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# CiST Newsletter Summer 2016



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## A letter from the Chairman

by Steve Innes

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*Now to him, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations*

Thank you for your persistent prayer, consistent support and amazing financial giving. 2016 has been a real year of lows and highs for the Trust. After starting the year in a really low place, we have been blessed over and over again as God has provided a new worker, new opportunities and new openings in schools we have never been in before, and a growing interest from churches in the work. Emma has been busy building new relationships with schools, youth and children's workers and churches. (read her report below) Linda in the meantime has been busy maintaining links with schools we have been working with in the past. Her

report also follows. We are blessed to have two very committed workers and would ask you to continue to pray for them.

The growth and development of the work now means that we need to employ a further worker to work mainly in secondary schools. This is yet another step of faith for the trust, as our current monthly income does not cover our expected expenditure. As a Trust, can we ask you to pray that the money will come in and the right person is appointed? A further real need we have is for someone to join the trust that has some secretarial skills, perhaps you have these skills or know of someone in your church that has? This is not a massive commitment just a few hours a month, but it is rewarding being part of God's work in our local schools. If you want to know more do get in touch at [chair@cist.org.uk](mailto:chair@cist.org.uk)

Finally, as you will read in Linda's report she has been given the opportunity to train as a teacher, and so she will be leaving CiST at the end of August. On behalf of the trust and the Christian community in the Heatons we want to say a big thank you Linda and may God bless you in this new chapter of your walk with him. Please do continue to pray for both the trust and Linda, we really do value all your support. We are quite excited about the new academic year, we have some new ideas and plans which we want to put into place, more of which we will share in our next newsletter. **Steve**

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## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

There are lots of exciting things coming up in our calendar as we look towards the new academic year. You can keep up with our frequent updates on our website, [www.cist.org.uk](http://www.cist.org.uk) where you will find relevant information and fun, personal blogs about our day to day schools experience!

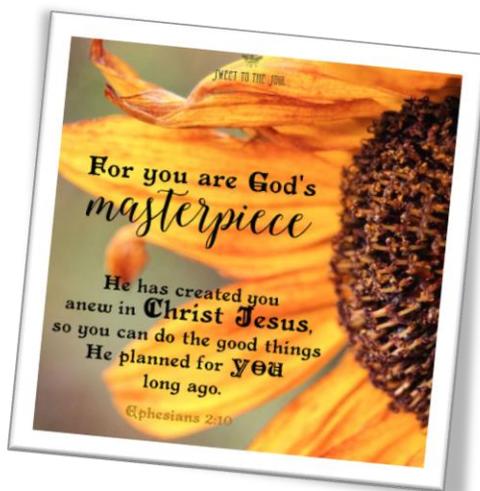
Important dates for you to remember are:

- ✚ Stockport Youth and Children's Network meeting – Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> of July 09:30am at The Mill, Bramhall.
- ✚ CiST Prayer Meeting – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> of September 10:00am at Romiley Life Centre.
- ✚ CiST Commissioning Service – Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 16:30pm, venue TBC.

This will be an amazing service, and a chance for us to share our vision for the upcoming year with you all. Also, it will give you a chance to pray for Emma, and any new worker we have, as they are commissioned in their work.

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)



## News from Linda

by Linda Lanigan

I rejoice over the good things and work that the Lord has given us at Christians in Schools Trust to do this year. It is truly humbling how the Lord includes His people to be a part of His big plan. A plan filled with the love of our Heavenly Father, whose desire is that all would know Him.

To that aim, I have been busy visiting schools with our "It's Your Move!" lesson. As always it has been a well-received lesson both from the pupils and staff. As well as delivering a fun, informative and helpful lesson, we leave a book called "It's Your Move!" and in the book is the wonderful Psalm 139, where we discover that God truly knows us; our hopes, dreams, worries and plans and that He is always with us. My prayer is that each person we have met at school, would know the truth of that and start to understand that to God, 'we are His masterpiece.'

I have also been busy with assemblies, based on The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> and service, and the book of Ruth, thinking about friendship, journeys, and how God is a faithful forever friend. Clubs at Priestnall and Norris Bank have gone well. At Priestnall, we wished the year 11's moving on from High School well in their future plans and shared Jeremiah 29:11 with them. It was quite poignant for me saying good-bye to the year 11's, as they were in

the same year as my daughter. But also they were at the beginning of my wonderful work in the schools, six years ago!

I give thanks for those six years, but like those young people moving on in their journey, I too have felt the call of the Lord to something new. My time at CiST will end this August and from September I will be studying a PGCE course and train to be a primary school teacher. My time at CiST, has been a great time of serving and growing in my walk with the Lord. I have been blessed with wonderful volunteers over the six years and I want to thank them, for all their amazing support and commitment to the young people, and the help and support they gave me. Each of you are truly inspiring and God's most beautiful masterpieces!

I give heart-filled thanks for Sue Mayo, Andrew Phillips and Jonathan Wilson, I learnt so much from them, both practically and spiritually. I give thanks for the time with Karen and Duncan. And I have enjoyed these last few months working with Emma. Emma has some fantastic ideas and a heart to serve the schools. I will be excited to see all that the Lord has planned for her ministry in the schools in Stockport.

I am grateful for the support of the Trustees and you the supporters, for your prayers especially. Many thanks and may God bless you. And now as the Lord would say, "He has created us...so we can do the good things he planned for us..." It is time for me to continue to do the good things that our Lord has planned.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Our new Secondary schools' worker, whoever they may be!
- That our promising work in secondary schools continues to grow.
- That we build up strong relationships with the new schools we have connected with through "It's Your Move!"
- Please pray for the new R.E Lessons we are planning over the summer.



*"May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be ever at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
The rain fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand."*

The Celtic blessing given by Rev. David Brewster at Stockport Academy Prize giving



**Christian Aid Week Assemblies**

We initiated the Send my Friend to School Campaign in Werneth School, encouraging British school children to support refugee children.



**"It's Your Move!" data**

This year we contacted 33 schools about "It's Your Move!" and delivered lessons in 30 schools.

FAST FACTS



13%

This is the percentage of schools that were new to us this year



82%

This is the percentage of schools that re-booked "It's Your Move!"

**News from Emma**

by Emma Hinds

**Primary Schools:**

It's been an exciting term for us in primary schools! Linda and I split the workload of the "It's Your Move!" schools, and it has given me a great opportunity to make contact with local church leaders and workers, and to deliver excellent sessions together. I have been into 4 new schools for us this year:

- ✚ Woodley Primary School
- ✚ St Benedicts Primary School, Handforth
- ✚ St Philip's Primary School, Offerton
- ✚ Bridge Hall Primary School, Edgeley.

We pray strong relationships will develop with these schools.

In addition to "It's Your Move!" I have also begun a great relationship with Ramilies School in Cheadle Hulme. I have delivered a session on forgiveness for the Juniors, and I look forward to the material I have planned with them next year for anti-bullying week and Christmas.

**RE Conference:**

I attended an RE Conference for the launch of the new RE syllabus a couple of weeks ago, and heard the inspirational Lat Blaylock speak. He is the director of RE Today, an excellent schools resource for RE teachers, and gave us some very helpful encouragement with regards to our work. On the back of the conference we have identified lots of areas in the new syllabus where our work can be very helpful to primary schools in particular, and I am

looking forward to taking some time over the summer to really focus on creating some excellent lesson plans. We need to pray that our RE lessons will be useful and helpful to primary schools around Stockport.

**Secondary Schools:**

We have made some great progress with secondary schools since my arrival. I have done a week of assemblies in Stockport Academy on the theme of the Olympics which was very well received, and we already have dates in the diary for next year! We also sponsored their RE prize, and were privileged to attend their annual prize-giving at The Plaza.

I have also had a great time getting to know some of the staff and students at Werneth School. I delivered a week of assemblies on the "Send my friend" campaign during Christian Aid week, and the outcome of those assemblies was fantastic. The students continued to work on the campaign in RE, and a couple of weeks ago some students from the school met with their local MP to present the materials they had created and talk about the students' concerns about the refugee crisis. This was all off the back of our week of assemblies! It is a great demonstration of what can be achieved when schools and CiST work together.

**Looking forward**

The next academic year is looking like it will be exciting, but will also be bringing with it change and challenges. We will certainly miss Linda, but I know the Lord is guiding her path, just as He is guiding ours. I can't wait to see what He does next!