

Do come if you can to
Pray for Schools

on Saturday
24 September 2005
from 10 to 11 am at
Romiley Life Centre

Corner of Church Lane
and Stockport Road

Car parking entrance
in Church Lane

Trustee Changes

At a recent trustees meeting we were pleased to appoint Denise Wright as a new trustee. Denise, who has a financial background, will be taking over the Treasurer's duties when David Scott retires later this year.

For the time being please continue to send all correspondence to David until we finalise the new arrangements.

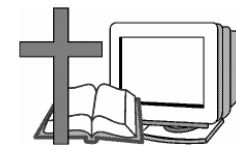
Please pray for the Trustees as they consider further changes.

Congratulations

To Andrew on his engagement to Sarah.

CHRISTIANS IN SCHOOLS

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Facing Challenges – Meeting Needs

Those of you who read the last Newsletter carefully (don't we all?) would have realised that financial matters were lying heavily on the Trustees' minds. Regarding the situation from a purely human point of view, we were looking at the possibility of cutting back on the work. We are spending more than our regular income will support and rapidly using up our reserves.

The good news is that we have had a very generous gift which has removed the anxiety for the immediate future. We really praise God for this. We are so grateful for the faithfulness of His anonymous servant. We see this gift as a confirmation from God to pursue our vision for developing the work. We don't want to stay as we are but to take full advantage of the present openness of schools to our workers and the good news Jesus brings. This means increased REGULAR giving.

The insert gives details of our new 'B 1 in 100' scheme. This would provide us with an extra £12,000 per year for less than the price of a Mars bar per day per giver. If you don't already give regularly to the Trust, you might prayerfully consider this.

We know the Lord has the children of Stockport on His heart and is using the Christians in Schools Trust to reach out to many of them. With more workers resourced so much more can be done. Thank you for your support and please encourage others to invest in THE Kingdom.

Philip Clarke

*"And my God will
meet all your needs
according to his
glorious riches
in Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 4:19

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copy of this Newsletter and
would like one, please contact
your Church Representative or
the Trust Treasurer who
maintains our address list.*

GSUS Live

This mobile trailer classroom is an exciting audio-visual interactive experience and it's coming to Stockport for 6 weeks in November and December 2005!

The trailer will be visiting Hazel Grove, Bramhall, Kingsway, Poynton and Offerton High Schools and Cheadle Hulme College for one week each. It gives pupils the opportunity to have an interactive RE lesson using Biblical material based on a choice of subjects: Forgiveness, Fear or Rejection.

Our staff expect to be heavily involved in this project. More details next time or visit www.gsuslive.co.uk for more information about the trailer and its facilities.

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Thank God for ...

- Offerton High School where we've been in lots recently. There is a good atmosphere and we are always welcomed by the staff. Please pray for even more opportunities in the future.
- Assemblies in Poynton, Marple Hall, Avondale, Priestnall and Reddish Vale. That's about 5000 children hearing the gospel!
- The year 9 Stockport School trip to Alton Towers on May 21st with Andrew and Jenny.
- Opportunity for Sue to help run the lunchtime club, CAOS, every Wednesday at Marple Hall with Joe Pienaar from St Chad's Romiley.
- For Christian teachers who support us in school.

- Another North West Scripture Union Regional Day in Bolton in April. It was great to spend time praying for each other and we had a worthwhile session with John Stephenson, the Development Manager for Schools Ministry in SU. Next meeting at our office on 10th June.
- The Capernwray students who joined us for a week in March. The link was with Chelwood Baptist. We also had students from Calvary Chapel Bible College who came to Splat! for a visit. The link is Kirk Crager at Calvary Chapel.
- Young Christian people on Work Experience with us – Sarah Middleton and Francesca Bissett
- The volunteers who help us in school and who are finishing in July – Paul (St Andrew's), Jenny (All Hallows), Steph (Heaton Moor Evangelical) and Nicole (Stockport Elim) – thank God for their faithful work this year.
- Church workers who come into schools – Mark, Helen, Sarah, Peter, Alastair, Chris, Joe, Steve, Marie and Cat – and the churches who send them – Hazel Grove Baptist, St Augustine's, New Hope, Norbury, St Cuthbert's and St Mary's Cheadle, St Chad's Romiley, Heaton Moor Evangelical.

- The chance for Andrew to speak at Poynton High's 'Face Up' weekend away. He has also visited the group since then, and some of them came to Fusion.
- The opportunity for Sue to present the work of CIST at SACRE with some very positive feedback.
- Andrew's family service at St Andrew's, Cheadle Hulme which was lots of fun!

Speaking

Andrew or Sue have speaking engagements at:

- 19th June New Hope (Cheadle Hulme)
- 10th July Stockport Centre Church
- 14th July Diocese of Chester Year 6 Leavers' Service, St George's Stockport
- 17th July Ford's Lane Evangelical Church
- 14th Sep Redeeming the Arts

Schools

- Year 11, 12 and 13's doing exams and for their teachers.
- The last weeks of term, for calmness and a good atmosphere in schools.

Staff & Helpers

Events

- Another amazing Fusion event at Offerton High School. We had 161 youngsters there (not including our incredible bunch of stewards!). All the bands were fantastic. We were particularly pleased that some new churches made contact and brought young people – South Manchester Family Church and Stockport Vineyard. Margaret Smith and her helpers at Dialstone Lane Methodist Church provided an amazing lunch for the bands. Individuals and churches gave financial support for the event.
- Unwind 05 will be all over by the time you read this – thank God for 20 youngsters and 6 volunteer helpers! Thanks too for the generous gifts which have helped several youngsters go on the trip. Full report in next issue.
- Successful checks on virtually all the sites for the GSUS trailer arriving in November. The link is with Ford's Lane Evangelical Church. More details on the back page and in the next issue.

- A great summer of rest and refreshment as we look forward to an incredibly exciting time in our schools in September.

- It's Your Move events for Year 6 in schools throughout the Borough from 11th-22nd July. Thanks to those who helped buy the books.
- The JAM magazine going into Cheadle Hulme College again.
- The Party in the Park Event on 30th June for young people who go to our clubs.
- Meeting with The Message about 'The Big Deal' in Stockport next year.