

# MAST Newsletter

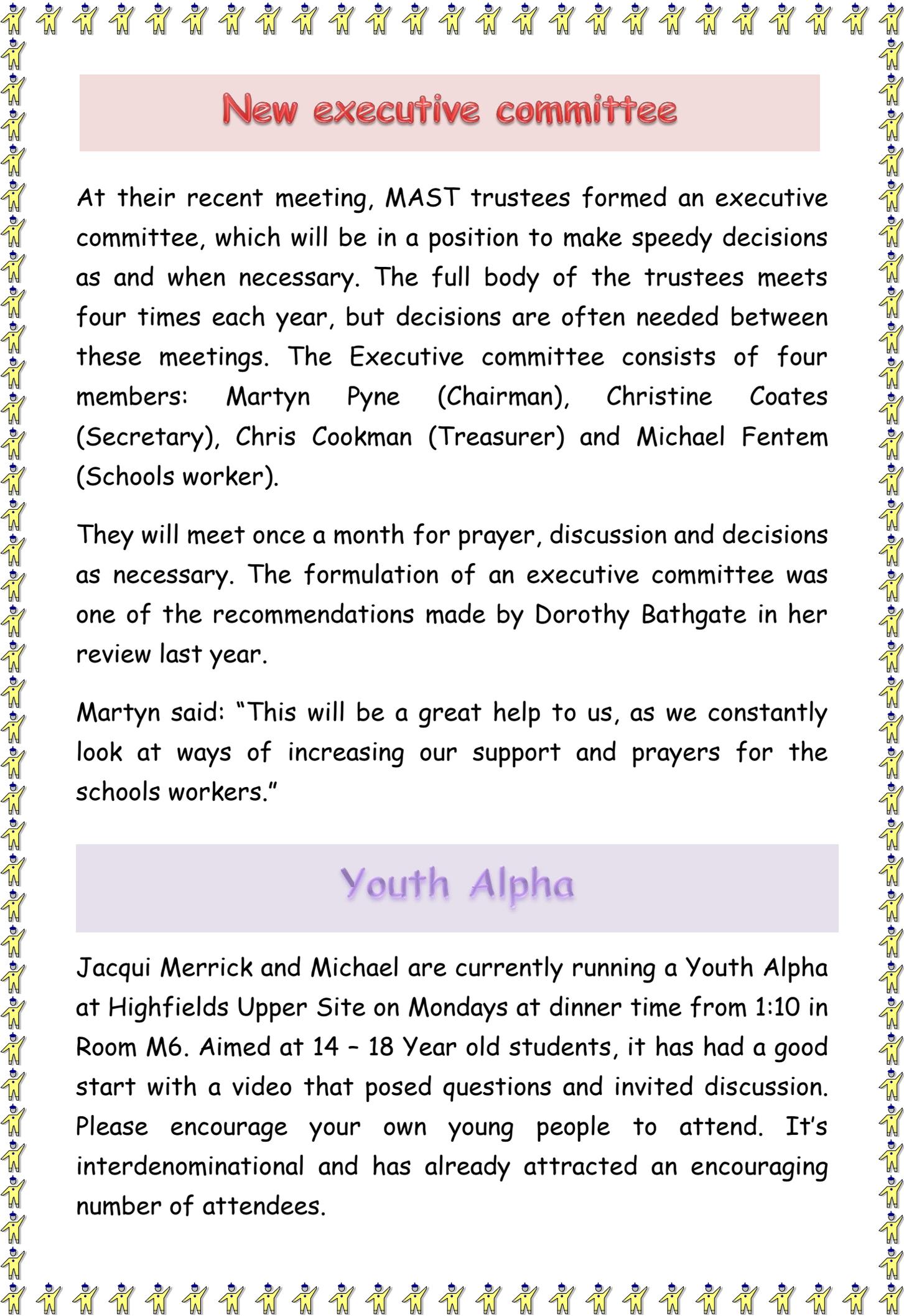
## February 2015

First of all we want to say a big, big **WELL DONE** to **Stretton Handley Primary School**. Their Christian worship and instruction has been so good that they've won a national competition. As a prize, several pupils have been invited to tea with the Bishop of Oxford at the House of Lords.

Assemblies by Michael and James and Bible Explorer sessions by James played a significant role in the school's successful entry.



Find out more about the school: <http://www.strettonhandley.derbyshire.sch.uk/>



## New executive committee

At their recent meeting, MAST trustees formed an executive committee, which will be in a position to make speedy decisions as and when necessary. The full body of the trustees meets four times each year, but decisions are often needed between these meetings. The Executive committee consists of four members: Martyn Pyne (Chairman), Christine Coates (Secretary), Chris Cookman (Treasurer) and Michael Fentem (Schools worker).

They will meet once a month for prayer, discussion and decisions as necessary. The formulation of an executive committee was one of the recommendations made by Dorothy Bathgate in her review last year.

Martyn said: "This will be a great help to us, as we constantly look at ways of increasing our support and prayers for the schools workers."

## Youth Alpha

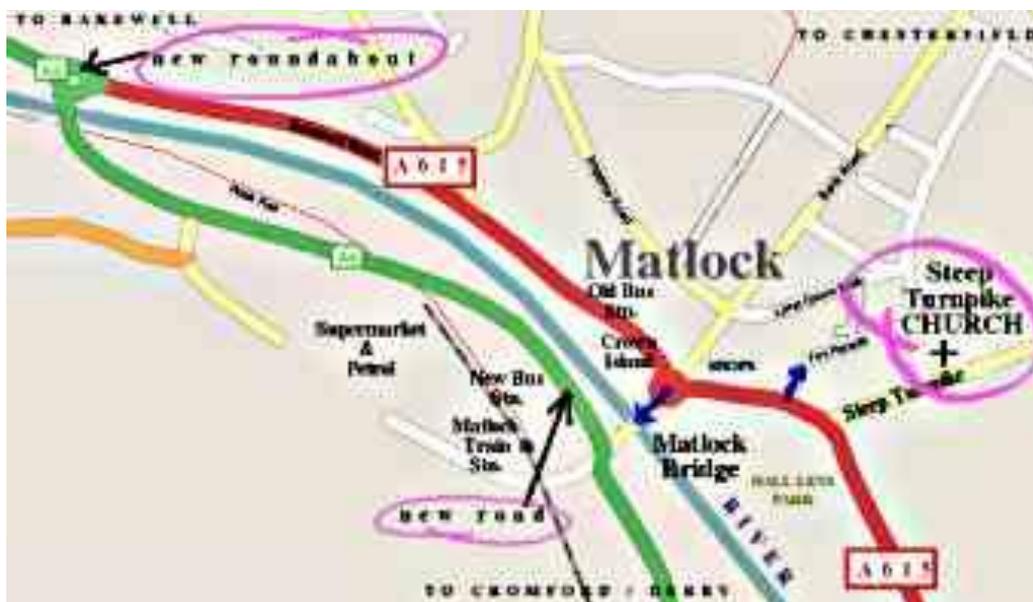
Jacqui Merrick and Michael are currently running a Youth Alpha at Highfields Upper Site on Mondays at dinner time from 1:10 in Room M6. Aimed at 14 - 18 Year old students, it has had a good start with a video that posed questions and invited discussion. Please encourage your own young people to attend. It's interdenominational and has already attracted an encouraging number of attendees.

## MAST Thanksgiving service

Our thanksgiving service will be on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm. As previously, it will be held at Steep Turnpike Evangelical Church, Matlock. The service will take a different form from previous years as it will begin with a time of worship and praise, followed by a buffet supper, which will give team members the opportunity to speak to supporters and friends.

The worship time, which will take about 30 minutes, will also contain contributions from a head teacher and pupils, plus a full report from MAST chairman, Martyn Pyne.

The AGM will take place approximately an hour after the service. All are welcome to stay and participate.



Here are some pictures of last year's very successful and entertaining Thanksgiving service to whet your appetite.

