



**FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A
SEASON, AND A TIME FOR EVERY
MATTER UNDER HEAVEN**

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

Changing Seasons

God's word tells us that we will go through many different seasons in our lives, some easier, some harder, some busier, some marked by rest, but in all of them He will be with us! Right now in Niscu we're aware of the changing seasons. Firstly, in the literal sense we're enjoying the spring sunshine and the promise of new life! We're also excited about the Easter 'season' which we're well into - you can read more about that below!

We're also in a season of transition too, in terms of our team, as we sadly say goodbye to Diana, when she retires at Easter. Diana has been a faithful worker, both in North Lancs and South Lakes and will be sorely missed in our team and by the many schools she has visited and impacted. Diana's commitment to serving God and bringing his good news to children has been outstanding and a joy to behold.

Please be praying for Diana as she retires, and for us as a team as we adjust to life without her! Read on to hear from Diana and also to hear who will be joining us after Easter! **Jonny**



The Best Job Ever

After 12 wonderful years working for Niscu the time has come for me to retire and step down from my current role.

After I qualified as a teacher my family, friends and I prayed for many years for a teaching job for me. I remember a friend of mine saying, "When God gives you a job it will be the best job ever!" She was right and when the opportunity came to work as part of the niscu team I couldn't have been happier. I would be teaching children, which I love, teaching children about Jesus was even better.

It has been such a privilege to take the Gospel into schools with assemblies, lessons and clubs and to help build up the North Lancs area from 52 primary schools to 67! I have enjoyed every minute working alongside the rest of the team and the volunteers who are so important to our work. I especially enjoy teaching lessons and I have been so blessed especially in the Community Schools where children are often hearing these stories for the first time. They are usually very receptive to learning about Jesus and the Bible and it is such a blessing to see the amazement on their faces when they often ask "Is this true?"

I do have mixed feelings about retiring and I don't have any definite plans for the future but I'm sure God has. I will be able to visit my grandchild a little more and spend time with family and friends and would also like to do more walking. I will miss my time in schools but I have said I am open to volunteering with Niscu as and when the team need an extra pair of hands, so watch this space!

Diana

In due season

How many times through the winter did you wish for Spring to hurry up and come? Sometimes we can wish that we were in a season other than the one we're in. In our Niscu work, you hear about all the exciting things that happen, but sometimes it's hard work and it makes us weary. Not everyone wants to listen to our message.

This verse is a fantastic reminder that everything is in God's hands. The previous verse reminds us to 'sow to the Spirit' because the harvest of that will be eternal life. We are sowing seeds everywhere we go, but it's for God to decide when the harvest season comes.

Sarah

'AND LET US NOT GROW
WEARY OF DOING GOOD, FOR
IN DUE SEASON WE WILL
REAP, IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.'

GALATIANS 6:9



Week of Vision and Prayer 2025

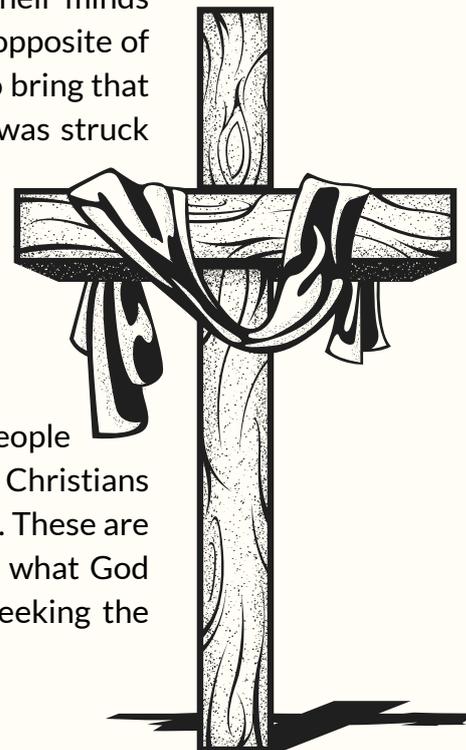
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Easter Season!

Even with Easter being later this year, we are fully in the throes of our Easter season in the North Lancs team. I'm always amazed at how many wonderful opportunities this brings! This year with our Easter assembly, we will be looking at opposites and the crowd that changed their minds from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, and of course the greatest opposite of all - the King who was dead and is now alive! What a joy it is to bring that wonderful news to thousands of children across the area - I was struck particularly in our first three assemblies when asking the children who had heard this story before and only about a quarter of the children put their hands up each time, what a season we are in of sharing good news, often for the first time.

But it is not only the primary schools exploring this news - in our office now, we have around 900 crème eggs ready to go out to the secondary schools! We are so excited for all the young people who will be coming with their questions about faith and God, to Christians from local churches to help them explore things for themselves. These are always exciting and engaging events and we can't wait to see what God will be doing in the lives of our children and young people seeking the greatest news of all!

Abi



Time to rest

I am so grateful to God for seasons. It means there is a fluidity of life, a movement of everything – the air, the plants, events, and how we relate to everything around us. When seasons are joyous, it's delightful. When they are challenging, we know they won't last. We can learn and gain much from every season, if we're open and willing to.

For our work at Niscu, we take a season to stop from our work and our doing, to rest. To be with each other, to listen, to learn. We did this at the beginning of March for our annual retreat, and what a blessing it was! At first it was hard for me to 'stop and rest'; I didn't want to cancel planned clubs and classes. But I was reminded that rest is of enormous value to God – it's a gift He has given us and if we don't take it, we and others suffer. I am so glad I stopped and rested – I was refreshed by the gift of time to not work.

If you, like me, can struggle to stop and rest, please let me encourage you – TAKE TIME OFF. God gives rest to His Loved Ones. We are His children, and He knows what we need better than we do. Rest revives; Rest recharges; Rest blesses. A season of rest is beautiful and blessed – please do take one day a week to do just this, and if you can take greater seasons of rest throughout the year, then do so.

Holly

Everything we do begins in prayer - here are some ways you can support us in it!

Monthly Prayer Meetings:

Garstang, Forton and South Lancaster, contact us for dates & venues.

Or talk to us about starting one where you live!

For more prayer points 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!



PRAYER

COMING SOON...

OUR NEWEST SCHOOLS WORKER!

LOU MOSEY!



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GET TOGETHER 2025
May 10th 2025

Are you interested in seeing what NISCU does in schools across our areas?
Meet the team, maybe learn how to use puppets or try out Active Listening
it's all happening, and it's free!!
For more info see www.niscu.org.uk/events.
May 10th 2025
09:30am - 17:00pm
Church in the Barn, Penrith

Bring your own packed lunch!!

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and "North Lancs" on the back.
Thank you very much.