



# Welcome to our New Newsletter

Replacing the time-honoured Spinnaker Review, INSPIRE will take a different format - one which is more efficient for us to produce and distribute, easier on the environment and on our pocket yet it will keep you up to date with the stories, stats and news fresh from our team. We hope you enjoy reading it and that you will feel encouraged as, together, we fulfil the Spinnaker mission to INSPIRE this generation to engage with the Christian Faith.

## INSPIRE

INSIGHTS, SNAPSHOTS & NEWS

AUTUMN TERM 2021

### Celebrating 35 Years of Celebrating

Wow! We loved our birthday party and we are so happy many of you could join us. Of course we kicked off with praise and prayer, giving glory to God for all he has done over the 35 years of Spinnaker.

During the evening we heard from Denise, an RE co-ordinator at Warren Road School who talked about how Spinnaker helps with their assemblies and what that means to her. Mike shared from his heart the vision for Spinnaker as we look forward LOVING what we do (this included a hilarious illustration!). We had a quiz and also a brilliant dramatisation of a typical day at Spinnaker (some of the audience may have got a bit wet!).



“ Spinnaker assemblies always end with a moral: it shows us that Jesus is always there when we need Him.

*Pupil quote, 4th Oct 2021*

There was an opportunity to talk to a team member and opportunities to give. We also heard from some children who gave us nearly 1000 out of 1000! This was a delightful video from children at one of our schools. We felt such a strength of warmth and faith for the work we do and had a wonderful sense of unity with supporters and team working together to bring Jesus' light to schools.

If you would like to watch the whole event, or the kids' interview, you can find these videos for a while on our events page:

[www.spinnaker.org.uk/events](http://www.spinnaker.org.uk/events). On this page you will

also be able to read about Mike's '**35/35 Vision**' or about joining the '**River of People**' visiting schools!

### The Livestream Broadcast

Meanwhile, the YouTube Livestream chat was telling its own story of the event. The transcript went on for 8 pages and was so very encouraging. With difficulty we have chosen 2 quotes to share with you:

*"What God has done through lockdown and beyond is fantastic. Praise the Lord! Great evening, such a lot of thought and creativity and hard work. Inspiring time".  
(Martyn and Sue in Eastbourne)*

*"A lovely evening. Spinnaker is a marvellous ministry. May you continue to be a blessing to primary schools for many more years, and be greatly blessed".*



### 35 FOR 35

As a part of the 35/35 vision, we've set a goal to raise £35k for our 35th Anniversary. This will help us step up to meet the growing invitations to return to schools.

*Donation options are detailed at the end of this newsletter.*

Many of you have already contributed to this goal, **thank you!**



# We Love Stats!

**SCHOOL VISITS** - There have already been at least 108\* in-person visits to schools so far this term. Obviously a 100% increase on this time last year!

**VIDEO ASSEMBLIES** - In September alone there were 295 views of our videos! Videos have been watched from as far back as May 2020, one of our very first videos. But the highest number of views have been of our latest assembly series, "Upside Down".

**TOUCHPOINT** is our new website and database. Since its launch on 28th June, 56\* people, new to Spinnaker, have become members to have access to all our resources. A total of 1033\* people have subscribed to the resources page.

(\* These figures, which continually grow, were correct at the time of writing.)

Our **WEBSITE** in September alone had 560 visitors (cf. 448 in Sept 2020). Our resources pages had the most visits including 307 visits to our "Upside Down" resources, encouraging children to see life from Jesus' perspective. There have also been 60 visits to our "Let's Talk About" page which is our resource for Black History Month we produced last year. (This year's Black History Month resources were published on 5th Oct and the page has had 48 visits so far).



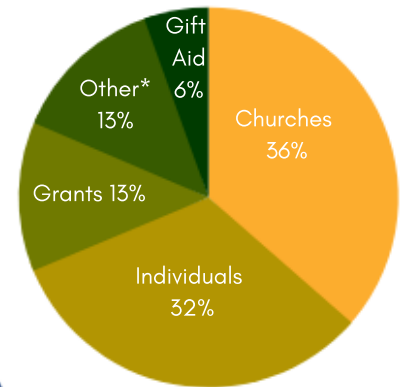
## Finance Report from Susie

This year has seen much of our support from individuals and churches remaining in place despite the challenging economic climate, and it has been a constant encouragement to us that support for the mission of Spinnaker Trust remains strong. It is our ongoing testimony of God's provision and the generosity of the

individuals, churches and grant makers we partner with.

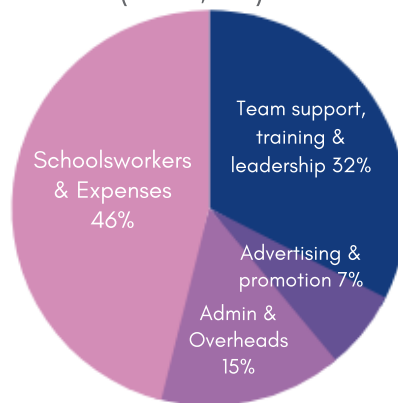
Overall income for the year totalled £130,563, a decrease of 34% from the previous year. To help redress this, we have launched our 35 FOR 35 campaign and hope to raise £35,000 in our 35th year to keep Spinnaker's wheels turning and bring in some much-needed funds to maintain the fantastic work of our team. Expenses totalled £120,175, a decrease of 14% from the previous year due to the reduced staffing levels and activity in schools. At the end of the year, there was £10,388 surplus funds carried forward.

2020/21 Income (£130,563)



\*other income includes funds from the job retention scheme

2020/21 Expenses (£120,175)



These are provisional figures. Full Accounts and Annual Report will be published on our website.

**Thank you** for reading, thank you for praying, thank you for giving, thank you for being with us on this incredible journey of faith and the wonderful privilege of bringing the celebration of God's goodness, faithfulness and love into schools:

*"Spinnaker exists to celebrate heavenly things and welcome each and every child into that party through everything we do" (Mike Harrowing)*

**If you'd like to make a donation to Spinnaker Trust: [www.spinnaker.org.uk/donate](http://www.spinnaker.org.uk/donate)**

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