

# South Lakes Annual Interim Report 2020

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Northern Inter-Schools Christian Union



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## Finances

Income and Expenditure - For the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December

Income	2019	2018
Interest	-	-
Church pledged gifts	£10,374	£12,134
Individual pledged gifts	£10,442	£12,888
Tax Recovery	£4,592	£1,692
Miscellaneous gifts	£2,313	£2,631
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£27,721</b>	<b>£29,345</b>

Expenditure	2019	2018
Worker Salaries, Pension and National Insurance	£25,951	£33,103
Travel	£2,166	£4,409
Resources	£715	£2,124
Central office contribution	£3,084	£4,440
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£31,916</b>	<b>£44,076</b>

Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December

	2019	2018
Accumulated Fund	£14,755	£29,486
Net Surplus for the year	-£4,195	-£14,731
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£10,560</b>	<b>£14,755</b>

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## Chairs Report 2020

Welcome to everyone who has joined us for our NISCU AGM 2020! I'm Alison Hughes and I chair the support group for the South Lakes area.

NISCU is a charitable organisation that has served young people for over 50 years, supporting the local church and local communities. It began in Carnforth in the 1960's and since then has grown to cover most of Cumbria, North Lancashire and the Craven Area in Yorkshire. It serves the local church in reaching out to the children and young people in their schools' community and aims to provide children and young people in education with knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith as presented in the bible, and to support children and young people who choose to express their faith in their community.

We are so pleased that despite the limitations due to Covid19, we can still meet together virtually to celebrate and thank our staff for another year of Niscu working in schools. It is good to remember that our God is bigger than Covid19. That our staff are still able to work, albeit in slightly different ways, to take the message of the Bible into schools and that God's holy spirit knows no boundaries and does not need sanitising before entering a building! We thank God that he is still at work in the lives of school children, teachers, NISCU workers and volunteers today. Let's be encouraged by the writer of the book of Hebrews that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, that he does not change, that his purposes do not change and that his work in this world will continue.

And we want to thank you, our supporters, because NISCU can only reach out to schools because of those who give their skills, time, prayer support and give financially to the work. We thank you for another year of NISCU.

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## Our Story – hear from the Schools workers

Hello, here's a brief overview of how the NISCU South Lakes team have served schools this year. We have connected with 31 schools, 27 Primary schools and 4 Secondary schools in and around the areas of Kendal, Milnthorpe, Windermere, Sedbergh and Kirby Lonsdale.

During Autumn 2019 and Spring 2020 1<sup>st</sup> half term we have connected with Primary schools through 12 Primary school assemblies, 30+ lessons, 'Pop up prayer space' and prayer mini lessons for KS1 and KS2 at St Mark's CE; 'Jesus showed Humility' workshops at Old Hutton CE; Creation @ St George's with Y2 Stramongate County; and Rewind to Christmas - St Mary's CE joined schools from the Craven area.

In Secondary school weekly lunch clubs we have led Year 7 drop in clubs at 4 Secondary schools at the beginning of the year, developing into 'Big Questions clubs at Dallam and KKS, and the Bible society 'Bible course' at QES and QKS, working with volunteers and visitors from local Churches.

Over the Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> half term and Summer term 2020 whilst out of furlough for a few weeks we reconnected with schools, sent out the Year 6 'Moving on' lesson, and facilitated the Week of Vision and Prayer.

Many schools were thankful for the contact and resources, including Langdale Primary school, due for a visit for the first time in the Summer term, shared how grateful they were for the 'Moving on' year 6 lesson video. "It was great to see you in person even if it was just in video form. Thanks so much."

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- Daily assembly videos were sent out to some of our Primary schools from the West Cumbria team. Weekly online assemblies were made available from the North Lancs team.
- KS4 GCSE RS videos linked to salvation, incarnation and communion were produced by Jonny Bayes, North Lancs team, with help from other Christians sharing their testimonies.

## This term so far:

Whilst working reduced hours in September and October, we are contacting schools to ask how we can support them best. In response to schools' identified needs so far, we have recorded and sent out two Primary school assembly videos, and one Secondary school Year 7 video. Where possible we have worked together across the team and with local Church partners to create the resources.

## Highlights this year:

- Witnessing Secondary school students in NISCU led lunch clubs being given opportunities to explore their faith and meet other local Christians and hear their testimonies. QES sixth form students taking the initiative to set up and lead their own CU at this time when we cannot go into schools.
- Working in new creative ways across NISCU to serve our schools during more challenging times.
- Stronger relationships with Head teachers and teachers, enabling us to work to serve the schools more effectively.

## Prayer focus for South Lakes team and the area:

- Wisdom for the team and support group discerning how we best manage and use our time, resources and finances to serve our schools well.
- Growing unity and trust between schools, Churches, and NISCU enabling us to partner and serve schools the best we can.

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- Children and young people to encounter and know God's love for themselves.

## Work in schools

This year we	Primary schools	Secondary schools
Connected with schools	31	4
Delivered assemblies (collective worship)	12	0
Taught lessons	30	0
Supported lunch clubs	1	4
Led pop up prayer space small group prayer lessons, Rewind to Christmas, Creation @ St George's, Multi faith day humility workshops and 'Prayer' themed Inset training.	5	0
Provided 'Moving on' Y6 virtual RE lesson, Virtual Primary school assemblies, Y7 Secondary school assembly, telephone and email support.	Responses from 18 schools	Responses from 4 schools