

MAST NEWSLETTER

Praise God:

- ~ **Praise God** for the opportunities that we have had in schools this Easter to share the Good News.
- ~ **Praise God** for each precious child and staff member that we meet.
- ~ **Praise God** that we were able to give the 'Jesus died for me' booklets to the children.

Pray:

- ~ **Pray** for the seeds sown in hearts to be watered and to take root.
- ~ **Pray** that the 'Jesus died for me' booklets would be read and would help children in their understanding.
- ~ **Pray** for protection for Hannah and Chloe in travel and health.
- ~ **Pray** for each member of staff we meet –that we would be an encouragement and blessing to the Christians and a witness to those who don't know Christ.
- ~ **Pray** For our families as they support us in this ministry.

Jesus is Alive!

We hope you had a special Easter time remembering the sacrifice our Lord made because of his great love for us; and celebrating his wonderful resurrection.

The last term was a short term but was still busy and full of lots of activity. We hope you will enjoy reading our news

Chloe's News

Since Christmas, Chloe has been getting back into all the schools that she had previously been in. She has enjoyed seeing the children old and new, reconnecting with the staff and carrying on those great relationships with the schools.

During the last term, Chloe enjoyed presenting the Walk Through the Bible programme at Stretton Handley which the children really enjoyed and by the end of the 5 weeks they could remember the 40 actions to go with the stories they had learnt. The Head Teacher thoroughly enjoyed the sessions when she was standing in for the class teacher.

For Collective worship during the build up to Easter, Chloe read 'the Garden the Curtain and the Cross'. She explained how the story was a summary of the whole bible and it gave a clearer picture of why we needed Jesus to come and save us. After speaking to a head teacher who shared how children are becoming 'unsure of who they are' and are being told 'they can be what/ who they want', Chloe is starting the summer term with the theme of being 'fearfully and wonderfully made'. Through sharing this verse, she hopes the children will have a clear understanding that the bible states that they are fearfully and wonderfully made by a God who loves them so much that he sent his son to die on a cross so that they can be friends with God again.



Hannah's News

During the first half term Hannah continued to deliver Acts of Collective Worship from Old Testament stories. She went back to fill in a gap between the lives of Joseph and King Saul by looking at the story of 'Moses: The Burning Bush, the 10 plagues and the exodus from Egypt'. Through this story, the children were reminded that God hears us when we pray, just as he heard the Israelites when they cried out to God in slavery. They were reminded that God answers prayer, just as he did when he delivered the Israelites from slavery to freedom. And they also heard about how Israelite lives were spared because of the Passover lamb.



After half term the children travelled forward from the Old Testament to the New Testament, from the first Passover to Jesus' last Passover feast and to the events of Holy week, as we thought about Easter in the next Act of Collective Worship. Using the 'Jesus died for me' resources produced by Scripture Union, Hannah explained to the children why Jesus died for us and how Jesus paying the price for our sin was rather like someone paying a huge speeding or parking fine for us so that we didn't have to.



This term Hannah again supported 'The White Peak group Benefice' with the delivery of a 'Schools Together Easter Experience Event' for two of the village schools. The children spent two hours in church looking at the events of Holy week in more depth -from the last supper to the empty tomb. There was singing, bible reading, practical activities, discussion, opportunity for reflection and response, and prayer.

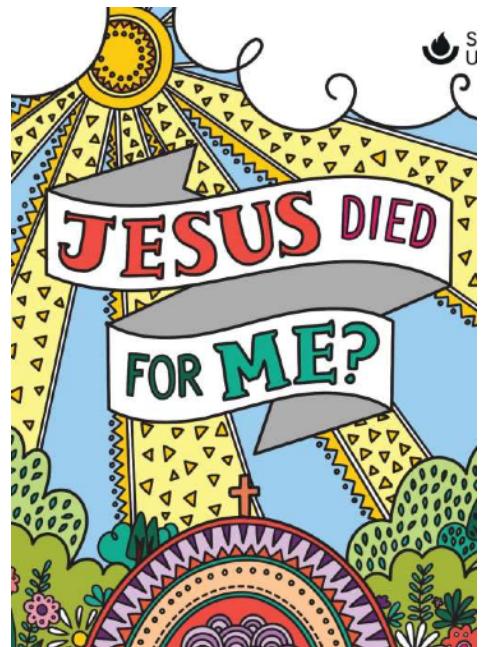


Encouragement

The children's responses to the Easter Acts of Collective Worship and the Easter Experience have been wonderful to see. Many of the children are thinking deeply about what they hear and engaging in a positive way.

'Jesus died for me' booklets

At each school where Hannah and Chloe delivered an Easter Act of Collective Worship, each child was given a copy of the Scripture Union booklet 'Jesus died for me'. The children were pleased to receive these lovely booklets which clearly explain in child appropriate language why Jesus died and rose again. They also include beautiful pages to colour in. We hope and pray that over the Easter holidays the children will have enjoyed colouring and re-reading these booklets.



Prayer Walk

Once or twice a term, Chloe and Hannah go on a prayer walk. They pick a location nearby one or more of the schools they visit, go for a walk and pray for the school, teachers, children, community and churches in that area, usually ending with a cup of coffee!

Financial Support:

If you would like to support our ministry financially please contact

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Thank You!

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and financial gifts. We are incredibly grateful for all your support.

Date for your diary: Our friends and supporters are all warmly invited to join us on Saturday 29th June for refreshments, fellowship, worship and to hear more about MAST. More details to follow, but we do hope you can come.



Chloe's School Visits Summer 2024

Thursday 18th April	South Darley ~ CW Darley Churchtown ~ CW Brimington Manor Infants ~ CW
Thursday 25th April	Lea Primary ~ CW St Andrews ~ WTB (Yr 5 Old Testament) St Andrews ~ WTB (Yr 6 New Testament)
Thursday 9th May	St Andrews ~ WTB (Yr 6 New Testament)
Thursday 16th May	St Andrews ~ WTB (Yr 5 Old Testament) St Andrews ~ WTB (Yr 6 New Testament)
Monday 20th May	Stanton in Peak ~ CW
Tuesday 21st May	Rowsley ~ CW
HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Thursday 6th June	South Darley ~ CW St Andrews ~ WTB (Yr 5 Old Testament) St Andrews ~ WTB (Yr 6 New Testament)
Thursday 13th June	St Andrews ~ WTB (Yr 5 Old Testament) St Andrews ~ WTB (Yr 6 New Testament)
Tuesday 18th June	Rowsley ~ CW
Thursday 27th June	Brimington Manor Infants ~ CW
Saturday 29th June 5:30pm	MAST THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND TEA - SAVE THE DATE
Monday 1st July	Stanton in Peak ~ CW
Thursday 4th July	Wessington Primary ~ CW
SUMMER	HOLIDAYS

Hannah's School Visits Summer 2024

Monday 22nd April Fenny Bentley Kirk Ireton	Tuesday 11th June Wirksworth Junior All Saints Junior, Matlock Matlock Bath Kniveton
Tuesday 23rd April Cromford St.Giles, Starkholmes Kniveton	Thursday 13th June Schools Together Messy Church tbc
Wednesday 24th April Carsington & Hopton MAST Trustees Meeting	Tuesday 18th June Monyash Biggin
Monday 29th April Middleton Elton Winster Youlgrave	Wednesday 19th June Hartington
Tuesday 30th April Monyash Biggin	Monday 24th June Fenny Bentley Kirk Ireton
Tuesday 7th May Wirksworth Junior All Saints Junior, Matlock Matlock Bath	Tuesday 25th June Cromford St.Giles, Starkholmes Kniveton
Wednesday 8th May Hartington	Wednesday 26th June Carsington & Hopton
Monday 13th May: SATS Week –No Visits	Saturday 29th June 5pm: MAST AGM 5.30pm: Tea & MAST Thanksgiving Service All friends and supporters warmly welcome
Monday 20th May Fenny Bentley Kirk Ireton	Tuesday 2nd July Hartington Monyash Biggin All Saints Infants, Matlock
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Wednesday 22nd May Carsington & Hopton	Tuesday 9th July Wirksworth Junior All Saints Junior, Matlock Matlock Bath
Monday 27th May: SCHOOLS HALF TERM 4th -5th June: Scripture Union Retreat	SCHOOLS SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Monday 10th June Middleton Elton Winster Youlgrave	