



A Message from the South Lakes Support Group

Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10 (NLT)

It seems as though joy has been in short supply during 2020, but we'd like to invite you to join us in praising God for his gift of joy. In this Newsletter we want to share the joy of the opportunities there have been to work with schools during this term and to encourage you to keep praying. Pray that our team will find joy and strength in Christ as they take the gospel into schools and that schools will be uplifted by the hope and peace found in Jesus.

Thank you for your support.



Schools Work News

Despite working reduced hours, our Schools Workers have been busy all through this term. They have been in regular contact with schools to ask how they can support them best and this has been greatly appreciated by many schools.

In response to schools' identified needs, they have recorded and sent out Primary school assembly videos and a Secondary school Year 7 video. Where possible, they have worked together across the team and with local church partners. These resources have been very well received and there is take-up from some schools who haven't been open to school visits in the past.

There is a lot more to come – with lesson materials being written for teachers to use themselves and Christmas resource packs being created.



Praise God that, despite the problems and challenges, the team are currently serving MORE schools than previously. Another reason to rejoice – sixth formers at Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale have kept their Christian Union running themselves.



A Message from Diana: Finding Joy despite your circumstances

Life has been especially difficult this last year, for some more than others. I myself have been very challenged by circumstances in my life as some of you may know. I have found that true peace and joy comes from knowing that God is in control. It is difficult not to let things get us down but I have learned that He gives me the strength to go on and I have joy in Him. Believe in Him, Trust in Him and give Him your challenges.

*I will bless the Lord who guides me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I know the Lord is always with me.
I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me.
No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice.*

Psalms 16: 7-9 (NLT)

A few screen shots of the talented team in action on the videos! You can watch the Year 7 'Taste and See' video by clicking on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZN2bZfLJOU&t=3s>

Why not also take a look at NISCU media <https://niscu.org.uk/media/> where you can find lessons and assemblies and other media resources we are sending out to our schools at the moment.



Please Pray...

We are so grateful for your support and prayers. Here are some prompts to help you pray:

- Wisdom for the team and support group in 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.
- Children and young people to encounter and know God's love for themselves.
- Children and young people who would have been attending clubs in schools and are missing that contact. Please pray for the most vulnerable and for new ways to provide support.
- Keeping a high profile for NISCU in the Furness area to encourage support and involvement by local churches.
- An increase in regular financial support to ensure that the work in this area can continue and grow in the future.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: First Wednesday of Every Month

We've been so encouraged by these regular prayer meetings and have seen wonderful answers to prayer. Just look what God has done since we last prayed together in October:

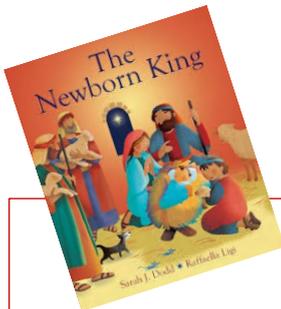


1. Leah has joined NISCU as a Media apprentice for six months, releasing Nick to focus more on his work.
2. The furlough scheme has been extended – so we can carry on our work serving schools (although this is on reduced hours).
3. We are having more timely conversations with Head teachers and Governors, giving them opportunities to share what is going well, their challenges and prayer needs. Before half term, many were thankful that their school had been able to stay open and that students and staff were adjusting well. They are hoping that this will continue.

Why not join us next month:

Wednesday 2nd December at 10am

Contact Katy and she will send you the link for the Zoom Prayer Meeting. katy.hall@niscu.org.uk



A Joyful Christmas Gift for our Primary Schools

Thanks to the generosity of supporters and a local church, we will be donating copies of 'The Newborn King' by Sarah Dodd to all the Primary Schools.

There will also be a resource pack with a KS1 lesson plan and activity sheets.

The author, Sarah, is one of our NISCU North Lancs schools workers. She has offered to do a Zoom Q&A session for schools, to talk to the children about her book and her faith.

Click on this link watch a video with Sarah reading the story: <https://youtu.be/AXncNV8eucs>

Please pray that these resources will be used in a wonderful way to share God's love and the good news of Christmas.

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Cards are selling quickly, so order yours soon!



NISCU Christmas Cards 2020

Now on Sale

£3.00 for a pack of 5

All profits from the sale of these cards will fund the South Lakes NISCU Schools work.

Designed and created by our very own Alison Hughes. With scripture Matthew 2:2 and 'Happy Christmas' message inside.

Order now for delivery in November – in time to write and send out to family and friends.

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