

A new beginning as Michael retires

Michael Fentem after serving MAST for fifteen years and previously to this, for six years on behalf of his church, is to step down from his role at the end of the next academic school year.

Michael will be 65 in June and feels that it is a good time to step aside. "I still really enjoy doing assemblies and meeting staff and pupils but physically I am beginning to struggle and realise as well that the world and children are changing", he said.

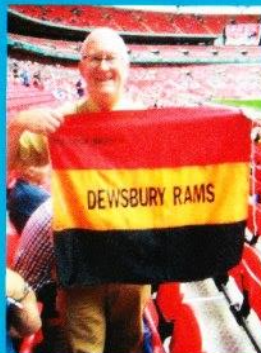
Jesus Christ, is the same yesterday, today and forever, and MAST is seeking to find people or an individual who will take over the role of bringing the Gospel to our local schoolchildren as part of our MAST team.



Pictured above is Michael speaking at the recent Celebration Service with Leo his grandson saying this is the future and with the excellent trustees that MAST will continue to grow and reach more children. Michael presently visits over 70 school situations every term ranging from nursery school to Yr 11's at Secondary School.



Michael has worked in children ministry for over forty years running clubs and as a children's entertainer. His unique style and presentation will be sadly missed by schools and us all. Please pray for Michael in his final year and that the trustees will be led to the right person(s) to take over.



May there be many more of these moments for Michael

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EXCITING NEW FUTURE

TELLING THE NEXT GENERATION THE PRAISEWORTHY DEEDS OF THE LORD - Psalm 78 v 4

The school year of 2016/17 raises many new and exciting challenges for MAST as they bring the Good News of Jesus to thousands of young people in over 80 schools in the Matlock and district area.

This year we welcome Jeremy Beckett as our new chairman (story inside) but will be seeing Michael Fentem retire from his role (see back page).

MAST continues to be invited into new schools and last year set new record numbers for their assemblies, lessons and out of school clubs.

*Pictured below is Michael doing the story of Noah.



SCHOOLS VISITED BY MAST

MICHAEL FENTEM

Ambergate Primary, Ashover Primary, Antony Gell Secondary, Bakewell Infants, Belper St Johns Infants and Juniors, Bonsall Primary, Brassington Primary, Bramley Vale Primary, Carsington Primary, Ashgate Croft - Primary, Intermediate and Senior, Brimington Infants, Calow Primary, Hasland Infants, Highfield Hall Infants and Juniors, Old Hall Juniors, Whitecotes Primary - Crich Carr Primary, Cromford Primary, Darley Dale Churchtown and Darley Dale Juniors, Dove Holes Primary, Earl Sterndale Primary, Eyam Primary,

Harpur Hill Primary, Kirk Ireton Primary, Lea Primary, Litton Primary, Hope Primary, **MATLOCK** - All Saints Infants and Juniors, Castle View Primary, St Giles Primary, Highfields Secondary, Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9, Yr 10, Yr 11 plus two Christian Unions: Holy Trinity Matlock Bath Primary, Mickley Infants, Middleton Primary, Milford Primary, Morton Primary, Norbriggs Primary, Peak Forest Primary, Pilsley Primary, Park House Primary, Rowsley Primary, Stanton in Peak Primary, Stoney Middleton Primary, Stretton/Handley Primary, Tansley Primary, Tibshelf Primary, Turnditch Primary, Tupton Primary, Unstone Infants and Nursery, Wirksworth Juniors, Winster Primary, Woodthorpe Primary

JAMES AND CHRISTINE COATES

Bakewell Infants and Juniors, Crich Juniors; Crich Carr Primary; Darley Dale Churchtown Primary, South Darley Primary, Earl Sterndale Primary, Elton Primary; Great Hucklow Primary, Hathersage Primary, **MATLOCK** - All Saints Infants, St Giles Primary; St Josephs Primary, Monyash Primary, Rowsley Primary, Scargill Primary, Stanton in Peak Primary, Stoney Middleton Primary, Stretton/Handley Primary, Westhouses Primary, Youlgrave Primary.

RAY AND BERYL BRIDDON

Bamford Primary, Biggin Primary, Bolsover Infants and Juniors, Bradwell Juniors, Brigg Infants, South Normanton, Castleton Primary, Calow Primary, Curbar Primary, Darley Greenaway Infants; Earl Sterndale Primary, Edale Primary, Elton Primary, Great Longstone Primary, Glossop Duke of Norfolk Primary, Grindleford Primary, Litton Primary, Hope Primary, Hartington Primary, Peak Forest Primary, Shuttlewood Primary, South Darley Primary, South Normanton Infants, St Anselms Pre-Prep, Taddington Primary, Tupton Primary, Tideswell Primary, Youlgrave Primary

Jeremy Beckett is our new chairman

Jeremy Beckett of Steep Turnpike Evangelical Church was welcomed to be our new chairman at the Annual Meeting. Jeremy has served on MAST for over ten years and takes over the role from Martyn Pyne as MAST steps forward into a new era.

Jeremy has worked in education for many years and has been a parish councillor for Cromford since 1989. He is keen to see the ministry of MAST grow over the next few years as Michael retires and we see new people come in to take his role.

"We are entering an exciting new era in the ministry of MAST, we are delighted with the welcome received in so many schools and situations but believe that we can build upon this success"

He also said "Thank you for the overwhelming support of all the trustees and supporters and I look forward to working alongside everyone in the future"

OUR TRUSTEES

Jeremy Beckett - chairman - Steep Turnpike Evangelical
Chris Cookman - treasurer - Church in the Peak
Sheila Laming - Matlock Bath Parish Church
Judy Land - Bonsall Wesleyan Reform
Martyn Pyne - Church in the Peak
Pastor Matthew Quinn - Bonsall Village Life
Mavis Salisbury - Matlock Methodist and URC
Coun Peter Slack - Wellsprings - Wirksworth Methodist
Alan Smith - Matlock Hub
Patrick Tsang - Doncaster Chinese Church



Chris Cookman left and Jeremy discuss the future ministry of MAST.

MASTFACTS

MAST is a trust run by a group of trustees representing many different churches in the area. MAST's primary purpose is to promote the Bible message in schools, always through Bible stories and without any bias towards individual churches or denominations. MAST workers are available to deliver assemblies, out of school clubs and RE lessons - by arrangement. MAST would love to hear from you if you are not on our list of schools but would like to be.