU (Jonny & Sarah D) Caton St Paul's (Sarah S) Hornby (Jane) Grosvenor Park (Diana & Carol) Ripley Yr9-11 (Dan)
Wed	Our Lady's CC Yr 7 Drop In (Jonny) Dallas Rd (Mary & Vivien) West End (Ruth) Imagine with Yr8 (Jonny & Diana)
Thu	Ripley Yr7-8 (Jonny) Ridge (LBC & Diana) LRGS (Jonny & staff) Caton Primary (Suzanne Smith)
Fri	Trumacar (Diana)

- Sarah helps run a club at Winmarleigh school with the local church.
- Sarah runs a weekly creative writing workshop for Y12 girls at LGGS as part of their Wellbeing provision.
- Debbie runs 2 pop up clubs called "Jam Packed" at Halton & Torrisholme for 3 weeks each term.

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and sign up to our
Miracle Monday emails.