

# DANIEL ENGLAND MINISTRIES

WELCOME TO THE...

## TEMPTATION



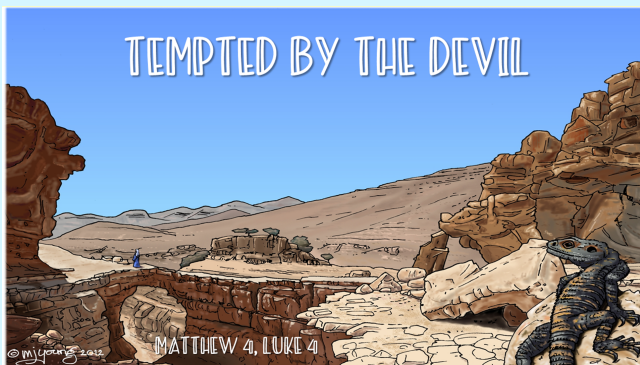
MINI MIX

# NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TWO

## 2025

*'Sharing God's love with all those we meet'*



## The Mini Mix – TEMPTATION - Collective Worship

I've started this half terms assemblies by asking the young people if they know what we call this season in the Christian calendar. This sometimes has taken a little teasing out, but thankfully we've always arrived at the answer 'Lent'. I've then asked them to explain what it is, why we do it, and if it reminds them of any particular bible story, leading me into talking about temptation and spending some time helping

the younger children understand what it means to be tempted by something; and finding out what things they are tempted to do, even though they know they shouldn't. Asking the question ***Does Father God forgive us when we give into temptation?*** YES - of course he does. Explaining that when we're sorry for doing something wrong, Father God always forgives us because of what Jesus did for us on the cross; reminding them that He loves each and every one of them. We've then sung 'Never Give Up' and heard the bible story of Temptation which has been followed by me asking lots of questions to see how much of the story they can recall; encouraging them to try and follow Jesus' example the next time they feel tempted to do something they know they shouldn't. Each assembly has finished with a prayer and singing Great Great Brill Brill if there's enough time left.

The bible story was 'Tempted by the Devil' (Matthew 4, Luke 4) and can be found in the Lion Bible for Children.

## Stalbridge Youth Club - Congregational Church

Youth club continues to be very popular with approximately 16 young people attending each session, with new faces in most sessions. There is a great mix of social time and games, as well as food and our worship time, in which we have continued to use the themes from the Mini Mix. During February's session we talked about Jesus' disciples, and the young people were challenged to remember the names of the disciples after learning a song. We then thought about how obedient the disciples were when Jesus said 'Follow Me'.

In our March session, the young people rose to our challenge and did amazingly well in the 'Temptations Quiz' after watching a 'Saddleback Kids' video of the temptation story. If you've never seen their series of bible story videos then I can highly recommend them. They are all available free on YouTube. Just search for **Saddleback Kids**.

Food remains a popular part of our youth club sessions and we are really grateful for our volunteers who faithfully prepare and serve the meal - Burger and chips was very popular!

The young people also look forward to our team games – Unihoc and dodgeball have both helped to expel a bit of energy over the last couple of sessions! In March everyone joined in our dodgeball tournament, and it was great to see even our slightly more shy members having fun together.



We still need more helpers as we continue to see this youth group grow. If you'd like to help, want to chat about what is involved, or come along to a session to see what it's all about then please get in contact. The next session is on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 5:30pm

## Financial Support

THANK YOU to all of the individuals and churches who continue to give regularly, without whom we wouldn't be able to continue this important work. Giving can be done by either a one-off payment or by becoming a regular supporter. For more information, please send me an email [daniel@dem.org.uk](mailto:daniel@dem.org.uk) and visit the website where you can find our constitution which outlines how the funds will be used. [dem.org.uk](http://dem.org.uk)



If you have any fundraising ideas then please get in touch ☺

## Messy Church - Holy Trinity Church, Yeovil

'The Prodigal Son' was the theme of Messy Church in February half-term. It was a busy session with 58 children! We had a great time thinking about the Father's love as the families engaged in lots of crafts and activities. Muddy pig cakes were definitely among the most popular, alongside the edible jewelry and our hugging person craft. Our worship time involved our usual singing and story time, and we even had a request for the ever popular 'Jesus really loves me'. We also introduced 'Saddleback kids' videos which the children loved.

We are currently putting the final preparations in place for our **Easter Messy Church which is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – although you are likely to be reading this after this has happened. We are looking forward to welcoming families as we think about the Easter story from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Our crafts will help to connect the various Holy Week events together as our families journey from the excitement of Palm Sunday, through to the shock of Jesus' arrest, the despair of His crucifixion, and the joy of Easter Sunday. We are planning a 'special guest' to help explain the events during our worship time!

Messy Church is especially aimed at families with young children, but all are welcome and it would be lovely to see you – It's church, but not as you know it! Based on the principles of creativity, hospitality and celebration.

## Messy Church - Stalbridge Congregational Church

We have been very pleased to join the Messy Church team at Stalbridge. I attended my first session in February and enjoyed being an observer, meeting the families and seeing how the session runs. The theme was 'The Father Forgives' and involved the story of the woman who anointed Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50).

In March I helped to lead a craft on the theme of 'Peace' – we made doves which were then added to a prayer tree in the church – It looked great! We also made 'Fruit Pizzas' using a 'Piece (peace)' of melon, various fruit toppings and some slightly less healthy toppings - squirty cream and chocolate sauce!

Messy Church at Stalbridge runs monthly on a Wednesday after school and is aimed at families with primary age children and their younger siblings – A fun session with crafts, food, and a worship time. **The next session is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and the theme will be 'Breakfast on the Beach'** where I look forward to leading the worship time.

## Memorable Moments

In all the assemblies this half term, I've been really impressed by how well the young people have engaged in the bible story. Each group of young people have been able to answer some quite tricky questions after hearing the story, remembering details of what Jesus said after each temptation. This proves how the story and pictures have captivated their imaginations, which will hopefully remain with them for years to come.

I was contacted by one of my headteachers who had read my last newsletter, and was encouraged by my previous magic moments. He asked if I would visit a small group of young people with communication difficulties, so after my usual assembly I spent 20 minutes enjoying singing with the group. They all engaged well and I have agreed to make this a regular session with this group. I am sure music will continue to be a great way to engage and encourage communication skills among these young people.

It was lovely to be invited to Charlton Hawthorne CE Primary School for the first time this half term. My first assembly was a great success and was well received by the teachers, staff and young people.

I've been invited back so I've added them to my half termly visits.

## Website – DEM.ORG.UK

The website is now updated - other than needing a slightly more recent photo of myself! All of the past newsletters are available to view as well as lots of information including a link to our YouTube channel.

Please take a look and pass on the address to any interested parties ☺

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## Preaching and Speaking Engagements

9<sup>th</sup> March Breakfast Church at Stalbridge Congregational – Lent, Tempted by the devil. We had a group discussion on 'How we can become closer to God during Lent'.

16<sup>th</sup> March at Cheap Street United Church, Sherborne + 30<sup>th</sup> March at Broad Oak + 6<sup>th</sup> April at Stalbridge Congregational, all using the theme of 'Restoration'. I've used my love of restoring classic cars to consider how we can think about restoring other areas in our lives. This might be a relationship, our prayer life, our church, or our personal relationship with God.

13<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday) at YMC - Chelston Avenue. I'm currently planning this service as I write this newsletter!

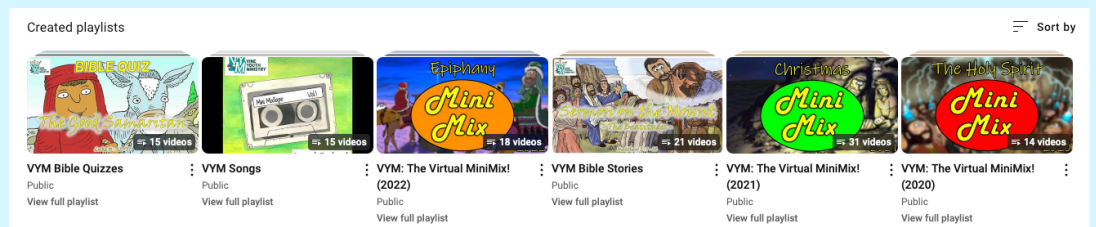
**Next Half term:** 27<sup>th</sup> April at Broad Oak, 11<sup>th</sup> May Breakfast Church at Stalbridge Congregational.

## Academic Year 2024 / 2025

**24 Schools - 152 Assemblies - Over 4,500 Young People**

All Saints CE VC Primary School, Bishops Caundle (119)	All Saints Church School, Montacute (210)
Ashlands CE Primary School, Crewkerne (205)	Birchfield Community School, Yeovil (420)
Buckland Newton CE Primary School (105)	Charlton Hawthorne CE Primary School (57)
Haselbury Plucknett CE First School (60)	Hinton St George CE Primary School (84)
Holy Trinity Church School, Yeovil (420)	Horsington Church School (120)
Norton-Sub-Hamdon CE Primary School (120)	Pimperne CE Primary School (200)
Shaftesbury Abbey CE Primary School (210)	Sherborne Abbey CE Primary School (315)
Sherborne Primary School (330)	Stalbridge CE Primary School (210)
St Andrews CE Primary School, Yetminster (200)	St Andrews CE Primary School, Weymouth (370)
St Bartholomew's CE First School, Crewkerne (210)	St Mary's CE Primary School, Bradford Abbas (119)
St Nicholas CE VC Primary School, Henstridge (119)	Thornford CE Primary School (105)
Trent Young's CE School (133)	West Chinnock CE Primary School (60)

**YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL HERE?**



All of the previous VYM videos are still available on YouTube, just search for **Daniel England Ministries**. I'm still hoping to reach the target of 1000 subscribers, so if you haven't already done so, please 'Subscribe'.

It doesn't cost anything but helps raise the profile of the channel, resulting in more viewers.

**205,000 Views – 6,000 Watch Hours – 626 Subscribers**

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