

MAST Newsletter

Teaching the next generation. Psalm 78:4

Happy New Year

We do hope you had a good Christmas and want to wish you every blessing for this New Year.

The last few months of 2024 went well for MAST. Hannah has completed her training to be a Walk Through the Bible Presenter and hopes to be able to deliver her first Old Testament R.E lessons later this year. Hannah was able to conclude her Collective Worship series on stories from the Old Testament in a number of her schools and in those schools has now started a series on the New Testament. It is wonderful to see the children's knowledge and understanding of the bible growing. During the run up to Christmas, Hannah once again delivered the Elizabeth's story presentation in a few more schools which she hadn't visited with the presentation last year. And she used the Elizabeth's story presentation as part of the Schools Together Christmas Event for Hartington and Biggin schools. In the other schools, Hannah delivered Collective Worship using the book 'The Christmas Promise'. It has been such a joy and privilege to be able to share the account of the Birth of Jesus and the real meaning of Christmas with so many children this year.

Chloe had the joy of visiting 2 new schools last term and had the warmest welcome into both. She delivered the Walk Through the Bible programme at 2 schools in Matlock, they both had the Old Testament programme. It's always a joy to see their faces when they've completed all 5 weeks having learnt 40 stories. Chloe also enjoyed sharing an adapted version of Hannah's 'Elizabeth story' to use as a Collective Worship towards the end of the term to whole schools and used 'The Christmas Promise' in the infant schools.

Chloe also had the privilege of working alongside her church where they welcomed in around 150 children over 2 days to give them the 'Christmas Experience'.

Below are a couple of pictures of the room set ups from those 2 days and Hannah at the Schools Together Christmas event.

Praise God:

- For the opportunities we have to share about God in Derbyshire schools.
- For all those in schools who hear about God through this ministry.
- For everyone who supports MAST in prayer and financially.

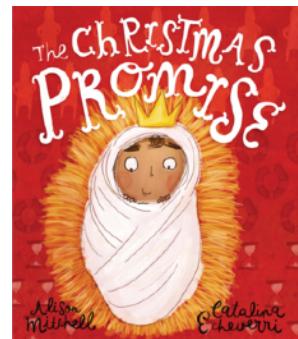
Prayer

- For safety as we travel during the winter months.
- For God's guidance as we prepare our Collective Worships and R.E lessons.
- That whoever hears us would listen and think carefully about what they have heard.
- That God would be known in Derbyshire.



Gifts

Once again we wanted to use the opportunity of the Christmas Season to be able to give literature to children. This Christmas we took a slightly different approach to the last few years when we have given each child a small Christmas booklet. This year we decided to give each school a large hardback copy of the book 'The Christmas Promise'. We gave larger schools more than one copy. And to each child we gave a festive candy cane treat. The schools were very appreciative of these gifts and we hope that as they are read in schools, the children would be reminded of the message they heard during our Collective Worships.



Spring 2025

Despite the harsh weather conditions at the very start of this school term our school visits have got off to a good start. In many of her schools for Collective Worship, Hannah is looking at stories from the early life of Jesus. And in the other schools she is continuing with Old Testament stories about David. Nearer to Easter, Hannah will be sharing the good news about Easter in her Collective Worships.



Chloe is well underway with teaching WTB to two separate years groups in one school, The year 5 class are having the Old Testament whilst the year 6's have the New Testament programme. Always encouraging when the year 6's remember the Old testament stories from the previous year.

Chloe has also been carrying on her series of 'Real people in Real Places' in Collective Worship, This half term she is teaching children about John the Baptist preparing the way for the Messiah. Next half term she is hoping to use Mary Magdalene as her 'Real Person' to help explain the Easter story to children.



Did you know...

We also visit churches and chapels to share our most recent news about the MAST ministry. If you would like hear more about what we are doing in schools, please get in touch. We'd love to join you for a Sunday Service or mid-week.

MAST Thanksgiving Save the date!

**Saturday 17th May 2025
5:30pm tea & cake, 6pm service**

Come and join us for tea and cake followed by a service of Thanksgiving for MAST.

More details to come.



Chloe's School Visits Spring Term.

Thursday 9th January	Wessington - CW St Andrews - WTB
Monday 13th January	Stanton in Peak - CW
Tuesday 14th January	Rowsley - CW
Thursday 16th January	Lea - CW St Andrews - WTB
Thursday 23rd January	South Darley - CW (tbc) St Andrews - WTB
Thursday 30th January	Stretton Handley - CW Darley Churchtown - CW St Andrews - WTB
Thursday 3rd February	MAST Meeting
Thursday 6th February	Pilsley - CW (tbc) St Andrews - WTB
Thursday 13th February	Brimington Manor Infants - CW (tbc)
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Thursday 27th February	Lea - CW Stretton Handley - WTB
Thursday 6th March	South Darley - CW Stretton Handley - WTB
Monday 10th March	Stanton in Peak - CW
Tuesday 11th March	Rowsley - CW
Thursday 13th March	Stretton Handley - WTB Bakewell Infants - CW
Thursday 20th March	Pilsley - CW Stretton Handley - WTB Tansley - CW
Thursday 3rd April	Brimington Manor Infants - CW

Hannah's School Visit's Spring 2025

Friday 10th Jan Kniveton CW	Friday 14th Feb Carsington CW
Monday 13th Jan Middleton CW Elton CW Winster CW Youlgrave CW	SCHOOLS HALF TERM
Tuesday 14th Jan Wirksworth Junior CW All Saints Junior, Matlock CW Matlock Bath CW	Monday 24th Feb Fenny Bentley CW Kirk Ireton CW
Tuesday 21st Jan Hartington CW Monyash CW Biggin CW	Tuesday 25th Feb Cromford CW St.Giles, Starkholmes CW Crich Carr CW
Monday 27th Jan Fenny Bentley CW Kirk Ireton CW	Friday 28th Feb Kniveton CW
Tuesday 28th Jan St.Giles, Starkholmes CW Crich Carr CW All Saints Infants, Matlock CW	Tuesday 11th March Cromford CW St.Giles, Starkholmes CW All Saints Junior, Matlock CW
Friday 31st Jan Carsington CW Kniveton CW	Friday 14th March Hartington & Biggin Schools Together
Monday 3rd Feb MAST Trustees Meeting	Monday 17th March Middleton CW Elton CW Winster CW Youlgrave CW
Tuesday 4th Feb Hartington CW Monyash CW Biggin CW	Tuesday 18th March Wirksworth Junior CW Crich Carr CW Matlock Bath CW
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