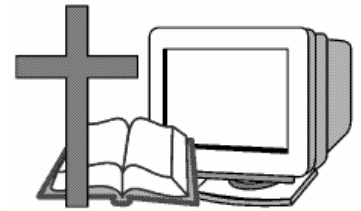


CHRISTIANS IN SCHOOLS

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'Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.'

Psalm 115:1

Behind the scenes

The **Primary Vision** lesson material, written by Mark Hamill, continues to be widely used – in Stockport, around the UK and Europe, further afield in the USA and around the world. Anyone with access to the internet can look at the material via our **web site** - at present there are about 500 visits a day.

The web site also includes some material for primary school assemblies written by Audrey Bomford.

The SACRE working party met early in January to finalise the resources and guidance for the handbook which supports '**Learning for Life**', Stockport's **Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2004**. The handbook will be issued on CD and distributed to schools by Easter.

In Primary Schools

Many local church people are involved in their neighbourhood primary schools, presenting assemblies, helping with lessons, running clubs or giving practical assistance to classroom teachers.

The Trust is keen to support churches as they develop these links with schools.

24 Hour Famine for World Vision February 18th and 19th

School groups all over Stockport are taking part in a 24 hour famine to raise money for HIV/AIDS orphans in Africa. We're having a big party at the end of the 24 hours to break our fast.

Please pray for the safety of those taking part and that all will go well.

Please let Sue or Andrew know if you would like to sponsor a young person.

If you do not receive a personal copy of this Newsletter and would like one, please contact your Church Representative or the Trust Treasurer who maintains our address list.

Supporters' Evening, 18th January

As Andrew and I got ready for our first Supporters' Evening, we were thinking back over the many prayers that the Lord has answered over recent months.

- The heartfelt prayer for an office space, answered when we were offered our wonderful base at The Town House.
- The prayer for helpers in school clubs, answered by the arrival of church workers from all over Stockport.
- The prayer that Andrew might be able to work full time in the ministry, answered when our Trustees were emboldened to step out in faith, trusting in the Lord, and made Andrew full time from January.
- And so many more, too many to list here, large and small prayers, faithfully answered by our loving provider God.

Not long ago we looked at prayer with our school Christian clubs. We taught the children that God *always* answers prayers, just that sometimes he says no! So we're thankful, too, for the times the Lord has slowed us down or stopped us from going a way that is not pleasing to him.

Encouragement

Our prayer for Tuesday night was that many of you would be able to come and be encouraged by the great things the Lord is doing in our schools and by the amazing vision he's given us for the future. And, despite the weather, that's just what you did. So many that we ran out of chairs and space to put them! Our meeting room was overflowing with lovely Christians in Schools supporters. Thank you to those who were able to come and, to all of you, thank you for praying and for sending and for giving. Now we need your help again.

Inspiration

The Lord has inspired us with a vision for the future of schools' work in Stockport. (We've included an outline of it for those who couldn't make the Supporters' Evening.) Now we need to know what you think. What is the Lord saying to you about the plans? Can they be achieved? What is the Lord calling each one of us to do now? Please contact us with your comments, questions, thoughts and suggestions. You can write to us at The Town House, telephone us there on 0161 480 1078 or e-mail us on sue.mayo@cist.org.uk.

We can't wait to see what the Lord's got in store for us! Please continue to be a part of it, to the glory of the Lord's name.

Sue & Andrew

The Vision for Work in Stockport's Secondary Schools

What?

- 5 Christians in Schools' workers serving 13 secondary schools and their feeder primary schools, making and developing relationships with children, staff and churches

How?

- We need to increase voluntary support in school
- We need to increase giving
- We need to develop the structure of the Trust

Why?

- To bring glory to God - Check out these Bible verses
 - Matthew 28:18-20
 - Romans 10:13-15
 - Judges 2:10
 - Proverbs 22:6

From...

For...

Through the power of...

**THE
LORD GOD**

Bringing glory to Him
in its purpose and
execution

? WHAT IS THE LORD CALLING EACH ONE OF US TO DO NOW ?

Feedback On The Supporters' Evening

If you were at the Supporters' Evening would you take a minute to let us know how you think it went? Was there something you would have liked us to do that we didn't, or something we did that you wish we hadn't?! One person has already said that they would have liked some time for questions and we agree, so we'll include that next time.

Please take the opportunity to send us any questions or comments you have about the evening or about the Trust's plans for the future. We value your opinions very highly. Thank you.

Prayer Topics

We're thanking God for answering our prayers

- ✓ **Andrew's full time!** It means that he can take on another school, **Offerton High**, and we're helping to run the CU there every Monday, with Year 7 RE lessons soon.

Please thank God with us for the Trust's faith and pray that God will provide the funds needed to ensure the future of the work. Please pray for Andrew as he seeks to develop his work.

- ✓ **Blush at Reddish Vale** We had a fantastic time with the Blush team at **Reddish** in November. 71 children signed up to find out more about the Lord Jesus.

Please pray for Andrew as he continues to faithfully follow up on each child.

- ✓ **Fusion** It was hard to imagine how Fusion could possibly get any better but the Christmas Fusion in December at **Avondale** was the best so far. Headliners *bandwithnname* were outstanding with new Heaton Moor band, *Freed*, and Fusion regulars, *Faithstyle*, in cracking form as support. Many thanks to staff at Avondale for their tremendous work and to all of you who gave to make the gig possible. Also thanks to those who volunteered to steward and to those who brought their youth and school groups. 200 young people heard the Good News that Jesus loves them in an accessible and relevant way and Christians in Schools are on-hand in their schools to follow up, thanks to your support.

Please start praying for the next Fusion on April 22nd. We need a venue and financial support.

- ✓ **Stockport School CU** In our last newsletter, we were asking for help at Stockport School where Andrew and local church Youth Worker, Jenny Mayo, run the CU every Wednesday. We're pleased to tell you that Cat Pienaar from St Chad's in Romiley has answered our request and is now helping every week.

Please thank God for Cat and Jenny and pray that the team will work effectively in the Lord's service.

- ✓ **Offerton High School** We need help for Andrew and Mrs Ford to run the CU every Monday lunchtime.

Can you help? Do you know somebody who can?

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Pray for Schools

on Saturday,
26 February 2005
from 10 to 11 am at

Heaton Moor Evangelical Church

55 Green Lane
Heaton Moor