



***GO, STAND IN THE TEMPLE COURTS," [THE ANGEL OF THE LORD] SAID, "AND TELL THE PEOPLE ALL ABOUT THIS NEW LIFE."***

ACTS 5:20

# Growing Connections

Spring is arriving slowly, green shoots appearing, an exciting time of seeing new growth around us. In Niscu we're also excited to see new connections being made with schools both by our team but also by churches and volunteers! It's so great when we can partner together to see more children and young people reached with the good news of Jesus!

In this newsletter we'll highlight some of the activities the local churches are part of in schools throughout North Lancs, we know there are more than we can include here, so we're sorry if we've missed your church!

## What are local churches doing in schools...?

### HEART CHURCH

As a church we connect with Morecambe Bay School, where we hold our services, in various ways. Our pastor Dan is Chair of Governors which gives him a good insight as to what is happening in school. I also go once a week as a Church volunteer to listen to children read which has helped build up connections with the staff and children. This has also opened the door for me to go in as a volunteer for niscu and teach some RE lessons.

We hold various outreach events mainly Christmas and Easter and invite the families from school to come along and meet us. We also handed out Christmas hampers in December to 30 families which the school chose, to show them God's love.

**Diana** (our former niscu worker)



The NISCU schools workers are inspiring! One way they inspired us was when they held a 'Walk Through Easter' workshop in our church for local school children. The next year, a few of us got involved, and that gave us the confidence to deliver the workshop ourselves. Our team of volunteers has grown each year. We've made some tweaks, but it is still based on the NISCU original. It is a regular feature in our diary and also with our two schools who appreciate that their children get to learn about Easter in an accessible way.

### STANLEY RD BAPTIST





At the moment we go in to Bowerham school each half term for assemblies on their values and help to teach their RE curriculum – we see each class twice in the year, once in their class and once when they come to church. I love the feel of the school, it’s so happy and joyful and I am especially enjoying the off-task chats with staff who keep surprising me with how open they are to us coming/them coming to us. It is a great opportunity to teach their curriculum, an important connection with the community (that had led to welcoming them into church for other events) and a chance to share Jesus with hundreds of people!

**Mark Bradford**



We meet in Scotforth St Paul’s Primary School and for more than 3 years now have been running a JAM (Jesus and Me) club on Tuesday lunch times. We have a small team, two of whom will run the club each week, so that it’s not too much for any one person! The attendance varies from 4-24, but it’s always a great time sharing some simple truths with the children and helping them to explore more of what it means to follow Jesus!



We connect with a few local schools, including:  
 Garstang St Thomas - Weekly assemblies, regular lessons and invitational church services;  
 Garstang Community Primary - Half-termly assemblies and regular lessons;  
 Nateby Primary - Fortnightly assemblies and occasional lessons.

Choir Church also welcomes children in year 2 and above from any local school to a weekly choral rehearsal and half-termly services led by our children!

A few other churches:

- Carnforth Free Methodist have recently started a CU in Carnforth High School,
- Willow Lane Church have grown their relationship with Willow Lane Primary and now have a club going,



# Exam Survival

We appreciate the many ways you support NISCU and this offer is a way for us to support you! If you know a local young person doing GCSEs this summer who is in need of some encouragement, get in touch.

Lou has made 25 exam survival kits with small gifts and letters/notes that will help someone get through their exams. If you would like one, email Lou: [lou.mosey@niscu.org.uk](mailto:lou.mosey@niscu.org.uk)



## Schools Work at Easter

This short term is racing towards Easter, a wonderful time for us as Christians and as schools workers, with so many opportunities to share about Jesus!

This year we have:

- 15 Easter Assemblies
- 10 Easter Lessons
- 4 (or possibly 5) Creme Egg Quests



Plus the annual Alpha Day for the whole of the Year 8s at Ripley, where the school bring them to St Thomas' Church and Hope Church to explore more about the Christian faith, using the Youth Alpha resources. The day is supported by around 30 volunteers who get to sit with groups of students through the day and share their faith.

And Jonny will lead a Forgiveness session at OLCC to all of their Y8s, with Marcus Mosey, sharing his powerful story of forgiveness. Please pray for these events to be full of great conversations and young people discovering Jesus!

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Thank you very much.