

MAST Newsletter

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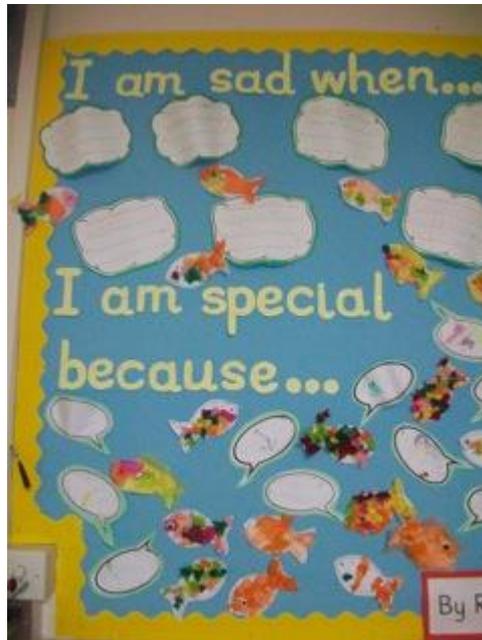
More displays within schools

The children in many of our schools continue to express their thoughts, feelings and beliefs wonderfully and colourfully.

Below is a lovely display at **Rowsley Primary School** in the school foyer showing the story of Jesus miraculously feeding the five thousand with loaves and fishes



And here below is an equally lovely display from **Ashover School**, saying how each child is special to God.



Some snippets from other schools:

Before Collective Worship at **Tideswell Pursglove School** the children say:

"Go out and do your best."

The response is: "We will."

"Go out and serve God"

"We will."

"Go out and make a difference."

"We will."

At **Youlgrave C of E Primary School** they say:

"In our school we will walk in God's ways, Rejoice in His love, reflect His glory".

CONNECTIONS WITH BISHOPS

Daniel Holder (pictured below), the Headteacher at Earl Sterndale School, Near Buxton is brother to the first female Bishop, Libby Lane. Daniel is proud of his sister's achievement and was a member of the congregation at her ordination at York Minster in January of this year. Rev Lane was ordained as the Bishop of Stockport part of the Cheshire Diocese.

Earl Sterndale is the only school in our remit that all three teams visit and has a very strong Christian ethos.



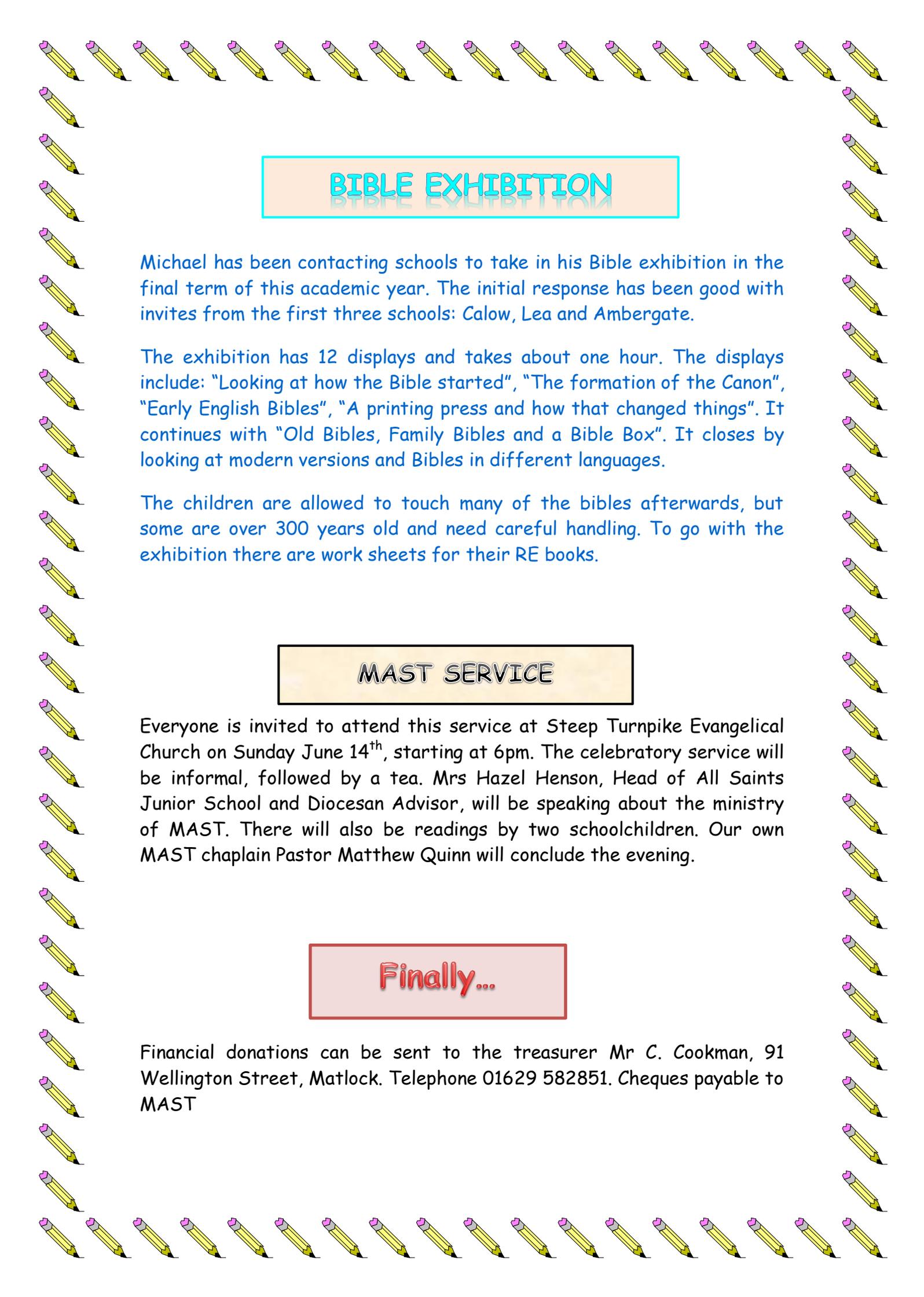
HYMNS IN SCHOOLS

James had a pleasant surprise recently, when attending Crich Juniors for assemblies. The Head had been teaching the children old hymns as part of their collective worship and also as part of their heritage. James joined in by singing parts of the great Methodist hymn, "And can it Be?" On subsequent visits, they sang "Love Divine" and "O Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder". Aren't they good songs to sing along to?

THE NET AT HIGHFIELDS (A.K.A. Lower School Christian Union)

This term the young people are to end the year by giving a presentation of the story of Noah's Ark. They are using puppets and drama and will invite all the speakers and friends to come along on the last week for a party and to watch the presentation.

Each week at the Net there have been around ten young people attending. During Easter week 16 students were there to enjoy a puppet show presented by MAST workers Ray and Beryl Briddon.



BIBLE EXHIBITION

Michael has been contacting schools to take in his Bible exhibition in the final term of this academic year. The initial response has been good with invites from the first three schools: Calow, Lea and Ambergate.

The exhibition has 12 displays and takes about one hour. The displays include: "Looking at how the Bible started", "The formation of the Canon", "Early English Bibles", "A printing press and how that changed things". It continues with "Old Bibles, Family Bibles and a Bible Box". It closes by looking at modern versions and Bibles in different languages.

The children are allowed to touch many of the bibles afterwards, but some are over 300 years old and need careful handling. To go with the exhibition there are work sheets for their RE books.

MAST SERVICE

Everyone is invited to attend this service at Steep Turnpike Evangelical Church on Sunday June 14th, starting at 6pm. The celebratory service will be informal, followed by a tea. Mrs Hazel Henson, Head of All Saints Junior School and Diocesan Advisor, will be speaking about the ministry of MAST. There will also be readings by two schoolchildren. Our own MAST chaplain Pastor Matthew Quinn will conclude the evening.

Finally...

Financial donations can be sent to the treasurer Mr C. Cookman, 91 Wellington Street, Matlock. Telephone 01629 582851. Cheques payable to MAST