

# M.A.S.T

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord... - Psalm 78:4

## Praise God

- For being kept safe on the roads during the winter months and not needing to re-arrange any of the planned Collective Worship due to wintry weather. The roads were passable on every day that a Collective Worship was planned for!
- For the wonderful opportunity to visit schools in Matlock and the surrounding area.
- For the distribution of Easter gifts, especially the bookmarks.
- For the safe arrival of baby Joel.

## Happy Easter!

This Easter as we remember the death and sacrifice of our Lord and celebrate his wonderful resurrection, we hope you will know the comfort of his love, and the assurance of eternal life with him.

We have had a lot to celebrate and give thanks for this term. During the first half term, Hannah visited 16 schools delivering Collective Acts of Worship based on stories from the Old Testament. Through the story of Jacob and Joseph, the children enjoyed hearing how God was with Joseph throughout all his trials and difficulties and how God used for good the terrible situations Joseph found himself in, saving not only God's chosen family during the famine but also many other people too (see pictures below). God knew the future, had a plan to provide for his people, and to meet their needs.

Before going on maternity leave, Chloe delivered Walk Through the Bible in 3 schools and delivered Collective Acts of Worship too. Using her story sticks, she shared the parable of the lost son and story of the paralysed man.

During the second half term Hannah has shared the Good News of Easter during Collective Acts of Worship, helping the children to understand the events of the Holy week and why Easter is so important to Christians. Hannah has been able to give each child in each school a small Easter gift – a small Easter chocolate and a book mark reminding them this Easter that Jesus loves them (1 John 3:16). We are always very conscious of what a privilege and joy it is to be able to visit these schools!



## Pray:

- Pray for seeds to take root in the hearts of the children that we meet. Pray especially this Easter that seeds of understanding about why Jesus died and rose again would take root.
- Pray that the bookmarks will be treasured and will help to reinforce what is heard in Collective Worship.
- Pray for God's leading and guidance as we prepare and deliver the Acts of Collective Worship for the coming Summer Term.
- Pray for the schools and communities that we visit, and for the Christian Fellowships in those places.

## Date for Diary:

You are warmly invited to the **MAST Thanksgiving service on 11th June at Church in the Peak 6pm.**  
The Lime Tree, Lime tree road,  
Matlock, DE4 3EJ.  
AGM at 5.30om. Thanksgiving service at 6pm.

## Financial Support:

If you would like to support our ministry financially please contact Chris Cookman at: [chriscookman@talktalk.net](mailto:chriscookman@talktalk.net) for further information.

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## Exciting News

George and Chloe are grateful to God for the safe arrival of Joel Simeon Clayson. He arrived on the 6th March weighing 9lb 8oz!!



## Encouraging stories

Before going on Maternity leave, Chloe had the joy of teaching the Walk Through the Bible New Testament programme to a group of year 5 and 6. The Head Teacher (different to the previous year) couldn't believe that they had remembered the Old Testament actions from being taught in September 2021. This was encouraging for both Chloe and the Head Teacher to see how much they had learnt and remembered about the bible.

Both school staff and children have been very appreciative of the small Easter gifts. Staff have written, 'That is very kind of you to give out a gift', and 'Thank you for your kindness'. School staff are also very grateful for the support we give them by visiting and delivering Collective Acts of Worship. One staff member wrote, 'Thanks again for coming in. It makes a really positive impact to have different faces and voices in our Worship'. The children too enjoy our visits. One child recently said, 'I like your talks and our conversations'. Praise God that we have this opportunity in so many schools in the area.

## Thank you!

Your support and prayers mean the world to us. On the days when we are especially aware of our inadequacies and nerves creep in, it is a great encouragement to know that we are being prayed for and that God is with us. It is such a comfort to know that we don't do this ministry alone. Thank you for standing with us in this.



## Hannah's School Dates

Date	Schools
18th April	Hartington Biggin
24th April	Brassington Youlgrave
25th April	Wirksworth Junior All Saints Junior
2nd May	Kirk Ireton Carsington & Hopton
15th May	Middleton Elton
16th May	Cromford Monyash Matlock Bath
22nd May	Fitz Herbert, Fenny Bentley Youlgrave
23rd May	Wirksworth Junior All Saints Junior
29th May	<b>HALF TERM</b>
6th June	Hartington
12th June	Fitz Herbert, Fenny Bentley Youlgrave
13th June	Biggin

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19th June	Winsters Youlgrave
20th June	Wirksworth Junior All Saints Junior Carsington & Hopton
26th June	Fitz Herbert, Fenny Bentley Hartington
27th June	Biggin All Saints Junior
3rd July	Middleton
4th July	Monyash Matlock Bath
10th July	Elton Winsters Youlgrave
11th July	Wirksworth Junior All Saints Junior
18th July	Cromford Biggin
24th July	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>