



FAITH IN SCHOOLS

Our aim is for every child and young person in Newham schools to have the opportunity to meet local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century

SUMMER TERM 2021



2020-2021

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As you can see God has made a way for our work to continue despite COVID. Is your church ready to take the next step? Partner with us to bring Christians into the classroom and meet children and young people who do not come to church. If you're already involved, will you increase your commitment?

- Make a one-off donation on our website

Volunteer with us. Become faces of Christianity. Will you give:

FACE

- 1 morning or afternoon to visit to your closest local school with us to share about Jesus
- 1 hour on Zoom to answer questions about your faith at your convenience
- 1 day for our events (Christmas Journey, Easter Experience and Summer Transition)

HANDS

Make a financial commitment. We need **£18,000** so our work can continue.

- Give £3/week for your local schools to explore Christianity with us each term
- Set up a regular monthly gift or annual subscription of £150 to be a mission partner church
- Take up an offering for us on 1 special Sunday visit or service

SPACE

Space – Pray with us. Commit to bridge social distance with the power of prayer:

- Come to our monthly prayer meeting
- Come to our half termly prayer walks
- Pray through our monthly prayer diary

JOIN OUR 150 MEMBERSHIP TODAY - WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE TO OUR WORK IN THE LOCAL SCHOOLS TO YOUR CHURCH!



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SPRING TERM AT A GLANCE

104 lessons delivered
120 hours volunteered
4,680 pupils taught
5.2 average lesson rating

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UPCOMING DATES

Prayer Meetings 6/5, 3/6, 1/6 @10am
Zoom (see website or contact Rachel)

Prayer Walks - see website for dates in your area



EASTER EXPERIENCE 2021...



"I used to think Zoom was just for aeroplanes," said one of our **24 local volunteers** as we met together to plan the event. Now she knows it's a free video meeting platform perfect for **16 churches** to share about the Resurrection with **25 schools** safely during a pandemic! And what's the "whoosh" you may ask? Nope, it's not the sound of hand sanitiser shooting out of its pump into the hands of **2,040 pupils** as they prepare to explore Easter, it's a drama workshop technique perfect for re-enacting the Bible.

This year, our brave and creative church hosts across Newham were: St Paul's (East Ham), St John's (Stratford), Woodgrange Baptist (Forest Gate), and **3 first timers**: St Philips & St James

(Plaistow), Canning Town Evangelical/Cliff Walk Church (Canning Town) and St Mary the Virgin (Manor Park). Another 10 churches supported the event. As much as we would have preferred to meet in person, the simplified and virtual "visit" broadcast LIVE was well received. The event included an "access all areas" Easter Evidence Hunt with pupils searching high (to find the bell in St Mary's) and low (exploring the foodbank

The children loved the storytelling workshop and having the opportunity to ask questions to the hosts. Well done to all involved. My class enjoyed the story telling drama workshop understanding of the story. (Southern Rd teachers)

...EASTER NOT ON MUTE!

stores in the cellar of Woodgrange) with lots of time for questions along the way.

Thanks to a bit of technology, a lot of cooperation from churches and enthusiasm from teachers, the message was clear: *I learnt that Easter is important to Christians because they celebrate Jesus being back to life!* (Sandringham Year 4 pupil)

The virtual trip was a great experience. The children really enjoyed it and were engaged. [They] enjoyed all aspects of the workshop and it was nice to see how the trip was adapted to be available on Zoom for the children to access. (Curwen teachers)

Thank you for the Easter Experience... From what I saw and heard, the children and teachers enjoyed making the most of the online interactive workshops. (Avenue RE Lead)

If you missed out this time, make sure this is in your church diary for Easter 2022, contact us!



ONLINE & OPTIMISTIC!

If you are a local Christian join us! We know children and young people who want to hear your story right now. **Give 1 hour** at your convenience to pre-record a testimony with us on video. OR if you have flexible hours midweek, make time to **visit pupils LIVE online** with us this summer term. We already have schools booked in May just waiting to find out about your favourite Bible story, how you got Baptised, or what your Marriage means to you.

We are here to support you. Last term **we trained 17 people** encouraging them with the technology and about sharing appropriately with schools. Susanne, one of our new online volunteers said, "I just wanted to express again that it's such a privilege and great way to bless children!"

2 Corinthians 2:14-17, The Message translation, describes this as a "terrific responsibility" - let's spread the "sweet smell" of hope together.