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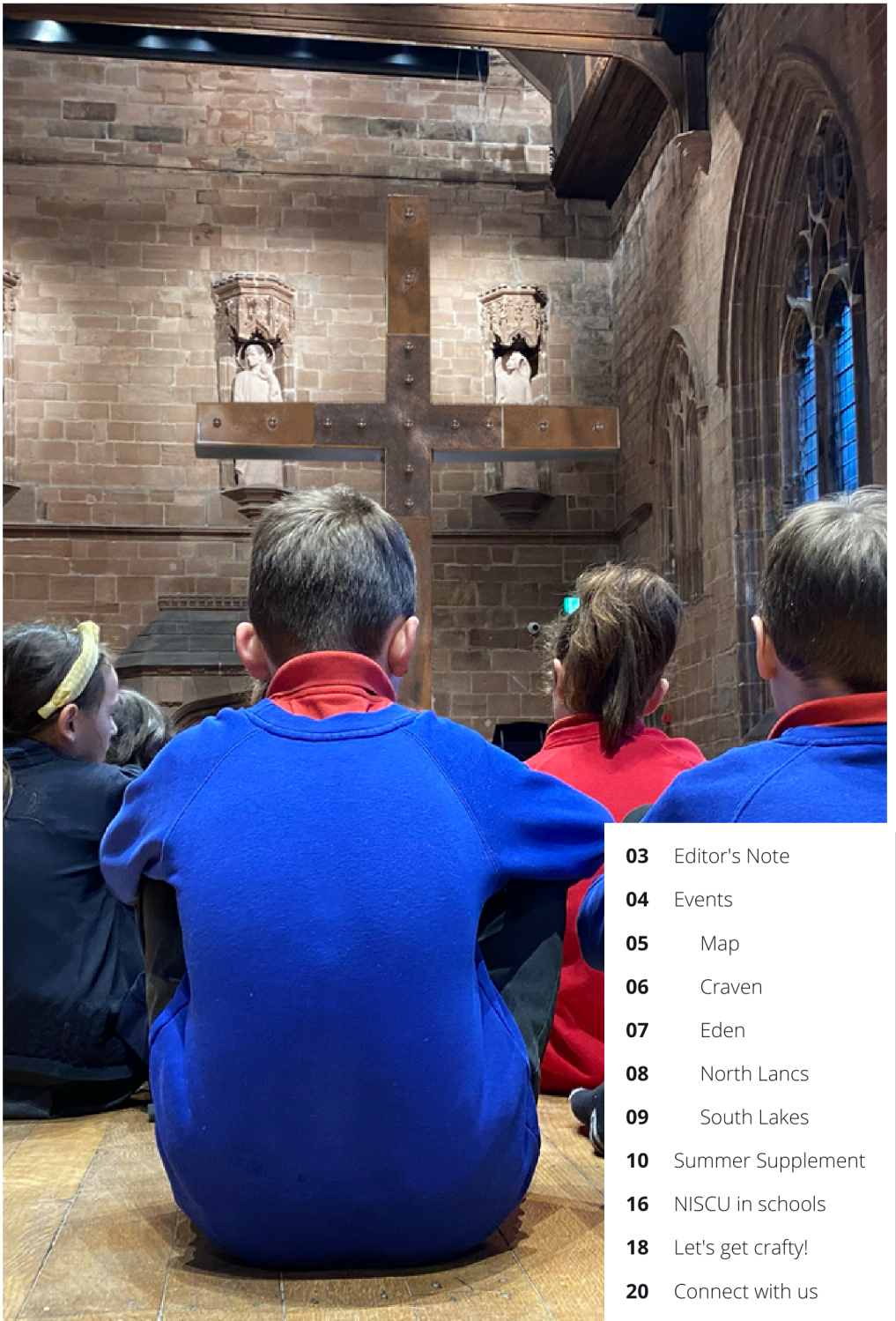


# ‘Why should I gain from His reward?’

A collection of fun events for you, your young people and your children this Easter

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# Editor's Note

Welcome to this sixth edition of NISCU Connect- a place where we can help to connect a few of the dots around what churches are offering for children and young people and what parents and young people might find interesting in the holidays.

Firstly, if you are looking at this and thinking: 'Why is my event not in there?', then please contact us by emailing [connect@niscu.org.uk](mailto:connect@niscu.org.uk) and we can help you get your club or event into the next edition.

Secondly, if you are a parent looking at this thinking: **'I would like to hear about this for myself'** then scan the QR code below and complete the form. Alternatively you can email us at [connect@niscu.org.uk](mailto:connect@niscu.org.uk). We will then add you to our mailing list and you can receive future information first hand.

We are aware that Easter is early this year and some organisations had not



finalised details of their activities before we went to print. So we'd encourage you to keep checking local church websites to see if they are running Easter events over the holidays!

We hope that you enjoy reading Connect, and that you may learn a little more about the work of NISCU, or find an event you want to go to! All of the information in this issue was correct at publishing, but due to circumstances outside of our control, events may change so please contact the organiser for further details. Also please bear in mind that the events and clubs listed are being run by Christians; therefore there might be content regarding the Hope that we have in Jesus incorporated into the sessions. If you are not sure if this is what you want for your children and young people, then please contact the organiser and ask about the content of the event before booking.

Thank you.





## 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!'

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

New beginnings, new life, the hope that Easter brings: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life'.

(John 3:16)

The events listed in Connect are a collection of Easter themed activities that Churches and Christian organisations are running over the holidays, and each are identified by these badges:



Where possible we have identified suitable age ranges for the events, but our advice is that you should contact the event organisers to ensure it is suitable for your child.







Settle Christian Fellowship



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CHURCH



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*Journey to the Cross*



**The meaning of Good Friday**  
Dramatic presentation in 4 parts

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30 <i>The Last Supper</i>	St. John's Methodist Church
10.50 <i>Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane</i>	Millennium Garden
11.10 <i>The trial of Jesus</i>	Market Place
11.40 <i>The death of Jesus</i>	Parish Church grounds

Organised by Churches Together in Settle and District  
www.ctisad.org.uk

followed by tea/coffee and hot cross buns at Settle Parish Church

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**Easter Sunday:** 31st March: 11am

Age Range: All Ages

*Join with us as 'Small Paul' presents the Easter Story using ballon art! Lunch provided by the church will follow the service.*

Church Contact:

Email: [fmcornerstonechurch@gmail.com](mailto:fmcornerstonechurch@gmail.com)

Tel: 07942672105

All services held at Low Bentham Victoria Institute

For more information: Tel: 01729 822 311



## Kirkby Stephen Evangelical Church



### 3 Easter Event

Saturday 30th March: 11:00am - 3:00 pm  
Age Range: Children of all ages with their adults

*Crafts and Activities, Refreshments available. All welcome, drop in anytime between 11am- 3pm*

Church Contact: Dorothy Hutchinson  
Email: ksecurch@outlook.com

Notes:  
No need to book



## CHURCH IN THE BARN



### 4 Youth in the Barn

**Good Friday:** 29th March 07:30pm - 09:30pm  
Age Range: Under 18s

*Football, table tennis, tuck, music, games and chill. Free entry and space to leave bikes and scooters.*

Church Contact:  
Graham: 07701011004  
Jari :07472186270  
web: www.churchinthebarn.org.uk



## Castle Sowerby Chapel



### 5 Easter Sunday: 31st March 6:30pm

Age Range: Children of all ages with their adults

*Refreshments after the service.  
Everyone welcome.*

Notes:  
No need to book



## St Paul's Church Pooley Bridge



### 6 Good Friday: 29th March 10:00am

*Reflections at the cross : brief all-age  
interactive service*

**Easter Sunday:** 31st March 10:00am

*Easter Celebration- suitable for all ages  
Everyone welcome.*

Notes:  
No need to book



Valley Church



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Valley Lancasters

# Easter Special

Sunday 24th March

Join us at 10:15am for a worship service full of Easter fun!

There'll be a full kids programme running alongside the service, followed by an Easter Activity Hunt (£2 per child) including biscuit decorating, photobooth, Lego, puzzles, crafts, and more!

As always, there'll be drinks and snacks plus a few extra Easter treats, too.

Valley Church Lancaster  
The Centre @ Halton

Sign up at [valleychurch.eu/events](http://valleychurch.eu/events)  
or scan the QR code below



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## Through the Wardrobe Holiday Club

Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April: 10am - 1pm

Age Range: Primary

*Primary school children are invited to join  
Through the Wardrobe for a brilliant week . To*

*find out more visit:*

*<https://youtu.be/MaapcwxBW8A>*

*£4 per Day or £14 for the week.*

Church Contact: Sarah Evans

Email: [children@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:children@st.tees.org.uk)

Web: [www.st.tees.org.uk](http://www.st.tees.org.uk)

Bookings close 26.03.24.

## CAPERWRAY



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YOUTH



## CONNECT (11-13)

Fri 29 March – Tue 2 April 2024

CONNECT is a fun-filled week for 11-13 year olds. Rush down the Zip Wires, race your friends on the go-karts, dip in the swimming pool...

**AGES: 11-13 £195**

Last few

Website:

[capernwray.org/events/connect-11-13/](http://capernwray.org/events/connect-11-13/)



**Kirkby Lonsdale  
Methodist Church**



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**Messy Church**  
Kirkby Lonsdale

**St. Patrick**

Join us 17th March 4.30pm-6pm  
at Kirkby Lonsdale Methodist  
Church to explore the story of  
St. Patrick

**Activities**  
**Storytelling**  
**Totally free**  
**Hot meal**

For more info:  
[lol@cilfamilyproject.org](mailto:lol@cilfamilyproject.org)

Contact: Lol Wood : [lol@cilfamilyproject.org](mailto:lol@cilfamilyproject.org)



**St Thomas Church,  
Kendal**



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**Youth Sunday Service**

Sunday 24th March 7:00pm- 8:30pm

*11-18 year olds welcome to meet new friends,  
get your praise on with the band,  
hear about what God has done for you,  
eat, meet and have a laugh together.  
Free, no need to sign up, just turn up.*

Church Contact: James

Email: [james@stkmail.org.uk](mailto:james@stkmail.org.uk)

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## The Summer Supplement

COMING SUMMER 2024





Are you interested in helping bring the gospel to young people in another country?



Niscu are looking for people aged 18+ to come to a summer camp in the Czech Republic!

Every summer Scripture Union brings together young people from across Czech to have fun, learn English, and discover who God is, through the Bible and testimonies from the leaders.

Joining with the team of leaders from the Czech Republic, this is a great opportunity to impact the lives and faith of young people in a fantastic environment!

We will support you in every aspect of the trip, from helping you before the trip with resources, to traveling to and from the camp.

Contact and further information:

[jonny.bayes@niscu.org.uk](mailto:jonny.bayes@niscu.org.uk)

01524 732764



**Camp Dates:**  
Sat 3rd Aug  
- Sat 10th Aug

Come and help 11-15s discover more of God!

Costs would include your plane tickets and a small amount to cover the camp (food and lodging).



**HELP TEACHING ENGLISH**

The camp includes an hour of English teaching each day.

You will be involved in leading a variety of simple activities with a small group of young people to develop their understanding of English.



**HOPE LEAD A BIBLE DEVOTION**

You will have the opportunity to lead a Bible devotion with the team and give a short talk/testimony as part of one of the main meetings, bringing something of the good news of Jesus to the young people.



**HAVE FUN AND RELAX TOGETHER**

There is lots of time to get to know the young people, engage in games, sports and other activities.

Most afternoons are given to relaxing together in different ways.



ccyc.uk

CCYC is a tented camp held each year at the beginning of the school holidays at Braithwaite Village Institute near Keswick, Cumbria (with a lovely view of Skiddaw on a good day!!).

CCYC, has been going for over 60 years, with the aims of providing a holiday for young people in a safe and caring environment, to teach young people the truths of God's Word and challenge them with the claims of our Lord Jesus Christ and to encourage and nurture young Christians in their faith.

As well as the campers, we are also looking for leaders to support us meet the aims of the camp.

Contact and further information:

[www.ccyc.uk](http://www.ccyc.uk)

[ccyc@btinternet.com](mailto:ccyc@btinternet.com)



### Camp Dates:

Sat 27th July 2024  
- Sat 3rd August 2024

For young people between the ages of 11-16

### Cost: £130

Cost includes transport (to activities), full board and covers the cost of the main afternoon activities.



### MORNING SESSIONS On - site activities

During a normal day we have on-site activities in the morning which can include:

football, bench-ball, dodgeball, rounders, volleyball.



### AFTERNOON SESSIONS Off - site activities

Our afternoon sessions are normally off-site and can include:

climbing, ghyll scrambling, canoeing, raft building, paddle boarding and archery;

Activities are carried out by local organisations covered by the National Adventure Activities Licensing Authority.



### EVENINGS and WORKSHOPS Workshops and 'Suppertime'

In the evening we have different 'events' that involve team challenges.

Alongside our active sessions we spend time sharing about the Christian faith which is spread across both workshops and 'Suppertime': an evening time together of fun, worship and a short 'epilogue' to finish.



[www.sportsreach.org.uk](http://www.sportsreach.org.uk)

This is a question we frequently get asked by parents as family holidays often end up needing to be arranged around the dates of the soccer schools!

And no wonder...what could beat 4 fun-filled days, honing football and netball skills, taking part in competitions, learning life skills and making new friends? These are all parts of SportsReach Soccer and Netball schools as well as valuable time spent looking into the bible and especially looking at this year's theme of 'Who is Jesus?'

Followed by Saturday's famous World Cup finals, coaches v parents matches, free refreshments, (one venue brought out the local Pizza van, whilst another provided free ice creams from the local ice cream van!) and often ending with a Sunday awards service. This is all part of the experience as we work with local churches as they interact with the local and wider communities.



**Caton Soccer and Netball School:** Wed 29th May - Sat 1st June

Our Soccer and Netball school in the May Half Term Holiday is open for Soccer 7 - 14yrs, and Netball 9 - 13yrs. Contact us for an application form.

Contact: Amelia Preece  
Tel: 01524 771682  
Email: [timandamelia@gmail.com](mailto:timandamelia@gmail.com)



**Clapham Soccer and Netball School:** Wed 31st July - Sun 4th August

Both football and netball in one of the most picturesque settings of all the events we run as we use the great sporting facilities in Austwick.

Contact: Emily Woodhouse  
Tel: 07975 862148  
Email: [emilyruthwoodhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:emilyruthwoodhouse@hotmail.com)



**Carnforth Soccer and Netball School:** Wed 21st August - Sun 25th August

Another hugely popular soccer and netball school which fills up fast.

Contact: Ian Ellershaw to get an application form and sign in.

Tel: 07531 684854  
Email: [ian@cfmc.org.uk](mailto:ian@cfmc.org.uk)

If you have young people in your homes between 7 and 14 years, why not sign them up for a week near to you?



**Great Eccleston Soccer and Netball School:** Wed 28th August - Sun 1st Sept

This Soccer and Netball school is yet to be confirmed, so please contact before you make any plans!

Contact: Steve Dunn  
Tel: 01995 670602  
Email: [dunnythegeordie@hotmail.com](mailto:dunnythegeordie@hotmail.com)





[www.capenwray.org](http://www.capenwray.org)

Capernwray is a fantastic place to experience peace and connect with God. Many families have discovered what a wonderfully safe and secure environment it is for children to explore and enjoy.

Whatever holiday you choose we are greatly looking forward to seeing you at Capernwray soon!

All our holidays are centred on Bible teaching - we love giving time and attention to Jesus Christ, learning more about him and discovering more of the transformation he brings to our life as Christians.

We look forward to you joining us on this journey and discovering the impact that deeply knowing Jesus should have on our daily lives.

Contact and further information:

[www.capenwray.org](http://www.capenwray.org)

[holidays@capenwray.org](mailto:holidays@capenwray.org)

01524 733908



ALL AGES FAMILIES

**ALL TOGETHER**

Sat 6th July  
- Friday 23rd August

Only available for a few weeks over the summer, these weeks are for families and adults, with Bible teaching for all ages. We have so many activities on offer to fill your days. Check website for availability.

**Cost: £105- £455**



YOUTH

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WEEK**

Week 1: Sat 20th - Fri 26th July  
Week 2: Sat 27th July - Fri 2nd Aug

Join others who come from all over the world for our amazing International Youth Weeks - on your own, with friends and siblings, or even groups.

**Cost: £260**



YOUTH

**TEENSTREET UK**

Sat 3rd - Fri 9th August

TeenStreet is a Christian youth event for teens all across the UK and beyond.

We are very excited that TeenStreet UK is held at Capernwray in 2024!

Information and booking directly at [Teenstreet.uk](http://Teenstreet.uk)



ALL AGES FAMILIES

**ONE PARENT FAMILY WEEK**

Sat 24th - Fri 30th August

Lots of fun before school begins, with Bible teaching for all ages.

**Cost: £105- £455**

WEEK 1  
13 July - 19 July  
DAVID GIBSON

WEEK 2  
20 July - 26 July  
ANDREW SACH

WEEK 3  
27 July - 2 August  
VAUGHAN ROBERTS

KESWICK CONVENTION 2024

# RESURRECTION



Gather with thousands of believers next summer to sit under God's Word, enjoy fellowship with each other, and be refreshed in God's creation, as we hear of the resurrection life that is ours in Christ. Find out more at [keswickministries.org](http://keswickministries.org)

Why not take your kids or youth to Keswick this summer? ...and join them yourself as we explore together the theme of Resurrection.

Keswick Convention takes place annually, bringing together thousands of like-minded Christians who want to hear God's Word, become like God's Son and serve God's Mission.

There will be a packed programme to encourage you in your walk with God and space in the afternoons to appreciate God's creation and all that Keswick and the surrounding areas have to offer.

There is no registration or booking needed to attend the adult programme. Registration is required for those attending the Kids and Youth programme. More information on our website.

Contact and further information:

[www.keswickministries.org/](http://www.keswickministries.org/)



**Keswick  
KIDS**

Ages 3 - 11









**Keswick  
YOUTH**

Ages 11 - 18



## Easter In Schools: Assemblies, lessons, clubs and more...

**Katy Hall, Diana Stopczynski**  
**NISCU Schools' Workers, South Lakes**

Diana and I will be visiting Primary schools with the Easter assembly this year, it's a great opportunity to connect with the children and staff in the local Primary Schools in South Lakes with the Easter story and good news of Jesus. We received a lovely welcome to our first Primary School: smiles, offer of a cup of tea, and help to set up for the assembly!

A welcome, a sacrifice, and new life are the focus as we share three giant easter egg props with the children.

We have such an opportunity to share how important the Easter story is to Christians, and how the bible talks about Jesus who was welcomed by many as he journeyed into Jerusalem on a donkey, how he made the sacrifice for our sins on the cross, how he is alive today bringing new life when he rose from the tomb, and how people can have new life, forgiveness and eternal life with God because of the cross.

Diana is teaching a few lessons in between assemblies, and will be volunteering for one day to support the 'Experience Easter' in



Windermere, led by Cathy and the team from South Lakes churches, serving nine Primary Schools and 174 children over three days.

Students who attend Gohub at QKS and the CU at QES have asked to explore the question 'Why did Jesus die?' With the expertise of our regular lunch club supporters, we will be helping the students to unpack what the bible says.

In previous years Diana's focus has been more on teaching Easter lessons in the Primary Schools, but we realised we could reach more children by offering the assembly and we have taken the puppet assemblies into schools in the past.

We have also led 'Walk through Easter' for the whole of Staveley Primary School





in partnership with the local church in the church building and grounds, giving a powerful insight to what happened in the days before and after Jesus' death, and time for the children to reflect on what this means to them.

We have had the pleasure of running the 'Easter Eggstravaganza' in three Secondary Schools, inviting all students to bring their one big question in exchange for a cream egg (You may remember reading about this last year in Connect!).

The team made up of local church volunteers, church leaders and NISCU staff have had the great

opportunity to answer questions from 90+ young people in a lunchtime.

At Easter time it is such a privilege to be sharing the gospel through the Easter story with children in schools, especially children who have never heard the story before. Providing a safe space for young people in Secondary Schools who want to ask questions about God and the bible, or want to explore and express their faith is so important to us, and such an honour. We are incredibly thankful for all who support us to make this possible.



"I loved the different elements which you brought to the lesson, storytelling, sheep hunt, video and the sheep hoof dance. You kept the children engaged throughout. Well done!"

"Thank you so much for the amazing lessons you bring to school. They complement what we are teaching in the RE curriculum so well. We always look forward to your visits."

# EASTER Gingerbread

## 1 Get Easter Baking



This Easter why not make these delicious gingerbread bunnies?

Or you could follow the recipe for gingerbread but change your bunny shape for a cross, easter egg or chick.

Ice to decorate or leave plain...

...yummy!



## What do I need?

# 2



- 225g Plain flour
- 110g Salted butter
- 3tbsp Golden syrup
- 100g Dark muscovado sugar
- ½tsp Bicarbonate of soda
- 1tsp Ground ginger
- 1tsp Ground cinnamon

50g Icing sugar if  
icing/decorating



# How do I make them? 3

1. Combine the flour, bicarb, ginger and cinnamon in a large bowl. Then make a well in the centre and pour in your butter-sugar mixture. Mix well using your hands to form a dough. Wrap the dough in clingfilm and store in the fridge for approx 30mins.
2. Place the dough between 2 large sheets of baking paper. Using a rolling pin roll out the dough so its about 1/2 cm thick. Use a biscuit cutter to cut out your shapes.
3. Place on a lined baking sheet, bake for 10-12 mins at 180c until light golden brown. Finish with piped icing (if desired)



# Eat!! 4



"Yummy!"

Enjoy with friends,  
family, or the Easter  
Bunny!



Wishing you  
joy this Easter  
time.

Happy Easter

*From all the  
team at niscu*



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