

MAST NEWSLETTER

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Hopefully you don't mind the "military" style of the above request, but it was too hard to resist using this classic poster and we really do need whoever God is calling to volunteer. Are you that person?

As you probably know, Martyn Pyne, who took over the chair from MAST founder Pastor Alan Smith, stepped down at the end of the last academic year. MAST trustees and workers are united in our belief that God has someone to take over this vital role. It might be you. Please pray over this. We are entering a new phase in the growth of MAST and are excited about the future.

Over the past few years we have seen a number of new appointments with Chris Cookman taking over as treasurer, Pastor Matthew Quinn as spiritual leader and Ian Parfitt as publicity officer. Please pray for a new chairperson for us, and if you would like to know more, contact either Chris Cookman or Michael Fentem.

Widow's Mite

Once a month members of **Bonsall Village Life Church** hold a coffee morning for local people. The members have kindly decided to give the gifts from the morning to help support the ministry of **MAST**. We are all so grateful for these "Widows' Mites". Could your church or organisation do the same?

We would be delighted and blessed to come and speak to you about the ministry of **MAST**.



Prayer letters



This month we have passed the figure of over 225 prayer letters sent out by email. Each month the number has steadily risen, particularly since sending it with a newsletter. 30 prayer letters are also sent out by post or by hand.



Longest serving Head

Ann Punchard retired as headteacher of Crich Carr Primary School at the end of the summer term. Ann was the longest serving head on the MAST list, first with Michael and then with James, having visited the school for about 17 years.

In July, a special service to celebrate her work was held at St Mary's Church, Crich. Michael was asked to speak about the support that Ann had given to the promotion of the Bible within the school. We wish her every happiness in her well-earned retirement.

During Ann's final assembly, Michael made a special presentation, on behalf of MAST, of a Bible reading book. MAST will still continue to visit the school.

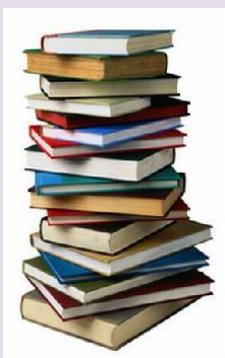
Presentations galore

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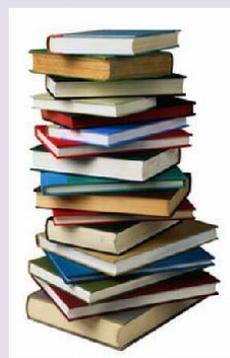
Mike Basford, Head of Year at Highfields Secondary School,

Stephanie Creer, Head of Unstone Infants School,

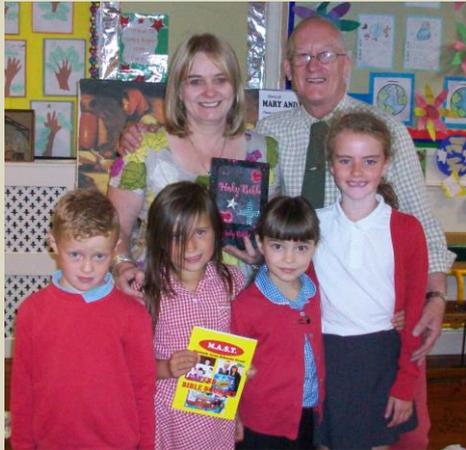
Kath Raistrick, Senior Teacher at Mickley Infants School



"End of Year" books were presented at 61 schools. Over 800 books were distributed. This was the fourth year they have been given out. The books contain all the assemblies by the three teams. Also included are Bible quizzes, jokes and activities. These wonderful keepsakes - funded by the **Derek Fentem Trust** - are a free gift for every child.



Retirement blessings from MAST



Michael is pictured here with Mrs Stephanie Creer, retiring Head of Unstone Infants School, presenting Mrs Creer with one of the Bibles used by school visitors in their assemblies.

With them are pupils from the school showing one of the leavers' books (as mentioned earlier).

Our Congratulations

PATRICK TSANG, one of our trustees was made joint pastor of Doncaster Chinese Church on Sunday, August 9th. Patrick will work alongside his wife Sabrina.

Financial donations

Please send any donations to the treasurer, Mr C Cookman, 91 Wellington Street, Matlock. Telephone: 01629 582851. Cheques payable to MAST