

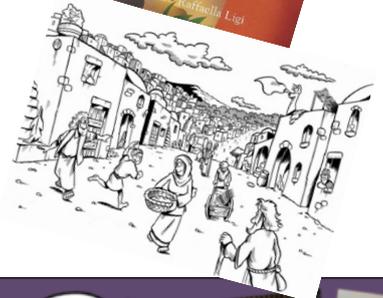
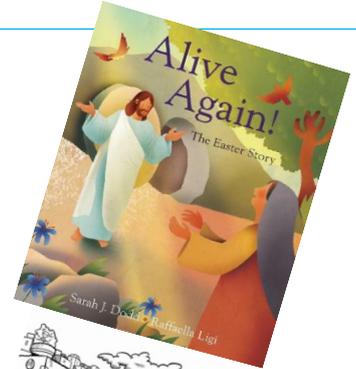
### HOPE

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.** Romans 15:13

Welcome to our latest Newsletter where we praise God for his faithfulness, celebrate the opportunities there have been to keep serving our schools and look to the future with hope. Thank you for your support and please keep praying.

#### News from Diana

This year we have all adjusted to working in different and challenging circumstances. As one of the team in North Lancs, I have been taking part in the weekly filmed 'disassemblies', which I have also been sharing with the South Lakes primary schools. More recently I have been busy putting together Easter Packs which had 3 lessons in and were sent to schools a couple of weeks ago. We had a lesson for reception with Duncan the donkey, which included a knitted donkey, knitted by one of our volunteers in North Lancs. Another lesson included the gift of a book 'Alive Again' which were bought and posted with donations from various local churches and the 3rd lesson had 3 sketches of scenes from the Easter Story, along with a narrative written by Sarah Dodd and worksheets. It has been a very busy month but I have enjoyed the responsibility of overseeing all the primary schools in South Lakes whilst Bee and Katy were on Furlough, home-schooling their children. I am looking forward to the Summer Term and hope that we may be able to start visiting schools in person in the near future.



There has been a great response to the Easter resources – take a look at some of the comments below and you can see them for yourself by clicking on this link:

<https://niscu.org.uk/easter-resources-2/>



"I just wanted to say a big thank you. I did the Palm Sunday disassembly day and introduced Duncan the Donkey. He was a big hit! Even our KS2 children fell in love with him and is residing in their classroom. I am looking forward to sharing the lovely book with my class."

"Thank you so much for the fantastic resource packs we got today. They are great and so appreciated. WE LOVE THE DONKEY!!!! Please pass on our very sincere thanks to all the team for the worship materials you have been putting on line and for these further resources."



"Thank you Diana and your team for the lovely Easter resources pack. Various ones of us will be using these in the last week of term with our classes. What a wonderful idea to get local people knitting donkeys for the packs! "



#### News from Bee

Working with Sedbergh Prep School, Casterton

Back in February 2020 I had the privilege of speaking at the Chapel Service at Sedbergh Prep School in Casterton. I was asked to speak on ambition and enjoyed sharing with the children how to bring prayer and praise into this. I talked about being ambitious with our talents, and then asking them to participate in an interactive telling of the 'Parable of the Talents'. Feedback from the service was very good and we eagerly looked at further dates for me to return. Unfortunately Lockdown 1.0 happened soon after and as you are aware our way of working temporarily shifted! However, good relationships with Sedbergh Prep have continued during this time with staff member Dick Gorst utilising our videos in his weekly online chapel services. In addition to this, staff at the Prep School enjoyed using the Christmas and Easter lesson resources we sent. We have been very encouraged that we can serve Sedbergh Prep in this way during lockdown, that Dick feels supported in the use of the assemblies we send through, and that when restrictions are lifted I can return to speaking at their Chapel Services in person! Thank you for your prayers, Bee

## News from Katy

I love bringing good news, and despite being on furlough most of this term and flexi-furlough the last three weeks, together with the great crowd of witnesses surrounding South Lakes, namely our wonderful team of schools workers and all the other NISCU areas who have stood and stood again as family, we have known God's faithfulness, opportunities to celebrate and cry together, and can look to the future with hope as we serve our schools.

We have been so encouraged to hear from our Primary and Secondary schools, and to know they are able to use the media resources we are providing. Diana and I celebrated leading our first zoom assembly on 'Truthfulness' at Dent Primary school this week, and are now looking forward to more zoom connecting with schools in the summer term, as well as helping to prepare the 'Party Bag' lesson resources for Primary schools teaching about Pentecost, Eucharist and Baptism, and we look to other new opportunities to serve too.

## Secondary schools

As part of the NISCU wider team we contributed to and sent out an **Easter Timeline lesson** and '**10 Things we Love about Easter**' assembly, which you may want to watch for yourselves.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MT0xH5CNOY> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PckS2dc74HA>

Charlie has been recording interviews for Secondary schools this term, including a 'Grill a Bishop' session with Bishop Emma, and a mental wellbeing session at the beginning of the year with record breaking runner Paul Tierney. He also spoke with Tim Farron the MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale about his faith and political career, giving Tim the opportunity to answer some students' questions from secondary schools across Lancashire and Cumbria.

On receiving the video resource of Charlie's interview with Tim Farron, one school's response was:

"This is fantastic! Thank you so much and thank you Tim Farron!"

Having watched Charlie's interview with Tim Farron, staff and students at the Secondary school shared: "We thought it was wonderful to watch faith in action. Learning about the complexity of living faith helps children to understand how meaningful religion can be. This is important for moving away from reductionist and negative stereotypes, towards respect."



## Something new... UNIQUE

The first ever 'Unique' session for young people by young people is available online 2nd to 25th April 2021 and on [niscu.online.church](http://niscu.online.church) on Friday 9th April 7.30pm and Sunday 25th April 6.30pm. If you want to share this with your youth group at your own specific time email [rachel.gleave@niscu.org.uk](mailto:rachel.gleave@niscu.org.uk)

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The first ever unique session will be happening soon!!!

Unique is a 30 min online presentation for young people, made by young people from around our niscu areas, and includes: worship, prayer, Bible explanation, chat, and more.

This presentation will only be available online from 2nd to 25th April 2021.

There will be the opportunity to watch with the online community (type [niscu.online.church](http://niscu.online.church) in browser) on:  
Friday 9th April @ 7:30pm and  
Sunday 25th April @ 6:30pm.

Also if you are a youth leader, and would like to show this to your youth group at your own specific time, there will be a private Youtube video that we can forward you for you to use.  
(This link must not be passed on and will only be available from 2nd - 25th April.)

Need more info??? email [rachel.gleave@niscu.org.uk](mailto:rachel.gleave@niscu.org.uk)

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During this difficult time of the Covid19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions, most of our staff are using the flexi furlough scheme and are working reduced hours. The furlough scheme, together with the on-going commitment of our regular donors, has allowed the South Lakes area to keep operating; we will give a further financial update in the autumn as the furlough scheme ends and (hopefully!) there is greater opportunity for our workers to be physically in schools.

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