

M.A.S.T.

'TELLING THE NEXT GENERATION...' (PSALM 78:4)

The Diary

There are a number of ways to keep up with where we are and when.

You can [download the dates here](#) on our website mastrust.org/media (and a pdf of this prayer letter).

But to be really up to date [head to our website](#) (www.mastrust.org) and check out the diary at the bottom. These will reflect any changes that inevitably happen.

Thank you for praying!



Spring is here!

Hello friends of M.A.S.T.! We hope you're enjoying the sunshine as much as we are.

We're very thankful to the Lord that James has been able to make some school visits (see below). Please be praying for growth in his health and wisdom.

Praise God for the growth in numbers coming to the CU at Highfields (up to 12 now, mostly boys). Pray for wisdom and boldness for Emily and Zania as they look to talk more about the Jesus with the students who come. There are also opportunities to go in other days too, so praise God for that open door.

This half term Michael is continuing teaching about the beatitudes, this time focussing on 'blessed are the merciful...' It's been great to see kids linking what they've previously learned and building on that foundation. Please pray that they would grasp the mercy and forgiveness on offer through grace.





Ray and Beryl are teaching on 'busy Martha and quiet Mary' from Luke 10. The kids are always excited to see them so please pray that the message would be going deeper and that they would learn 'what is better'.

Rebecca Walsh is still struggling with back issues. Please pray for health and openings to go into schools.

News from James and Christine

As the children file in, I am watching for a response. It is two years now since I was last here to lead Collective Worship. As the year 5 and 6 children see me standing at the front, I see it...a fist pump, a loud whisper of "YESSSS", and a big smile! They remember!

It is such a privilege to be able to teach all these children about Jesus: to be able to tell stories from the Bible in a way that is fun and engaging. It is a privilege that we all, as MAST workers cherish, an opportunity that we must continuously thank the Lord for. An avenue of service that enables us to reach so many more children with the Good News of Jesus, than any of us would be able to reach through our individual churches. It is a ministry that can only continue with the prayerful support of many individuals and churches in and around Matlock.

My assembly this term has been about Jesus walking on the water, about Peter getting out of the boat and walking on water too. How amazing! It has given me pause to think about how we joined MAST. We jumped out of the boat, the security of a secular job to follow Jesus. In the last 14 years we have indeed seen storms and challenges, challenges that continue still. Yet Jesus has been there in the storm to rescue us. My Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is a challenge still. Each assembly takes a toll of about 2 days, and this week I had to cancel one assembly because I was just not well enough.

Please continue to pray for all those involved with the work of MAST, that the doors remain open to our ministry in schools. Pray too that we have the health and strength to accomplish the task of "Teaching the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord" - Psalm 78 v 4.

