

2023 Fundraiser Cream TEA



Date: 11th March 2023, 2-4pm

Seasalter Christian Centre, Faversham Road,
Seasalter, CT5 4AX.

No booking necessary, but if you would like a table reserved for a group, please email ccswtkaty@gmail.com

Praise Points

- For the new opportunities we have been given in the last year. Especially that Steph is now starting groups in one Whitstable school.
- We thank God for the involvement of volunteers who broaden the work we can do.
- Praise the Lord for the welcome from, and good visits to your churches recently. We do enjoy meeting you in your home setting.

Prayer Points

- Pray for increase funding opportunities to allow us to increase the Primary schools we work in.
- For Christians in schools - children in Christian Unions, and those in need of more support, and of course adults.
- For our upcoming Cream Tea fundraising event- for good conversations, fellowship and scones!

THANK YOU

Many thanks for your support via the Gospel Cards. About £175 was raised from individuals and churches who bought the gospel cards. We will also receive a cut of the general sales in due course.

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News & Prayer Letter WINTER 2023



FROM THE TRUSTEES...

"Emmanuel - God with us" (Isaiah 7 v 14, Matt 1 v 23)

We praise God for many opportunities to share the love of Jesus, as we celebrated His first Coming and look forward to the Second Coming. We were able to provide prayer days in primary schools and look forward to one in a secondary school in February. These enable children and staff to engage with God, often in a new way or for the first time.

We are inviting you again this year to our Cream Tea at Seasalter Christian Centre on March 11th from 2 pm - 4 pm. You will meet the workers and trustees, along with friends from other churches. There will be an update from the workers at about 3pm, where we will share our hopes and dreams for the future and praise God for all He has done and will do.

We are so blessed to have such dedicated and talented workers, who love the Lord dearly and desire to encourage others to do the same. As Trustees, we do the 'behind the scenes' jobs, and would love to have another person, who feels it is right from the Lord, to join the team.

We are also praying about having another primary worker, to join Katy, but our current income is not meeting our present outgoings, so this would have to be a step of faith, unless we received more finance.

Mr J Way (Chairman), Mrs P Woods,
Mr D Bingham (Treasurer) and Mrs B Cooke



PRIMARY UPDATE



From Katy



Katy: ccswtkaty@gmail.com

The Advent and Christmas season in Primary schools was really exciting and busy. Thankfully, I was blessed with assistance from two awesome helpers- Steph and Beth.

When I put out an email, initially to 4 schools, to launch booking for our **Prayer & Reflection** days, I hadn't expected such a swift uptake from all 4. In fact 3 had booked in within 10 minutes of me sending the email!

Through 4 Prayer days (illustrated below), and 2 infant workshops, we have seen over 600 children, who truly embraced the opportunity to reflect, pray, and learn about Jesus, through activities linked to Peace, Love, Hope and Joy. My prayer box has never been so full with 336 prayer requests!!!

With the infants we used 'The Legend of the Candy Cane' book to learn about the Christmas story, followed by a craft and each child was given a candy cane sweet.

Over two years ago, Steph joined CCSWT as a volunteer. Due to restrictions, we haven't managed to get her into a school regularly. However, we have good news... Steph is now in a Whitstable school running two groups each week, with mentoring and Collective Worship to follow in the coming months.

This term I aim to listen more... listen to God- to see where He wants to lead the work we do. To listen to schools - to ensure that what we do is serving them well, and very importantly; listen to the children. A recent local study for the Good Childhood Society gave the ultimate outcome from the young people - that what they most need and want, is to be **really** listened to by adults. What an awesome reassurance of much of what CCSWT does, but also - what a brilliant place to start the year!

Love Katy



SECONDARY UPDATE



From Lou & Nadia



Lou: catalystmentors@gmail.com

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Last term finished well; Lou had the opportunity to run a pop-up stand over lunch time in one school. She asked young people to reflect on what they worship, and why some people worship the baby Jesus. We were delighted that lots of young people engaged with it, and we had great conversations.

Some mentoring and group work runs from one term to another but often work stops, new mentees are found, and new groups are formed. Pray for those starting their work with us. Pray the young people will quickly feel settled and conversations would be open and helpful.

These are some of the comments from pupils who completed Glow with Nadia at the end of last term, in response to the question 'what did you enjoy about Glow?':

"Everyone is really nice, and I feel I can talk about myself"

"How I didn't feel alone"

"The friends, food, biscuits, fun, activities, somewhere to feel like I belong".

Just before the February Half Term holiday, we have an opportunity to run a prayer room in one school, where all the students will have the opportunity to reflect whilst they navigate freely around the activities in the room. We hope this will be beneficial to both staff and students.

We have been given a theme of light! In a cold, damp winter, a focus on **The Light**, who has come into the darkness, is a great topic.

Please continue to pray for Christian Unions in our secondary schools, for the young people who currently lead and attend them, and for those who may come along in the future to find fellowship, teaching and support. Thank God for the Christian Staff in schools who are supporting these groups.

Love Lou & Nadia

