

MAST

Telling the next
generation...
(Psalm 78:4)

Happy New Year!

However you spent Christmas 2025, we hope that you were able to rejoice in remembering that God came to earth as a man because of his great love for us and in order to fulfil God's promise to rescue us. Hallelujah! As we start another year and reflect upon the year gone by, we'd like to thank you for your support during 2025. We are so incredibly grateful for all the people who partner with MAST in prayer and financially. MAST literally could not exist without your support. Thank you!

Christmas Gifts

Chloe and Hannah were delighted to be able to give 1,599 Christmas Gifts to the children they visit. To each Nursery and Infant child they gave a copy of 'The Night before Christmas'. This is a lovely picture book which is a biblically accurate retelling of the birth of Jesus. It is written in verse and is based on the famous poem 'Twas the Night before Christmas'. To each Junior child, they gave a copy of 'Diary of a Disciple: Luke's Story. The mini edition'. This book is a retelling of the first few chapters of Luke's Gospel. It is written in the same style as the popular series 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'. The children loved this book! One teacher told us that during quiet reading time, several of her class were reading 'Diary of a Disciple'. Another teacher told us that her own children, who attended a different MAST school, had received copies of 'Diary of a Disciple' and were really enjoying reading them at home.

Spring Term Newsletter 2026

Meet Rachel

I joined MAST as schools visitor in October 2025. Since then it has been a privilege to establish links with local schools. Currently I regularly visit 6 primary schools. Over the past term, I have enjoyed leading Collective worship on thankfulness and Christmas with G (my puppet) . I have also taken several ' sensory nativity ' story sessions for KS1, EYFS and SEND classes.

It has been amazing to be part of these times and I have been encouraged by the children's knowledge of the Bible and the questions they have asked.



Announcements & Info



MAST Thanksgiving Service
Saturday 9th May 2026
5pm AGM. 5.30pm Tea. 6pm Service.



Prayer Walk
Monday 9th February at Holy Trinity
Church, Matlock Bath at 1.30pm



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What we've been up to...

Did you know... ??

You can book a MAST School Visitor to speak about MAST at your church, mid-week group, special event.

We love to share about what MAST is doing. And we're really keen to build stronger links with churches local to the schools we visit!

Prayer Walks

On the 12th September we met for coffee at STEC followed by a prayer walk around Matlock praying for the schools in Matlock and nearest villages. On the 7th November we met for coffee at the Farm Shop in Hartington and then walked around the village praying for Hartington and Biggin Schools and other rural schools close by.

MAST Thanksgiving Service

Come and join us for an uplifting time of fellowship, worship and teaching. Be encouraged as we hear about what God is doing in Derbyshire. Join us in praying for the children and communities in your area.

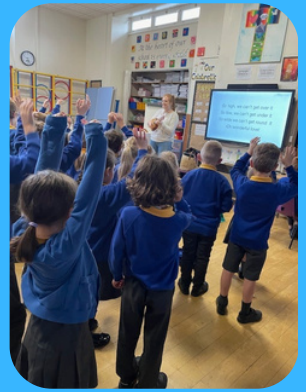
Hannah's News

This academic year I am continuing to share the New Testament during Collective Worship. Last term I shared the stories of Jesus Calming the Storm and the Good Samaritan. For Jesus Calming the Storm, I made a big cardboard boat which volunteer actors were able to sit in to help tell the story. For the Good Samaritan I borrowed Chloe's Story box. The children were captivated watching for what picture would emerge next from the box. Towards the end of the term I delivered Christmas Collective Worship based on the book 'The Night before Christmas'. Last term I visited Castle View Primary School in Matlock for the first time to deliver a special Christmas Assembly. I am looking forward to returning to Castle View this Spring to deliver an Easter Assembly. We had another successful Schools Together Event last October for the children of Hartington & Biggin Schools. It was based on Genesis 1:29 and included leaf rubbing, fruit prayers, icing apple shaped biscuits and much more. A big change for me last term was to start presenting Walk the Bible Old Testament R.E lessons. My first school was Cromford CE Primary. 40 bible stories are presented during 5 lessons and although the lessons are very interactive and fun for the children, for the presenter it's a lot to remember and initially a lot of preparation! I am looking forward to delivering these lessons again this term at Youlgrave and All Saints Primary School. And I hope that the more I do it, the more confident I will become.



Chloe's News

Chloe started the academic year with a new theme of 'Christian Values' that schools would use each half term (particularly CofE schools). Last term Chloe used her story box to share the story of the Good Samaritan and show the value of 'compassion'. This was such an engaging way of telling a story. As I lifted a picture up, the children would say what it was, so it was very interactive.



For the second half term, Chloe used a different method to share the true meaning of Christmas by using her sketch board. Only, instead of painting on it, she made a puzzle with different things people liked and celebrated at Christmas. However, it didn't quite fit together until Jesus was at the centre of it. This reminded the children that although the gifts, lights, tree and food are all exciting and wonderful, Christmas without Christ doesn't quite work as he is the reason we have Christmas, to remember the birth of the King and what he came to do!

Chloe has had a great time teaching with Walk Through the Bible lessons this term. She's been able to present Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT) in St Andrews, Dronfield and St Giles, Matlock. This term she is doing OT at Stretton Handley and NT at Rowsley.

Chloe also had the joy of being involved in the Christmas Experience at Walton church which saw 160 school children + staff enter the church building to see a 'Walk through' of the Christmas story. Being the only female actor meant there wasn't much choice in her role...



Prayer Points

- That the Christmas Gifts would be a real blessing to the children who received them.
- For God's blessing on the children, staff, parents/carers, and communities of the schools.
- For other Christian visitors who visit schools in this area.
- That God would help Rachel, Chloe and Hannah in their preparation for school visits and in their communication during visits.
- For Rachel's, Chloe's, and Hannah's health and safety on the roads during these winter months.

Please Pray

Thank God
for...

- Rachel joining the MAST team.
- The opportunity to visit more schools.
- That we were able to give out so many Christmas Gifts.
- The precious children and amazing staff in the schools we visit.

Hannah's School Visits – Spring Term 2026

Monday 12th Jan

Fenny Bentley CW

Thursday 15th Jan

Hartington CW

Monyash CW

Biggin CW

Monday 19th Jan

Elton CW

Winstar CW

Youlgrave CW

Thursday 22nd Jan

Wirksworth Junior CW

St.Giles, Starkholmes CW

All Saints Juniors, Matlock CW

Friday 23rd Jan

Carsington CW

Kniveton CW

Monday 26th Jan

Kirk Ireton CW

MAST Trustees Meeting

Thursday 29th Jan

Cromford CW

Matlock Bath CW

Friday 30th Jan

Youlgrave WTB

Monday 2nd Feb

Middleton CW

Crich Carr CW

All Saints Infants, Matlock CW

Friday 6th Feb

Youlgrave WTB

Friday 13th Feb

Youlgrave WTB

SCHOOLS HALF TERM**Monday 23rd Feb**

Fenny Bentley CW

Thursday 26th Feb

Hartington CW

Monyash CW

Biggin CW

Friday 27th Feb

Youlgrave WTB

Monday 2nd March

Middleton CW

Thursday 5th March

Wirksworth Junior CW

St.Giles, Starkholmes CW

All Saints Juniors, Matlock CW

Friday 6th March

Youlgrave WTB

Monday 9th March

Kirk Ireton CW

Crich Carr CW

All Saints Infants, Matlock CW

Thursday 12th March

Cromford CW

Matlock Bath CW

Monday 16th March

Elton CW

Winstar CW

Youlgrave CW

Friday 20th March

Carsington CW

Kniveton CW

Monday 23rd March

Castle View Primary, Matlock CW

SCHOOL EASTER HOLIDAYS

Chloe's School Visits - Spring Term 2026

8th January	Darley Churchtown ~ CW Stretton Handley WTB
15th January	Pilsley ~ CW Stretton Handley ~ WTB Tansley ~ CW
27th January	St Andrew's ~ CW
29th January	Lea Primary ~ CW Stretton Handley ~ WTB
2nd February	Stanton in Peak ~ CW
3rd February	Rowsley ~ CW
Thursday 5th February	Wessington ~ CW Stretton Handley ~ WTB
12th February	Stretton Handley ~ WTB South Darley ~ CW
16-20th February	Half Term ~ Holiday Club at Walton Evangelical Church
26th February	Stretton Handley ~ TBC Darley Churchtown ~ CW Rowsley ~ WTB Tansley ~ CW
5th March	Rowsley ~ WTB Bakewell ~ TBC
12th March	Pilsley ~ CW Rowsley ~ WTB
16th March	Stanton in Peak ~ CW
17th March	Rowsley ~ CW
19th March	Wessington ~ CW Rowsley ~ WTB
26th March	Lea ~ CW Rowsley ~ WTB South Darley ~ CW
Easter	Holidays

CW- Collective Worship

WTB- Walk Through the Bible.

Rachel's School Visits - Spring Term 2026

Jan 19th CW - Sharley Park community primary school

Jan 30th CW - South Wingfield primary school

Feb 6th CW - South Wingfield primary school

Feb 9th CW - Parkhouse primary school

March 9th CW - Holmgate primary school