

Praise and thanks

- **Richard Rose Morton prayer spaces!** I know this was a praise point last month, but thank God again for it this month too. Students are still talking about it, teachers too, and it is still having an impact now!
- **A restoration of energy...** this has been happening. The diary has been a little quiet this month and I have instead spent lots of time in prayer with God reflecting and seeking his will for schools going forward.
- **Praise God for people!** People who come with us, people who pray for us, people who provide biscuits and cakes for schools... I am blown away by the amount of support from many different angles.

General

Praise and thanks

- for the help given by some of our supporters to provide and staff the meal at the Church leaders lunch and for the church leaders and reps who came.
- for the faithful prayer by many using the prayer updates and those coming to the monthly prayer meeting. Give thanks that with the Lord "nothing is impossible".
- for those wanting to get involved in various opportunities to be involved practically in schools. (eg listening service, *Walk Thru The Bible*, healing at prayer spaces).

Pleas please

- Pray for the young people who have been affected by the Richard Rose prayer spaces. Pray that they find 'a hope in the gospel and a home in a local church!'
- Pray for Easter – this is the time young people ask the question 'why is Good Friday called good if it's the day Jesus died'. Help us to answer that question (among others) in a way they can understand and they can find a hope in the gospel
- Pray for the prayer walk (16th of May), pray for the time to do enough walking training to be able to walk from Nelson Thomlinson to William Howard.

Pleas please

- Pray for urgent need of new support group (committee) members. In answer to our prayer for vision and direction more doors are opening and the secondary work is expanding. We are looking for Christians with vision to take us forward into a new stage.
- Pray for many to get involved in praying and in practical ways to support schools in this day of opportunity.
- Pray for production and distribution of the newsletter, which should be ready for printing by today (!).
- Pray for good publicity for the prayer walk to take place on 16th May. Pray local churches may want to pray for their local schools. God loves to hear our prayers and prayer really does change things.

Rachel

THE CORONAVIRUS!

Praise and thanks

- For the whole NISCU team. A great support recently in many ways.
- Partnering with churches for the Easter lessons. We can't do it on our own but knowing that church partners are excited and enthusiastic about joining us makes such a difference to us and the schools.
- So many opportunities to talk about Jesus as we approach Easter. (27 lessons booked in 14 schools).
- Those who came to the church leaders lunch and keen to sharing the gospel with our schools.
- How well Isaac is adapting to his diagnosis.

Pleas please

- That the Easter lessons will be powerful, effective and inspire curiosity to find out more.
- For the plans (and training) for the prayer walk on the 16th May.
- For more churches to partner with us in praying for our schools so that every child in the North Cumbria area is being prayed for.
- A good rest over the Easter holidays after a challenging start to the year.

PUPPET ASSEMBLIES

Due to coronavirus we have taken the decision to cancel assemblies until after Easter as we have a duty of care to both our puppeteers and to the schools – many schools are closed to visitors as of this week anyway

Puppets

Praise and thanks

- Praising God that he sees us, we are secure, accepted and significant in him
- Praising God for the way schools have encouraged us with the new assemblies – asking for the words to the song 'My Lighthouse' so they can use it in their own worship time
- Praise for openings in schools we have recently struggled to visit.
- Family members coming to faith in Jesus

Rachel writes: [12 March] At the moment Trinity School is closed until at least the 23rd March having had two positive cases this week. Being a parent of pupils at Trinity I have been ringing the NISCU schools in advance and letting them know so that whether I visit or not is their decision, putting the ball in their court.

So far I have lost three of five school visits today and have lost at least one for tomorrow (that has been rearranged to after the holidays).

We are coming into our very busy and important Easter season so it seems a real shame to have the virus interfere with us sharing the good news of Easter but neither do we want to be seen as spreading it.

Please can we be praying for wisdom for schools on what to do and how best to handle this but also that opportunities we have won't be lost.

Pleas please

- Continued health for our puppeteers and their families
- That staff, pupils and families will not suffer as a result of this virus. That jobs will remain secure and that time-off school will only cement family relationship and not cause anxiety or breakdown.

PRAYER DIARY MARCH—APRIL 2020

SUNDAY Staff, families and churches

Rachel & Paul Gleave, Isaac, Lauren, Ruben (St Peter's)
Hayley & Matt Wisbey, Georgia, Dylan,
 Brandon, Caitlyn (Wigton Methodist)

MONDAY

16 Mar CW Raughton Head (Hayley) 9am
 CW Bishop Harvey Goodwin (Rachel) 9am
 L Bishop Harvey Goodwin (Rachel) 9.30am
 CW Shankhill (Rachel) 1pm
 L Shankhill (Rachel) 1.30pm
 CW Lanercost (Rachel) 2.50pm
PRAYER MEETING 7.30pm

23 Mar CW Kingmoor Junior (Rachel) 9am
 CW High Hesket (Hayley) 9am
 L Lees Hill Upper (Rachel) 1.30pm
 CW Lees Hill (Rachel) 3.10pm

20 Apr CW Raughton Head (Hayley) 9am
 CW Bishop Harvey Goodwin (Rachel) 9am
 CW Shankhill (Rachel) 1pm
 CW Lanercost (Rachel) 2.50pm
 PA Shankhill (Puppets B) 12.30 for 1pm

WEEKLY

Staff team meeting 10am
 SC Trinity (Kristian, Donna, Rachel) 12–1.30pm
 QC Pennine Way (Diane, Susannah) ... 3.20–4pm

TUESDAY

17 Mar L Pennine Way (Rachel) 9.00–3pm
 EST Wiggonby (Hayley) 2pm
 24 Mar L Houghton (Rachel) 9–3.30pm
 L High Hesket (Hayley) 9–3.15pm

21 Apr CW Kingmoor Infants (Rachel) 10.45am

WEEKLY

SC Morton Acdmy (Hayley, Kristian) . 1.30–2.10pm
 QC Kingmoor Juniors (Rachel, Bruce, Helen, Ruth,
 Hannah, Henry) 3.30–4.30pm

WEDNESDAY

18 Mar CW Scotby (Rachel) 10.15am
 CW Cumwhinton (Rachel) 2.30pm
 L Thursby (Hayley) 9am
 WTB Dalston (Hayley) 1pm

25 Mar WTB Dalston (Hayley) 1pm
 CW Crosby on Eden (Rachel) 3pm

15 Apr L Stanwix (Rachel) 9–12.30pm
 CW Kirkbampton (Hayley) 9am

22 Apr WTB Newlathes Juniors (Hayley) 1–3.15pm
 CW Crosby on Eden (Rachel) 3pm

WEEKLY

QC Houghton (David, Neal, Anne, Bruce) 3.20–4.30pm

THURSDAY

19-Mar L Castle Carrock (Rachel) 9–12pm
 L Brampton Primary (Rachel) 1–3.30pm

26 Mar EST Dalston (Hayley) 9–12.00p.m.
 L Gilsland (Rachel) 9am
 L Brampton Primary (Rachel) 1–3.30pm

16 Apr CW Stoneraise (Rachel) 9am
 PA Pennine Way (Puppets A) 9.20 for 9.50am

23 Apr PS Kirkbampton (Hayley) 8–5pm
 PA Crosby on Eden (Puppets A) ... 8.40 for 9.10am

WEEKLY

SC William Howard (Rachel, Ruth Ho) 11am–1.05pm
 SC Caldew (Hayley) 12.20–1.10pm
 SC Limehouse (Hayley) 1.15–2.15pm

KEY

CW Collective Worship **EST** Easter session
L Lesson **PA** Puppet Assembly
PC Primary School Club **QC** Quest Club
SC Secondary School Club **WTB** Walk Thru The Bible

FRIDAY

20 Mar L Caldew Lea (Rachel) 9–12pm
 L Hallbankgate (Rachel) 10am
 L Kirkbampton (Hayley) 9–12pm

27 Mar L Calthwaite (Rachel) 9.30am

17 Apr WTB Ireby (Hayley) 9am
 CW Hallbankgate (Rachel) 9am

24 Apr WTB Ireby (Hayley) 9am

WEEKLY

SC RR Central (Rachel) 12–1.20pm
 QC Stanwix (Ruth, Sarah) 12.15–1pm
 SC Nelson Thomlinson (Hayley) ... 12.30–1.30pm

SATURDAY

25 Apr X-site (Rachel) 4.30–8.30pm

- Head Office: Nick Klein CEO, Pam Jones, and Amanda Connor
- Funding Head Office staff, especially for CEO

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Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

Philippians 4 The Message

PRAYER MEETINGS:

Normally the third Monday of the month at St Peter's,
 Kingstown,
 CA3 0BB

7.30pm—8.30pm.
 All are welcome

- 20th April
- 18th May
- 20th July

Advance Notice:
AGM 15th June