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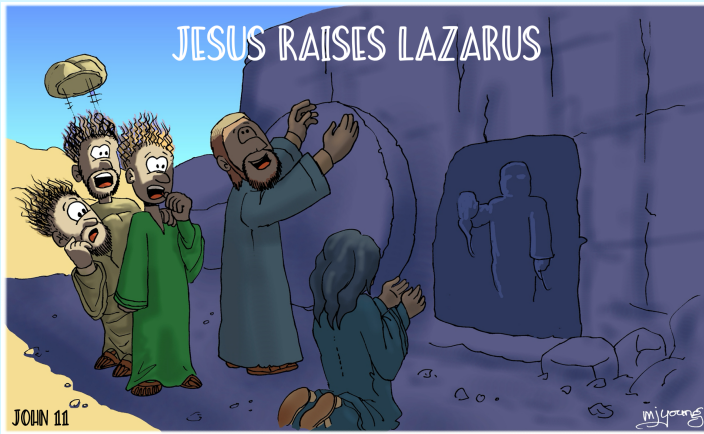
MINI MIX

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER ONE

2026

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



The Mini Mix – MIRACLES - Collective Worship

It's been a real joy visiting my schools leading up to Easter. Instead of doing the usual 'Temptations' themed assembly, I decided to do something a little different. I asked the young people to explain what a miracle was, and then asked them to tell me as many of the miracle stories of Jesus they could remember.

I was amazed at how many stories the children could recount, and many teachers were surprised by how many answers came forth. We then sang 'Celebrate

Jesus' which reinforced lots of the stories we had just spoken about. I read the story of Jesus raising Lazarus and asked if they could see any similarities with any other Bible story. This led to a lovely opportunity to talk about the Easter story as this was always the story it reminded them of. I did have to deal with one or two tricky questions during my visits, including: "Did Jesus only raise Lazarus because he was his friend?" and 'Why didn't Jesus raise everyone?' but it was great that the children had so many questions and observations about the bible story. We finished in prayer and by singing 'Jesus Really Loves Me'

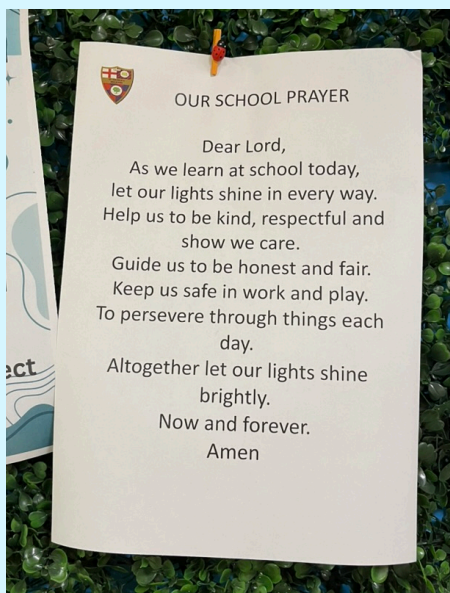
The bible story was 'Jesus Raises Lazarus' which can be found in 'The Lion Bible for Children'. Songs included 'Celebrate Jesus' and 'Jesus Really Loves Me' as well as singing other songs as the children arrived and exited the worship.

This half term I am sharing the story of doubting Thomas, but I'll tell you about that in my next newsletter 😊

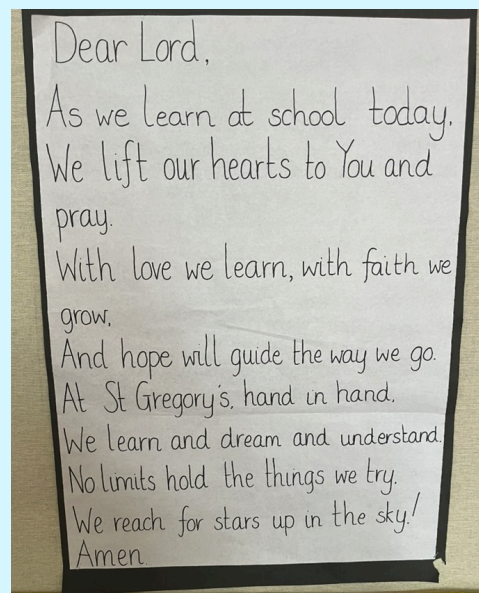
School Focus & Prayers

St George's C of E School in Bourton and St Gregory's C of E Primary School in Marnhull are both part of the Pickwick Academy Trust and are led by Jill Fardale who is the Executive Headteacher. I've had the pleasure of leading collective worship 3 times in both schools since adding them to my diary in November last year. I have 2 planned visits at each school this term, and very much appreciate being able to share the Good News with these young people. Both schools have their own school prayer which I thought you may be interested to see, and during my visit to St Gregory's in March, I was able to put the prayer to music and share it with the children during our act of worship. I'm hoping to record this and add it to YouTube very soon.

St George's School Prayer:



St Gregory's School Prayer:



Messy Church - Holy Trinity Church, Yeovil

February Messy church focused on a Spring theme as we thought about the parable of the Lost Sheep. The families had a great time making Grass heads, daffodils, finger-painted crosses and of course, the cotton wool sheep craft. **Messy Church at Holy Trinity continues half-termly during school holidays – please see the church Facebook page for more details.**

Messy Church - Stalbridge Congregational Church

Messy Church at Stalbridge is growing with several new families joining us over the last couple of sessions. In February we focused on the parable of the Good Samaritan, asking ourselves ‘Who is our Neighbour?’ We made donkeys, and played a Good Samaritan board game which helped us to remember the various parts of the story. In March our crafts were based around the story of ‘Jesus Heals a Paralysed Man’. We had some fun with weaving and creating a man who could stand up and carry his mat! We welcomed our families back in April after the Dorset school holidays with our Easter-themed Messy Church. We enjoyed making an ‘Empty Tomb’ food craft, finger-painting crosses and planting sunflowers. **Messy Church at Stalbridge continues on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm.**

Stalbridge Youth Club - Congregational Church

After having to cancel our January session due to the flooding, and our February session not going ahead due to leaders being unwell, it felt as if Youth Club was drawing to a natural close to make way for our new ‘Youth Fellowship’ group... or so we thought. When I visited Stalbridge Primary in March, several of the young people were keen to know when youth club was on, so I rallied our faithful volunteers and we decided to run another session. We looked at Moses and the 10 commandments, which was a great opportunity to discuss some new ground rules for our club, and to set the expectation of the group going forward. So, youth club will be continuing for now, alongside our new ‘Youth Fellowship’ for those young people seeking a deeper Christian connection. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to discern how best to serve the young people within our community. If you’d like to get involved the please send me an email daniel@dem.org.uk

Preaching and Speaking Engagements

Amanda and I continue to enjoy leading worship across the local area. We lead regularly at Stalbridge Congregational Church and Broad Oak Chapel, and continue to enjoy sharing our latest news with our friends across the Methodist Churches, and also at the Bible Christian Centre in Haselbury Plucknett.

Future Dates

- Sunday 26th April** – Stalbridge Congregational church, 10am
followed by... a sponsored walk around Stalbridge in aid of Prostate Cancer UK
followed by... Broad Oak Chapel 3pm
followed by... a lie down!!!
- 3rd May** – Cheap St, United Church, Sherborne 10:30am.
10th May – The Vale, Sturminster Newton 10:30am.
12th May – Southville Elim Tuesday Fellowship 2pm.
- 24th May** – Stalbridge Congregational Church, 10am, Broad Oak Chapel, 3pm.
14th June – Stalbridge Congregational Church (Breakfast Church), 10am.

New Opportunities

We are now visiting 30 schools each half term and I hope to gain some new ones over the coming term. Although we offer this service completely free of charge, it’s surprisingly difficult to get new schools to engage with us. Please pray for a positive reception from new schools, and if you’d like me to visit your local primary school then please help me by making an introduction, or pointing me in the right direction.

Sunday School Singalong

I was asked by a member of the congregation at The Bible Christian Centre in Haselbury Plucknett if I would be prepared to visit West Abbey Care Home to sing some songs. After an introduction was made, I arranged to visit on 24th March. About 15 of the residents came along, and in the space of an hour we sang 25 songs! These included classics like: Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam, The Wise Man Built His House, Zacchaeus was a Very Little Man and Jesus Loves the Little Children, to mention just a few. Having prepared these songs, I would be more than happy to visit other residential homes if you like to get me an invitation. I'm now booked in to sing at 'The Good Fellowship Club' Thursday 16th July, which meet at Yeovil Methodist Church.

Academic Year 2025 / 2026

All Saints CE VC Primary School, Bishops Caundle (125) All Saints Church School, Montacute (203)
Ashlands CE Primary School, Crewkerne (170) Barwick and Stoford Community Primary School (65)
Birchfield Community School, Yeovil (417) Buckland Newton CE Primary School (109)
Charlton Horethorne CE Primary School (42) Haselbury Plucknett CE First School (63)
Hinton St George CE Primary School (87) Holy Trinity Church School, Yeovil (413)
Horsington Church School (93) Lovington C of E Primary School (29)

NEW SCHOOL - Milton-on-Stour Church of England Primary School (114)

Norton-Sub-Hamdon CE Primary School (80) Pimperne CE Primary School (188)
Shaftesbury Abbey CE Primary School (191) Sherborne Abbey CE Primary School (339)
Sherborne Primary School (319) Shillingstone CE Primary School (103)
Stalbridge CE Primary School (190) St Andrews CE Primary School, Weymouth (237)
St Andrews CE Primary School, Yetminster (107) St Bartholomew's CE First School, Crewkerne (173)
St George's CE School, Bourton (119) St Gregory's CE Primary School, Marnhull (57)
St Mary's CE Primary School, Bradford Abbas (89) St Nicholas CE VC Primary School, Henstridge (94)
Thornford CE Primary School (99) Trent Young's CE School (145) West Chinnock CE Primary School (41)

30 Schools – 181 Assemblies – 4,501 Young People

Newsletters - Pass It On

All of the previous newsletters are available to view on the website but please email me if you would like to receive it electronically. Please share this newsletter with your local church, school, friends or family 😊



YouTube continues to be a popular resource for schools and Sunday school groups. The most viewed videos are typically the short bible stories and songs. All of the previous VYM videos are still available by searching 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.

242,000 Views – 7,000 Watch Hours – 684 Subscribers

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