

M.A.S.T

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord... - Psalm 78:4

Praise God

- Thank God for the support, guidance, and behind the scenes work of our trustees. For the life and faithful witness of our trustee Mavis Salisbury who went to be with the Lord in autumn 2022.
- Thank God for the distribution of nearly 2600 Bible Society Christmas Story booklets, one booklet to each child in every school we visit. Thank God that these booklets were received with joy and pleasure by children and staff alike in every single school. Thank God for the MAST supporter who generously paid for the booklets.
- Thank God for the children's continued interest and inquisitiveness about God and the bible.
- Thank God for doors that continue to open and opportunities that present themselves.

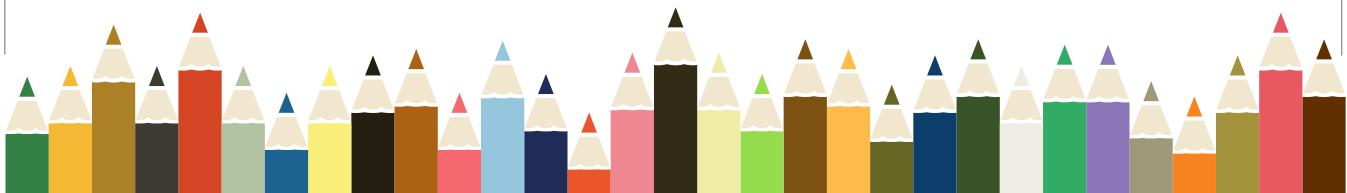


Happy New Year!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and pray you will have a very blessed 2023 knowing the love, joy and hope of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We had a great autumn term visiting schools in Matlock and the surrounding area. We hope you will be encouraged as you read our highlights of autumn 2022.....

- We delivered 23 Acts of Collective Worship helping children to understand the true meaning and significance of Christmas.
- We delivered a further 32 Acts of Collective Worship earlier in the term teaching children about God and the Bible.
- We presented 25 Walk Through the Bible lessons.
- We distributed nearly 2600 Christmas Story booklets to children in Matlock and Derbyshire.
- We shared about MAST in Christian gatherings, we visited new schools in preparation for visiting them for the first time this term, and we met with Christians local to our schools.
- We sang a lot of songs, answered a lot of children's questions, smiled a lot, set up a lot of props, and most importantly we loved sharing God and the bible with all the children we met!



Pray:

- Pray for seeds to take root in the hearts of the children that we meet.
- Pray for God's leading and guidance as we prepare and deliver the Acts of Collective Worship.
- Pray for Chloe and George as they prepare for the birth of their child and for the child's safe delivery.
- Pray for safe travel during the winter months.
- Pray for the Christmas Story booklets to be read and treasured in the homes and lives of the children who have received them.
- Pray for schools where the door is still closed to MAST visiting.

Financial Support:

If you would like to support our ministry financially please contact Chris Cookman at: chriscookman@talktalk.net for further information.

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Encouraging stories

In early October, Hannah went into a school for the first time since July and as she was setting up for Collective Worship, some of the children walked through on their way into their classroom for registration. One little boy, about Year 4, stopped and said 'Hello' and asked if she had come into school to take Collective Worship. To her surprise he said, 'I've missed you!'

In one school Hannah was delivering Collective Worship on the story of Abraham. Despite their elderly years, God keeps his promise to Abraham and Sarah and blesses them with a son whom they call Isaac. At this point in the story, one little boy exclaimed, 'My name's Isaac! My name's in the bible! I'm going to tell my mum that my name is in the bible'. The boy beamed from ear to ear in delight. He was chuffed as punch to discover that his name is in the bible.



Over the Christmas period, Chloe enjoyed sharing the 'Christmas experience' with 450 children around Chesterfield. This was an exciting opportunity to tell children why we have Christmas and that Christmas also led to Easter and what that means for us.

Chloe had an encouraging time at one school that she taught a song too in the last academic year and she returned finding out that they decided to use it in their harvest service.

After delivering a Christmas Collective Worship, the Headteacher of a school came up to Chloe and said 'One of the children who I don't think is from a Christian background just asked if one of the verses you mentioned was from the book of 1 John chapter 1'. Chloe was very encouraged that that child had picked up on that.

Hannah's School Dates

15th January	Holy Trinity Church Matlock Bath, Talk during Church Service
16th January	Fitz Herbert CofE Primary (Fenny Bentley) CW Brassington Community Primary CW
17th January	Kirk Ireton CofE Primary CW Carsington & Hopton CofE Primary CW
23rd January	Trustees Meeting
24th January	Hartington CofE Primary CW Monyash CofE Primary CW Biggin CofE Primary CW
30th January	Middleton Community Primary CW Elton CofE Primary CW Winster CofE Primary CW Youlgrave CofE Primary CW
31st January	Cromford CofE Primary CW
6th February	Fitz Herbert CofE Primary (Fenny Bentley) CW
7th February	Wirksworth Junior CW All Saints Junior, Matlock CW Holy Trinity Matlock Bath Primary CW
28th February	Hartington CofE Primary CW Monyash CofE Primary CW
6th March	Fitz Herbert CofE Primary (Fenny Bentley) CW Brassington Community Primary CW
7th March	Kirk Ireton CofE Primary CW Biggin CofE Primary CW Carsington & Hopton CofE Primary CW
13th March	Elton CofE Primary CW Winster CofE Primary CW
14th March	Cromford CofE Primary CW All Saints Infants, Matlock CW
20th March	Fitz Herbert CofE Primary (Fenny Bentley) CW Youlgrave CofE Primary CW
21st March	Wirksworth Junior CW All Saints Junior, Matlock CW Holy Trinity Matlock Bath Primary CW
27th March	Middleton Community Primary CW

CW ~ Collective Worship

Chloe's School Dates

16th January	Rowsley CofE Primary CW
17th January	Brimington Juniors School WTB Stanton in Peak CofE Primary CW
19th January	Stretton Handley CofE Primary WTB
23rd January	St Andrew's CofE and Methodist Primary CW Trustees Meeting
24th January	Brimington Juniors School WTB
26th January	Stretton Handley CofE Primary WTB
31st January	Brimington Juniors School WTB
2nd February	Stretton Handley CofE Primary WTB
3rd February	<p>Chloe will be starting maternity leave on the 3rd February. She has very much enjoyed working with MAST and looks forward to returning in the near future.</p>

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WTB ~ Walk Through the Bible (RE Lesson)