

MAST NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2025

Praise God

- For the many opportunities Chloe and Hannah have had this academic year to share the good news of Jesus.
- For safety in travel over the spring term.
- For an encouraging thanksgiving service.

Pray

- For the Christian teachers in the school
- For Hannah and Chloe's family
- For the children and staff who have heard heard the Good News this year. Pray that the seeds would have fallen on good soil.

An extract taken from the UCB word for today..... 'Neuroscientists Andrew Newberg and Mark Robert Waldman, authors of *Born to Believe*, tell us the most crucial years are from age seven to ten. That's when a child has the greatest propensity to understand the concept of a God they can't see, feel, or hear.... Newberg and Waldman also suggest that our most effective tool for belief building at this stage is storytelling.... Storytelling was how God instructed the Israelites to teach their children His ways and Word. Stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Daniel, Esther, Samson, Ruth and David; of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection; of Jesus walking on the sea, raising the dead, and feeding the five thousand, these stir the hearts, interest, and imagination of young children... In fact studies show that the belief systems of adults are powerfully influenced by stories they heard growing up.' Praise God that MAST has the wonderful opportunity to share Bible Stories with Primary age children in Matlock and the surrounding area.

Chloe's News

Since Christmas Chloe has been carrying on her series of 'Real People in Real Places'. The first half term she shared about John the Baptist who lived in the wilderness. The children loved holding bugs and dressing up as John the Baptist and tasting some honey. They learnt that John's mission was tell everyone about a very special person who is coming to save the world and telling people to turn away, say sorry to God for the wrong things they think, say and do. Chloe linked this to the song 'For God so loved the world'.

The second half term, Chloe focussed on the Easter story carrying on her theme. Chloe dressed as Mary Magdalene and got the year 6 children to ask some questions (she had written down) to tell her story of how she met Jesus, what she did with him and what is was like when he died and when she saw him risen from the dead.

The children seem to love 'travelling back in time'. One child from Darley Churchtown said 'Your Collective worship's are the bestest in the world', which was very encouraging to hear!

Chloe also enjoyed going into Stretton Handley to do Walk Through the Bible - New Testament programme. She had some very enthusiastic actors in the class who enjoyed the drama and the children were so engaged with learning the stories and actions even the teachers joined in.





This term Chloe is visiting the schools with a story of Jesus calling Peter to follow him. She is using her sketch board and paints to do this. It's old school but very engaging, the teachers love it too!



Testimonials

'I'm really pleased that Hannah goes into school and spends time with the children reading and discussing the bible in a relaxed and fun environment.'
~ Parent

'I enjoy MAST. I really like the stories and Hannah is really good.' ~ Pupil

"The whole school looks forward to Chloe's visits for Collective Worship. The children love the interactive element and singing along with the Ukulele. Collective worship is fun, inspirational and memorable. Thank you to the team at MAST. ~ Headteacher

"We love Chloe coming into our schools for a termly Collective Worship. She always brings props and her guitar and brings bible stories and characters to life. Our pupils really enjoy her songs and often sing them for days afterwards!" ~ Headteacher

Hannah's News

Last term I was very thankful not to need to rearrange any school visits due to ill health or poor weather and to be able to deliver all my Collective Worships as planned. For most of the schools I visit, Christmas appropriately marked the point that we left the Old Testament behind to start focussing on the New Testament. The arrival of Jesus the Rescuer, the one who had been promised in so many of the Old Testament stories was a particularly exciting moment. We continued to explore this as we went into the New Year by looking at the story of the Shepherd's Visit and how the angels responded to the birth of Jesus, and then looking at the story of the Wise Men's Visit and how they were prepared to make the long costly journey to visit the young Jesus. In a few of the schools I visit, we are still looking at Old Testament stories and this term we learnt more about God through the stories of David & Psalm 23 -God loves us like a Shepherd, and Isaiah –Prophecies about Jesus & God's rescue plan. As we approached Easter I shared the book 'The Garden, The Curtain and The Cross' with the schools I visit. This book gives a wonderful overview of the whole bible and helps children to understand how the Easter story fits into the whole story of God's word and his plan for the world.

This term I once again worked with a wonderful team of people to put on the Schools Together Event for the children of Hartington and Biggin CE Primary Schools. The children spent most of the morning in St.Giles church hearing Bible stories, singing songs, doing craft activities, and participating in reflection or prayer activities,

all on the theme of 'Precious and Loved by God'.

This Summer Term I am continuing to deliver New Testament stories in most of the schools I visit and finishing the Old Testament in a few schools. We are also looking forward to another Schools Together in June and the SU conference in June.



Gifts

This Easter we were delighted to be able to give gifts to the schools and children. To KS1 classes we gave 'The Easter Fix', to Year 3&4 classes we gave 'The Garden, The Curtain and The Cross', to Y5 children we gave the GNfE magazine style book 'Discover', and to Y6 the GNfE New Testament and Psalms Bible. These gifts were gratefully received. We even had a few incidents where younger children asked if they could have a little red bible too!

Thanksgiving Service Special Report

On Saturday 10th May we had a wonderful evening with many of our MAST supporters including a number of children. As well as enjoying a time of fellowship over hot and soft drinks, savoury nibbles and lots of cake, we were able to share examples of what we do on our School Visits, hear from children who attend schools we visit, and hear from a parent who had collected comments made by other parents about MAST visits. We enjoyed worshiping God together in song and hearing from God's word. Our visiting speaker was Dom Conidi from Scripture Union (SU) who taught us from Isaiah 43:16-21 and encouraged us with examples of how God is wonderfully moving in the lives of young people across the UK. What Dom shared with us from a survey conducted by the Bible Society was particularly encouraging. The report is called 'The Quiet Revival: Gen Z leads rise in church attendance' and can be found at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival>.



Hannah's School Visits Summer 2025

<p>Monday 28th April</p> <p>Fenny Bentley CW Winster CW Kirk Ireton CW</p> <p>Tuesday 29th April</p> <p>St.Giles, Starkholmes CW Crich Carr CW Cromford CW</p> <p>Tuesday 6th May</p> <p>Hartington CW Monyash CW Biggin CW All Saints Infants, Matlock CW</p> <p>Friday 9th May</p> <p>Carsington CW Kniveton CW</p> <p>Saturday 10th May</p> <p>AGM & Thanksgiving Service</p> <p>Monday 12th May</p> <p>Y6 SATS Week</p> <p>26th-30th May: HALF TERM</p> <p>Monday 2nd June</p> <p>Middleton CW Elton CW Youlgrave CW</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd June</p> <p>Wirksworth Junior CW All Saints Junior, Matlock CW Matlock Bath CW</p> <p>Friday 6th June</p> <p>Hartington & Biggin Schools Together</p> <p>Thurs 12th –Fri 13th June</p> <p>Scripture Union Conference</p>	<p>Monday 16th June</p> <p>Fenny Bentley CW Kirk Ireton CW</p> <p>Tuesday 17th June</p> <p>St.Giles, Starkholmes CW Crich Carr CW Cromford CW</p> <p>Friday 20th June</p> <p>Carsington CW Kniveton CW</p> <p>Monday 23rd June</p> <p>Trustees Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 24th June</p> <p>Hartington CW Monyash CW Biggin CW All Saints Infants, Matlock CW</p> <p>Monday 30th June</p> <p>Middleton CW Elton CW Winster CW Youlgrave CW</p> <p>Tuesday 1st July</p> <p>Wirksworth Junior CW Crich Carr CW Matlock Bath CW</p> <p>Friday 4th July</p> <p>Carsington CW Kniveton CW</p> <p>Tuesday 8th July</p> <p>All Saints Junior, Matlock CW</p> <p>Monday 14th July</p> <p>Fenny Bentley CW Kirk Ireton CW</p> <p>Friday 25th July: SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS</p>
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Chloe's Summer Term dates 2025

Thursday 1st May	Pilsley ~ CW Bakewell Infants ~ CW
Thursday 8th May	Wessington ~ CW Brimington Juniors ~ WTB
Thursday 15th May	Brimington Juniors ~ WTB Brim Manor Infants ~ CW
Friday 16th May	MAST Prayer Walk
Monday 19th May	Stanton ~ CW
Tuesday 20th May	Rowsley ~ CW
Thursday 22nd May	South Darley ~ CW Darley Churchtown ~ CW Brimington Juniors ~ WTB
Half	Term
Thursday 5th June	Stretton Handley ~ CW Brimington Juniors ~ WTB BMI ~ CW
Thursday 12th June	Pilsley ~ CW Brimington Juniors ~ WTB SU - Conference
Thursday 19th June	Wessington ~ CW Tansley ~ CW
Tuesday 24th June	Rowsley ~ CW
Thursday 26th June	Lea ~ CW Darley Churchtown ~ CW Bakewell Infants ~ CW
Monday 30th June	Stanton in Peak ~ CW
Thursday 3rd July	Stretton Handley ~ CW Tansley ~ CW
Friday 4th July	MAST Prayer Walk

CW ~ Collective Worship

WTB ~ Walk Through the Bible