

**"And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh."
Ezekiel 11 v 19**



New Things



God likes to shake things up and bring newness. He's done that with us, giving us new hearts (and much more - see Debbie's report on her latest assembly, below) and by renewing our creativity so that we can find new ways to communicate his good news with children and young people. There has been lots of 'newness' in NISCU North Lancs so far this term, so please read on to find out more, and pray that God will continue in his business of heart-transplanting in the lives of the children that we meet! **Jonny**

Monthly Prayer Meetings:

1st Friday (pm) - Garstang

3rd Thurs (am) - Scotforth

PRAYER

For more prayer points and good news stories sign up for our **Miracle Monday** email! Or invite a niscu worker to visit your church or prayer meeting! We would love to come and share!

And coming up....

Our annual Week of Vision and Prayer - 1st-5th May - including a chance to join Jonny on this year's prayer walk!

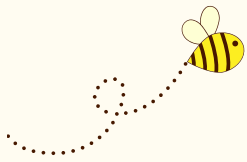


A 'New' assembly

The "ERIC 22", is a cardboard robot who needs updating to a 2023 version. He's visited 22 local schools with me this term and we've given him a new circuit board, new voice, new heart and new direction (with the help of a remote controlled car installed underneath!). We then look at how the Bible says we can come to God for a renewed mind (Rom 12:2), a new voice (Ps 144:9), a new heart (Eph 4:23) and a new and living way through Jesus (Heb 10:20). ERIC and I reinforce that God wants us to come to Him for forgiveness and a new start. The silly song we sang, based on a well-known nursery rhyme went down well - "Heads, voices, hearts and toes and eyes on God and trust He knows. The Bible says we can be new: mind, song and heart, a new way too."

It's been one of my favourite assemblies and I feel sad that ERIC and I now won't be working together but my prayer is that children remember the Bible verses and message and not just funny ERIC with the big googly eyes. **Debbie**





New Links

It has been very encouraging to make new links with 4 schools this term where we had not visited for quite some time or not at all. These include Morecambe Bay CP School, Lancaster Road CP School, Moorside CP School and St Mary's and St Michael's RC school in Garstang. A real answer to prayer! We have also been writing new lessons which complement the RE curriculum in primary schools including The Exodus, Miracles, Who is Jesus? Discipleship and Why is Good Friday good?

Alongside this, we have made a new contact with 10ofthose, who have enabled us to buy some books at a discounted rate which we have gifted to schools for Easter. We are always looking for new ways to serve our schools and keep what we do alive and creative.

Diana



New Resources

We have just delivered packs to all 67 local primary schools with resources for Easter lessons and activities, plus a free book, generously funded by supporters and with a big discount from publishers 10ofthose. Thank you!



The Same Message

Although new things happen at NISCU all the time, there is one thing that remains unchanged: the Gospel. In a world where the good news is too often distorted, watered down or changed altogether, it is vital that we share the true Gospel in our schools. Everyone needs to hear the age-old truth that we are not perfect as we are, that we need to repent and turn to God, that Jesus died so that we could be forgiven and that because he rose again we can look forward to an amazing future – but that doesn't mean life will be easy. We are immensely privileged to be able to present this truth in both church and community schools, and there is nothing more joyful than seeing a child or young person suddenly gaining a new understanding of it. After all, it is this Gospel that is 'the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16)

Sarah

Introducing Holly!

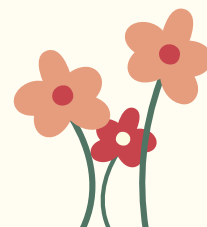
Hello! It is such a pleasure and joy to be introducing myself to you as the newest member of the North Lancs NISCU team! My name is Holly Wood (I married into that name!) and I am from Toronto, Canada. I first came to England in 2009 as a student at Capernwray Hall. I met my husband, Stephen, there and we married in 2012. God placed deep desires in my heart while I was at Capernwray, and ever since I graduated, He has been fulfilling those desires, one by one in His perfect timing.



One of those desires was to somehow combine my love for Him with my skills in dancing & movement & storytelling. I didn't know how that could be possible, but with NISCU it feels like that God-given desire could become a reality. We are all given gifts and called/asked/invited to use them. God has been very gracious to me in helping me find outlets to use my gifts, and when I do I get a deep sense of fulfilment.

Over the past ten years I have been running my own dance school for children, and I have loved that – but I have deeply wanted to share Jesus with them while doing that, not knowing the route how. I have now come to work with NISCU because I feel called to do so in my heart: I love children and I love Jesus; combining these two loves with my God-given gifts to share the gospel – the love, freedom and deep joy Christ gives us is my heart's desire – He changes lives and I want to communicate his life-changing message. I am so grateful to God for the opportunity to be here & I thank you all for your prayers as I find my/His way forwards.

Holly



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Thank you very much.