

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

*his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.”*

-Lamentations 3:22-23



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A letter from the Chairman

*"I will tell of the LORD's
unfailing love; I praise him for
all he has done for us." Isaiah
63:7*

Half term is almost upon us and our team have been very busy but, I must start this newsletter by saying on behalf of the trustees, a massive thank you for all the offers of help with our need of temporary space for the use as an office. After considering some of the offers we decided to take up some space offered by the good people at St Cuthbert's Cheadle. The safety work being done at our office is well under way and we are in the process of moving back into the office at St. Matthew's.

2019 saw the trust begin a new initiative. We know that there are a lot of very gifted people in the church, some of whom we felt may be willing to support the trust on a casual basis. So, we have launched "Mission Volunteers". As a result of our initial launch we are delighted to welcome Ev Speak and Alison Walsh as volunteers. If you have a gift that you think we may be able to use in our mission, why not get in touch?

We also give thanks for the new contacts that our team have made in both primary and secondary schools in the area. For the new initiative's and ways of working with several churches. Another area we have been

working hard on is the updating of our website, why not take a look at it?

The trustees are so thankful for all your support with prayers, words of encouragement and the financial giving that many of you make. If you are able why not join us at our next prayer meeting at the Upper Room in Cheadle on June 8th at 9-00am.

Finally, it is with sadness that the trustees must announce that Trudi Barrie has decided not to continue in her employment with the trust. We trust that God will guide her as she seeks the way forward.

God Bless,
Steve Innes

A look back at our term!

I am so proud of all the work that we have achieved since January. We are so grateful to the Trustees for stepping out in faith and really trusting God to expand our team, as we have truly seen amazing fruit from this faithfulness. I want to share our numbers with you, because they are really a testament of God's good grace: This term (and a half) we have achieved:

37 Secondary School R.E lessons. These have covered a whole range of topics, from The Trinity with year 7 right up to God and the Media with year 10.

56 Primary School Assemblies.

15 Secondary school assemblies. Our assemblies in Secondary schools are not sporadic, we tend to do the same assembly for the whole school in a week. This term we have done Easter assemblies in 2 schools, and mental health assemblies in one.

100 Primary R.E lessons.

This number is evidence of the hard work of our Primary team, who have created amazing new material for 2019. We have hugely expanded our repertoire of R.E lessons for both KS1 and KS2, including new aspects of the curriculum, such as our new eco lessons.



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Guardians Clubs. We have really enjoyed helping to run Guardians Club at Dial Park Primary. We are taking a step back after half term but will continue to work with the school and Glo Church too!

36 Secondary School Lunch Clubs. We have lately started a new mental health drop in club at St. Anne's High School in Reddish, in addition to our clubs at Stockport Academy, Cheadle Hulme High, and Kingsway.

21 Rooted self esteem mentoring group sessions. We have had an amazing time running this session in Bramhall High School, and are just starting to run it for the first time in St. Anne's High School.

48 Mentoring sessions.

4 Worship Club meetings. Worship club was a great new initiative for our primary work and we look forward to trying it again in other schools.

20 Storytelling Week Projects. This Storytelling Week we based our project on the second Diary of a Disciple Book, which is based on the

book of Acts. It was a huge challenge for our team and it required huge amounts of resources and volunteers, and yet we continue to see the value of this project in schools. The children really enjoy learning about the story of Paul and the project gives churches another opportunity to engage with the children. It also gets the bible into schools! Every class that takes part gets a hardback copy of the book for their class library, so any child can pick up the story of Paul and learn about Jesus in their own classroom.

4 R.E Days. These days give us a great chance to spend a longer amount of time – a half day or a full school day – with a class and really get in depth with them about Jesus and answering their questions.

2 G.C.S.E. Twilight R.E revision sessions.

8 Journalling club meetings. Journalling club was a great opportunity for Y6 students to engage mindfully and

creatively with spiritual ideas, God and the Bible. We have recently started running another of these clubs for Y7's in Stockport Academy.



40 Easter projects.

Our Easter projects for KS1 and KS2 this year were on two themes. KS1 was based around a video from The Bible Society called "The Super Cool Story of Jesus" that told Jesus' story through a spoken word poem. The children got to explore different aspects of the story through craft, drawing, games and even practising some mindfulness/prayer! Our KS2 project was based on stories of resurrection that we find in literature and films (Like *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*) and showing how they relate to the story of Jesus' resurrection. The children got to watch lots of video clips, do an exciting wordsearch and codebreaker puzzle, and explore the representations of Jesus in C.S. Lewis' great work of fiction.

1 Coffee Morning. We have been so amazed and felt so loved by the presence of our committed and kind supporters at our Coffee mornings.

1 Coping with Exam stress day for year 11.

3 Church Visits. These have been occasions when we have been able to take primary school children to visit a local church and do different activities there.

1 Mental health parenting workshop with Lily Jo from the Lily Jo Project. Recently, we collaborated with Lily Jo to deliver a mental health parenting workshop for parents of Emmanuel Community Church in Heaton Moor.

We are so blessed by what God has provided for us so far this year. He has granted us access to places we thought were cut off, he has provided us with Trustees who support us, and has blessed us with his spirit to guide our thoughts and words in everything we have done.



PRAYER POINTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAYER POINTS:

- Please pray for our Trustees as they consider the future and vision of the Trust for the coming Academic year.
- Please pray for our team as we prepare for the departure of Jill, who is moving on to Ministry. We will miss her greatly.
- Please pray for Jill as she takes the next step forwards into Ministry.
- Please pray for the financial situation of the Trust.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Prayer Meeting – 8th** of June 2019, 9am at the Upper Rooms in Cheadle. The Upper Room is accessible from the Tesco car park and we will be meeting on the 3rd floor. Follow the signs!

This prayer meeting is a great opportunity for our supporters to say farewell to Jill and pray for her!