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



Easter Gifts

Summer Term Newsletter 2026

We hope you had a blessed and joyous Easter remembering and celebrating the Good News of our Risen Lord. 'He is not here; he has risen, just as he said' Matthew 28:6.

The MAST School Visitors had the privilege and joy of sharing the Easter Story with children in Derbyshire Schools before the school holidays. We were also pleased to give Easter gifts to many of the children we see. Children in the younger years YR-Y4 were offered a book produced by the Bible Society called 'It's True, He's Risen for you!'. This little picture book tells the Easter story from the view point of Jesus disciple Thomas. The older children in Y5 were offered a copy of the Good News for Everyone magazine book called 'Discover'. This magazine style book contains the main stories of the bible along with colourful pictures, quizzes and activities. The children in Y6 were offered a copy of the Good News for Everyone 'New Testament & Psalms'. It is lovely that so many of the teachers are so appreciative of these little gifts for the children and most of the children were absolutely delighted to receive them too.

Rachel's News

Rachel's Easter collective worship centred on the cross. She began by thinking about all the places we see crosses in everyday life. For example, a vote on a voting card, crosses on the bottom of a letter which shows someone loves you, crosses on your maths work which shows the things you got wrong. She then linked all of these with the crosses in the Easter story. Some good comments were given by both teachers and children.

Rachel also had the privilege of being asked to lead a sensory Easter story to EYFS and KS1 children in all of the schools she visits. During these the children took part by finding each of the ten bags hidden around the room. The bags contained a picture depicting part of the story and an object for the children to explore.

Next term, Rachel hopes to lead Collective worship on Jesus calms the storm and David and Goliath. She will also lead KS2 RE lessons on 'Why do Christians pray?'

She is also beginning to think about ways to link up and develop relationships with KS3 and 4 children.



Announcements & Info



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



Prayer Walks
Friday 15th May
Friday 10th July



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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 9th February we met for coffee at Holy Trinity Church in Matlock Bath followed by prayer for the schools in Matlock Bath, Cromford, Starkholmes, Matlock and other nearby places. On the 16th March we met for coffee at Fairways Garden Centre in Two Dales and then prayed for the various schools in the Darley Dale area.

Hannah's News

Last term Hannah continued to share the New Testament in her Collective Worship by sharing the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. She had some children come out to the front to help tell the story by acting out the parts. They even had real bread sticks for the 'disciples' to share amongst the crowd. After everyone had been offered breadsticks there were always breadsticks left over! Through this story we heard about Jesus' love and compassion for people, how he provides for people's needs, and of his power to make a lot from little. All the children had a lot of fun participating in the story!

Hannah's Easter Collective Worship this term was based on the book 'Empty' produced by 10ofthose.com. They looked at what the bible says about the word Empty and how sometimes Empty can be bad. For example, if you are given a box of chocolates only to discover the box is Empty, that would be very disappointing. However sometimes Empty can be good. For example if you open up your homework book to discover that it is Empty of homework, that would be a good Empty! But the bible says that the best Empty is the Empty Tomb and Christians believe that this is the greatest Empty in history. The Collective Worship concludes by considering how an Empty Chocolate Easter egg can be a reminder of the Empty Tomb and what it is that Christians remember and celebrate at Easter. In addition to all the schools she usually visits, It was a joy to be able to visit Castle View Primary School along with Rev. Katrina to share this story in their special Easter Assembly

Hannah also visited Youlgrave to do Walk Through the Bible (R.E lessons) on the Old Testament. This was her second presentation of the 5 lessons. However, she felt she grew in confidence at presenting and it was great that the children listened and participated so well considering the lessons took place on Friday afternoons. It was fantastic to see their knowledge of the Old Testament grow during the five lessons. Although for some of them it may be all about the food! One boy said that he'd really enjoyed trying all the samples of food that she'd brought in to the lessons!



Chloe's News

Chloe had a great term in the schools. She started after Christmas sharing the story of Nehemiah. This fitted in with many schools 'value' for the half term on Justice. The children got to act out with some very serious (and very funny) grumpy faces and one child got to be the King holding the money and giving it back to the people after he realised he'd been unfair.

The second half term Chloe shared the Easter message which fitted with the school value of 'forgiveness' using her paint board and the story of Barabbas. This was a great opportunity to share a less well known part of the bible that came just before the Easter message many of them know well.

Chloe also had the opportunity to teach Walk Through the Bible at Stretton Handley and Rowsley sharing the New Testament lessons with them.

This term, Chloe is going to be sharing the story of Zaccheus, using the book 'The Man in the Tree and the Brand New Start'. This will be accompanied by powerpoint pictures and a challenge and song at the end. The 2nd part of the term she hopes to bring out her story box again as she found that a very engaging method. Chloe has the opportunity to do the Walk Through the Bible programme in Stanton in Peak this half term, looking at the New Testament. Chloe will also be sharing about the work of MAST at a coffee morning in Matlock.

Two encouraging comments Chloe received from children were 'It's always fun with you' and 'I love your assemblies'.

A head teacher also told the children that she has missed Chloe's Collective Worship sessions and in the future will postpone times of meetings so that she can be at them more often. She then went on to ask Chloe for the link to the book on Zacchaeus to buy for the school.



Prayer Points

- That the Easter Gifts would be a real blessing to the children who received them.
- For the children taking SATS in May.
- 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.
- For the Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 9th May. Please come along if you're free!!

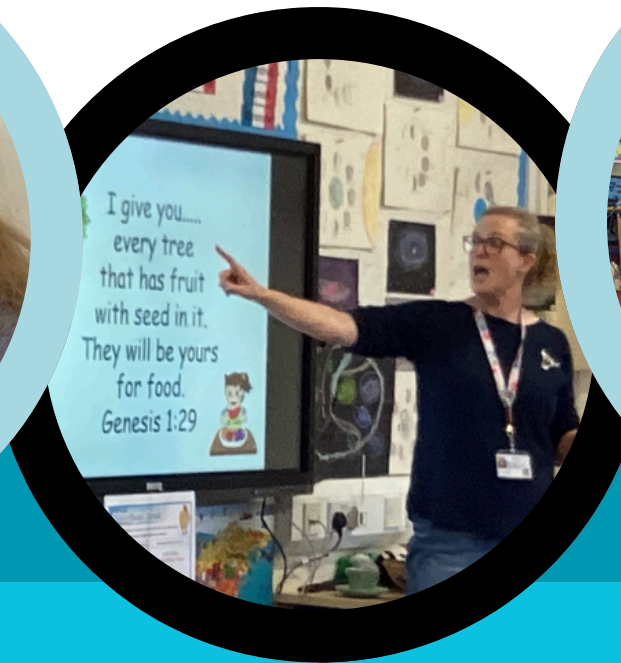
Please Pray

Thank God
for...

- The warm welcome we receive in the schools we visit.
- That we were able to give out so many Easter Gifts.
- The precious children and amazing staff in the schools we visit.

M.A.S.T Thanksgiving Service

Come and join us for tea and
cake followed by MAST
Thanksgiving Service.



Saturday 9th May 2026



5pm: AGM ~ 5.30: Tea & Cake ~ 6pm: Service



**Church in the Peak - The Lime Tree, Lime Tree Road,
Matlock, DE4 3EJ**

Come and hear of the work going on in the schools in and
around Matlock and see some examples of what a visit in
schools might look like.

Our Speaker is Ben Lamb



Chloe's School Visits ~ Summer Term 2026

14th April	St Andrews - CW
15th April	Stanton in Peak - WTB
16th April	Stretton Handley - CW Rowsley - WTB
22nd April	Stanton In Peak - WTB
23rd April	Rowsley - WTB Tansley - CW
29th April	EPIC - Report of MAST work at Coffee Morning
30th April	Pilsley - CW Bakewell Infants - CW
5th May	Rowsley - CW
6th May	Stanton In Peak - WTB
7th May	Wessington - CW
9th May	MAST THANKSGIVING SERVICE (Please ask for more details if you'd like to attend).
13th May	Stanton In Peak - WTB
14th May	Brimington Manor Infants - CW
15th May	Prayer Walk
18th May	Stanton In Peak - CW
20th May	Stanton In Peak - WTB
21st May	Lea - CW
Half	Term
4th June	Stretton Handley - CW
15th June	Stanton In Peak - CW
16th June	Rowsley - CW
18th June	Pilsley - CW Darley Churchtown - CW Bakewell Infants - CW
25th June	Wessington - CW Tansley
2nd July	Lea - CW
9th July	South Darley - CW Brimington Manor Infants - CW
10th July	Prayer Walk
SUMMER	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

CW ~ Collective Worship WTB ~ Walk Through the Bible Other Events TBC

Hannah's School Visits Summer 2026

Monday 20th April

Middleton CW
All Saints Infants CW

Thursday 23rd April

Hartington CW
Monyash CW
Biggin CW
Matlock Bath CW

Monday 27th April

Kirk Ireton CW

Thursday 7th May

Wirksworth Junior CW
Cromford CW
St.Giles, Starkholmes CW
All Saints Juniors, Matlock CW

Monday 11th May

Fenny Bentley CW
Crich Carr CW

Friday 15th May

Elton CW
MAST Prayer Walk

Monday 18th May

Schools Together Hartington & Biggin Schools
Youlgrave CW

Friday 22nd May

Carsington CW
Kniveton CW

SCHOOLS HALF TERM

Friday 12th June

Carsington CW
Matlock Bath CW

Monday 15th June

Fenny Bentley CW
Winster CW

Thursday 18th June

Hartington CW
Monyash CW
Biggin CW
Kniveton CW

Monday 22nd June

Middleton CW
Crich Carr CW
All Saints Infants CW

Thursday 25th June

Wirksworth Junior CW
Cromford CW
St.Giles, Starkholmes CW
All Saints Juniors, Matlock CW

Monday 29th June

Kirk Ireton CW
Winster CW
Youlgrave CW

Friday 10th July

Elton CW
MAST Prayer Walk

SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Rachel's Dates

May

5th M.A.S.T Bible study @ HEC 45 mins

11th Parkhouse Primary RE lesson

15th South Wingfield 150 years celebration (helping with school fair)

June

8th Meeting with Rob Scothern @ Lady Manners

19th Tupton Primary Sensory story x2

22nd Parkhouse Primary CW

29th Parkhouse Primary RE lesson

July

17th Tupton Primary CW