



**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, with primary assemblies and events in high schools giving us great opportunities to share the good news of Easter!

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 South Lakes and North Lancs 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 North Lancs team I couldn't have been happier. I would be teaching children, which I love, teaching children about Jesus was even better.

After working for niscu North Lancs for a short while I was asked to join the South Lakes Team for an extra 4 hours a week to support the new worker Katy, which eventually increased to 12 hours a week. This has worked really well and I was able to bring assemblies, lessons etc. which had been planned in North Lancs to share with South Lakes. Working in the two areas has been challenging at times but it has been refreshing to appreciate the different schools in both areas.

I especially enjoy teaching lessons and I have been blessed to have reached so many children during my time with Niscu. I have found that children 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 hear things for the first time.

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 North Lancs as and when the team need an extra pair of hands. **Diana**



Easter, a season of surprises

Easter still seems a little way off, but not in the schools' work. The season of Easter work is already upon us and has already begun.

I had the great privilege to join Cathy and the team at St Mary's church in Windermere for one morning as they led Year 5 children from St Martin and St Mary school and Langdales school through an enriching, vibrant and thought-provoking 'Experience Easter'. Surrounded by beautiful scenery and the team in costume, students were skilfully led on an interactive journey exploring and reflecting on different stages of the Easter story. My task as time keeper was to bang the gong when it was time for groups to move round, and I got to wear a costume too, that was a surprise to me. Over three days many more Primary schools in and around Windermere have journeyed through Experience Easter.

8 Primary schools have booked the Easter assembly, Crosscrake, St Thomas', Burton Morewood, Arnside, Ambleside, Vicarage Park, Holme and Levens. The children have the opportunity to explore the surprises of Easter, good and bad, as we investigate the evidence of some very surprising things that happened 2,000 years ago, on that very first Easter. Diana is looking forward to giving me the detective hat to wear, and I am still not completely clear what sort of egg Diana wants me crack on her. What is exciting is we get to tell the children the best news Jesus' friends ever had and give them time to think about it all.

A team made up of Church leaders, Diana and I are also heading into Dallam with 100 Crème Eggs for the Easter Eggstravaganza. Year 7 students are invited to bring their One Big Question about Jesus, God, the bible and faith for a crème egg. These events are always full of surprises, some students are surprised about other student's questions, and often surprised about the answers to the questions. We also gain insight into what questions are coming to mind for young people in this season, which is so helpful and can inform how we walk with Year 7 in this season, and how we can pray for them. **Katy**

Week of Vision and Prayer 2025

5-11th May

COMING SOON...

OUR NEWEST SCHOOLS WORKER!

LAURA KIRKHAM!



Monthly prayer meeting for the work in schools in and around Kendal;

- 1st Apr 10am St George's Church, Kendal LA9 7AS
- 6th May 10am Parr Street Church, Kendal LA9 7DH
- 3rd Jun 10am St Thomas' Church, Kendal LA9 4QG
- 1st Jul 10am Kendal Parish Church LA9 5AF

Annual Meeting Thurs 26th June
7.30pm, Parr Street Church, Kendal.

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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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Thank you very much.