

CIST May Newsletter



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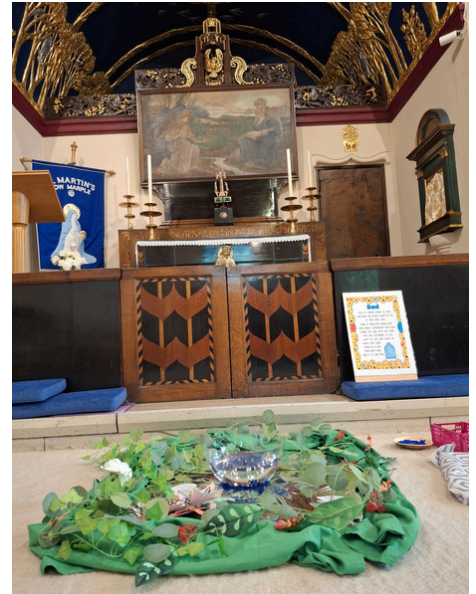
May has been a month of CIST connecting with churches. We partnered with St Martin's Church, Marple and Rev Timothy Hupfield to provide our 'Headspace' for pupils at Ludworth Primary School. On a lovely sunny Friday, it was great for the Y5 pupils to have a calm hour making their way round the stations in such a beautiful environment.

Thank you to our many supporters who came to our coffee morning and church update at Bramhall Baptist Church, it was amazing to find out how many people there had connections to many of the schools we visit through their children and grandchildren. Special thanks go to Matt Pierce for championing the work of CIST over the last four years. As he moves on to pastures new, our prayers go with the family, and we look forward to following his ongoing ministry and also staying connected with the fabulous congregation at Bramhall Baptist Church.

We also shared information on our work and prayer with the supportive fellowship at St Martin's Heaton Norris and prayed for the local elections.

In our primary assemblies to highlight National Children's Day, we retold the story of Jesus welcoming the children- it was a very noisy assembly with pupils taking the parts of the noisy children and worried disciples, with the biggest voice of all belonging to Jesus as he told the disciples to let the children come to him!

What a fantastic example from the Bible of just how important children and young people are to God! Our secondary/college groups have been exploring the stories of the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son and Jesus walking on water, staff have followed pupil-led discussions on what having real joy means, how to share faith with friends, and they have also been able to support pupils through their exam period. It's been a real privilege to pray with pupils as they pass through challenging times.



Our staff have taken some time to plan for 2026/7 and have met with some new contacts in our schools- we thank God for new inspiration for the upcoming year.



**CHRISTIANS
IN SCHOOLS**

As we approach the final half-term in schools for this academic year, our primary staff will be busy with our 'It's Your Move' workshops for Year 6 pupils. Our secondary workers will be joining the primary staff on some of these visits so they can connect with pupils who will be moving on to the secondary schools in which we work. I'm sure you will all join us in praying for Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the exciting transition to their high schools.

It's Your Move is a great way for churches to support their local schools and we will be accompanied by representatives from local churches who choose to sponsor the 'It's Your Move' books for some of our schools- it's a great way for them to let the pupils know their congregations will be praying for them both now and during September. If you think this is something your church would like to be involved in, please email teamleader.cist@gmail.com- we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you all once again for your continued faithful support for CIST, we constantly thank God for you all and your contributions which enable all the work we do to happen!

CIST Team

Think your congregation would like to hear about all the amazing things God is doing in Stockport schools?

Why not book a church update - we can come along to your Sunday service or during the week to share our good news with you all!

