

NEWSLETTER

TEAM NEWS

This term has been a time of change as the team got used to life without Phil and Victoria. Lisa and Sarah have been working hard alongside their amazing team of volunteers to see the work continue to grow and develop. They have delivered 48 lessons, 31 assemblies, 83 lunch club sessions and 3 OTMini courses! A big thank you to all the help we have received to make this work happen. Please pray for the team as they continue to serve the schools across the island with the vision to positively impact children and young people through a real experience of the Christian Faith.

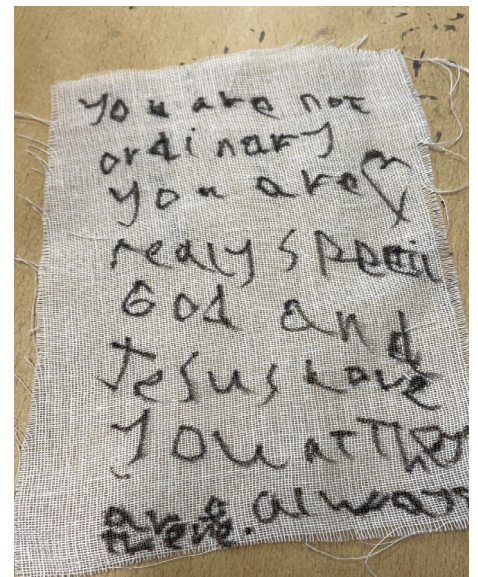


CHRISTMAS IN A BOX

After the success of last year, we ran Christmas in a Box again during the last few weeks of term. This year we decided to do these lessons with Year 3 children and do Easter in a Box next term with Year 4 as it keeps the story in chronological order. We have visited 7 schools sharing the Christmas story with over 260 children with the help of our brilliant volunteers. Behind the scenes we have had people prepping the resources, counting, cutting, tying and folding! These lessons are two hours each and need three or four leaders at each session. The children have been wonderful and very thoughtful in their responses to the activities. Each box that we unpack together we discover the story of one of the characters (Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and the Wise Men). We ask the children to think about how the characters felt and what advice they might give to them if



they feel left out, ordinary, confused or outcast. The picture on the right shows a child's response to the story of Mary being chosen even though she was just an “ordinary” girl. They write, “You are not ordinary, you are really special. God and Jesus love you and they are always there.” If you would like to contribute towards the financial cost for these lessons and resources, please do get in touch or pick up one of our Twelve Baskets postcards from your church. Thank you!



We're really excited to announce a new partnership between PACE and South West Youth Ministries (SWYM). SWYM's vision and passion is that every child and young person in the area would encounter Jesus, know him and make a choice to live for more. This is completely aligned with the PACE team's goal as they aim to reach every child in every school in Guernsey, every year.

SWYM's main strategy is to place trainee children and youth workers with churches, local ministries and schools work projects. We hope to have a cluster of SWYM trainees in Guernsey from September 2023. They would be placed in a local church and also work closely with PACE so they can gain experience in schools. We'll be sending out more information in the new year, but in the meantime, do you know anyone with a heart for children and young people who would like to train as a youth and children's worker? If so, I'd love you to put them in touch with me:

eleanor@swym.org.uk. It would also be brilliant if you could support this new initiative in prayer; if you want to know more about how you could pray, please just get in touch. Happy Christmas!

Love Eleanor



SECONDARY SCHOOLS



Our secondary lunch clubs have been back up and running this term and we have enjoyed reconnecting with students. We had the opportunity to take part in The Rock Community Church's Mini Tree Festival and we got all the students who attend our clubs to decorate baubles for it! The team have also been busy delivering a variety of lessons with help from volunteers. We have delivered sessions on 'Christian views on creation', 'Christian world view' and 'Christian views on prejudice and discrimination'. A great variety of topics which lead to some very interesting discussions with students.



TWELVE BASKETS CAMPAIGN

At our AGM this year, we launched our Twelve Baskets financial campaign. Our ambition over the next 12 months is to encourage an additional 50 persons to financially support PACE and by doing so fill a gap in our finances that we expect to appear from July 2023 onwards.

We produced a postcard which has been distributed to a number of churches. We have also revised this for Christmas with the focus being on how the monthly donations can help us provide the resources and deliver Christmas in a Box.

You may already give financially for which we are very grateful and so ask or perhaps challenge you to try to speak to one new person who is currently not involved in PACE but whom you think would have a heart for being involved, and invite them to get in touch to receive our newsletter, weekly blog or even become a volunteer. Please see the latest Twelve Baskets postcard attached.

PRAYER POINTS

- Thanks to God for all the work we have been able to do this term
- Thanks to God for our wonderful network of volunteers and supporters
- Pray for a restful Christmas holiday for teachers and schools staff
- Pray for the children and young people we see daily and that they may have a nice Christmas