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CiST Newsletter Summer 2018



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25 years and counting... Our blessings!

As the longest serving member of CiST, I've been asked to 'pen' the front page of our Summer Term Newsletter.

For those of you who managed to join us for our Celebration Service, what a joyous occasion it was! It was wonderful to meet so many old and new friends and be reminded of how our Faithful Father has guided us through the years. In fact, we sang the hymn which has almost become CiST's anthem 'Great is Thy faithfulness'.

We have been given many scriptures and words over the years which have guided, challenged and encouraged us but the one laid on my heart as I write is Isaiah 43:2:

'When you pass through the waters I'll be with you; and when you pass through the rivers they will not sweep over you. When you walk

through the fire, you will not be burned.'

Note that it doesn't say around the waters, or around the rivers, or around the fire but THROUGH.

There have been many times over the past 25 years when we've felt as if we were being swamped. There have been many times when we couldn't see around the next bend in 'the river' and we've certainly felt at times that it was all getting a bit hot (especially when funds got low!) However, our God has brought us through and brought us to a new place.

Having been around for most of those 25 years, I can truthfully say this is the most exciting time ever!

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support which has

upheld both the Team and the Trust for many years.

How else could I finish:

'Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.'

Yours in His service

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Our Summer Term Statistics!

The Summer Term always feels like a LONG term, but it is always incredibly productive and exciting! Here are some statistics about what we've been up to this term!

20 Assemblies

7 year 7 R.E lessons

6 Primary school R.E days

3 year 10 R.E lessons

16 Guardians of Ancora Clubs

16 secondary school dance lessons

31 hours of secondary school one-to-one mentoring

35 secondary school lunch clubs

4 church visits

6 mentoring clubs at Bramhall High

24 Primary R.E lessons

2 Teachers Prayer meetings

1 Stockport Prayer Breakfast

1 AMAZING Anniversary Service!

1 day of Memorial service and emotional support sessions for students on the anniversary of the MCR bombing

30 "It's Your Move!" lessons

2 GCSE R.E revision lessons

4 Secondary School Assemblies

1 Local Mission Partners Day with Scripture Union

1 Dance and Performance Show at Stockport Academy

1 Mental health presentation to members



of staff at a local secondary school

1 End of Year Celebration Service at Stockport Academy

3 R.E learning sessions at St. Chad's Church, Romiley with students from Romiley Primary School

6 Mental health lessons with R, Y1 and Y2 students

2 R.E lessons with Nursery School!

Wow! We are so pleased and proud of everything that has been achieved this term, and all the ways that God has used us and those around us to show his love in schools.

We can't wait to see what happens next term!

Fond Farewell to Andy ...



We have been so blessed to have Andy Wisdom as part of our team for the last two years. As our Secondary School worker he has accomplished a lot on behalf of the Trust, growing our relationships with five different High Schools and creating a strong reputation for excellence in everything we deliver. Andy is moving on to pursue a Masters at the University of Manchester, and to dedicate more of his time to his church; Christ Church Manchester. We asked Andy a few questions about his transition onwards:

What has been your favourite moment you're your time with the Trust? :

My favourite moment in this role has been watching my singing group perform in 'Bad Friday' in April 2017. They learned so much in just a few days and confidently performed in front of a church full of people. What's even better is that some of those young people started going to church afterwards, and still attend youth groups now

What is your biggest hope for the person who takes on the role after you?

My biggest hope for the next person carrying out the Secondary Schools Worker role is that they would be able to build on the progress I've made over the last two years. I feel that I've only scratched the surface, and that there are hundreds of creative opportunities to share Jesus in Stockport high schools. I also hope they have a bunch of fun doing it!

What will you miss most about the role?:

I will certainly miss the CiST team and trustees, but if I had to choose one thing, I'd say that I'll miss the young people the most. We had lots of laughs, and their insightful questions always kept me on my toes.

What are you most looking forward to as you move on?:

Don't miss out...

Please pray for:

Our holiday club for children from Dial Park Primary, running 28-31 of August.

Our Trustees, who have met with potential applicants for new roles starting in September.

Don't miss:

Our COFFEE MORNING on the 11th of September , from 10:00 – 11:00 at our Office: 99, Chatham Street, Edgeley.

This is a great chance to catch up on our plans for the new year!

As I move on to do a Master's degree in Theology, I am excited for the many challenges that will bring. I look forward to engaging in debates over Scripture, and developing my knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew texts found in the Bible. I will also be preaching regularly in my church, and look forward to further developing that gift and using it to bring glory to God.

We are all very proud of Andy and the work he has achieved. We pray God continues to bless him and make him fruitful in this next step.