



It's Springtime for Spinnaker!

At the time I am writing this, it still feels a bit like winter, but wow we have so many promising signs of life and growth I feel like we're blossoming already. As the pandemic lifts so the seeds of all our work and patience in the last two years is blooming accordingly.

This year we have moved offices, appointed new members of staff and new team volunteers (super-duper exciting - watch this space for their announcements!), visited long-missed schools to share Christ with them, and visited new churches to share the news of our sharing.

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We have three fantastic project launches ahead of us, so our first in-person Trustee meeting in goodness-knows-how-long, was two hours of prayer (and some food) to praise God and rededicate ourselves to Him in a new season. As we step into a brighter landscape we are looking forward to:



Clare & Caroline in our new offices

- 1) re-launching our central London work as one pioneering Urban Hub
- 2) creating our most comprehensive suite of schools resource EVER (faithfully retelling the whole Gospel over the course of a school year)
- 3) recruiting and inspiring a whole new team of local Christians doing mission in every Hub and everywhere in between

Your prayers for staying on God's good course, for his provision, for our energy, for the children and the schools, for your own consideration in joining with us - all these things are always so welcome.



A London Calling

This year we begin a revitalised outreach to schools in London, right in the heart of where we started in 1986! We know this is an area where there is still much need and many opportunities to bring the light of Jesus to schoolchildren. Our plans to strengthen the volunteer and support network here will enable us to meet known needs and to seek out and respond to new opportunities.

We are excited to report that recently secured funding from a leading Christian grant maker, together with other generous support for 'The London Project', has enabled us to move ahead.

Please pray for the appointment of a London Hub Leader, strong connections with schools and churches, and God's grace and wisdom as we seek to embrace every opportunity to visit London schools.



“ As Diocesan Team Lead Adviser for Children & Young People's Mission & Ministry, it's been a delight and pleasure to support Mike and his team at Spinnaker as they work in school communities. They have sought to serve and disciple schools and families, bringing the message and love of Christ into the lives of those they meet. The next stage and development of their ministry by resourcing a new hub, will build upon and enhance their witness and ministry further with those whom they are called to serve.

As a Diocese we very much welcome this new venture
- Cheryl Trice, Diocesan Adviser, Children & Youth





Yay! More Facts and Stats

And a bit more about what we have been up to so far this term...

SCHOOL VISITS - In the first two months of this year we have done 65 assemblies, 14 lessons and we have a number of RE Days coming up. Please pray for the team as we now begin to focus on Easter, what this means for Christians and how we can live life to the full as God intended.

VIDEOS FOR SCHOOLS - So far this term we have released 5 video assemblies, a trailer video, a song and have had 827 views. We now have 115 subscribers to our YouTube channel.

SUBSCRIBERS TO RESOURCES: During January and February a further 28 people have requested access to the resources on our website. These subscribers are Heads/Teachers, schoolworkers, Ministers & lay people.

Our **WEBSITE** has had 1,503 visitors during Jan-Feb (cf. 831 in 2021). As well as 2,365 visits to various resources, there has been a lot of interest in the information pages about Spinnaker this term, prompted by our recruitment campaign.

We Wear our Heart on our Sleeve!

The 'Inside Out' assembly series currently being delivered in schools

In this hilarious and heart-warming series, children are encouraged to reflect on their inner feelings and to discover characters in the Bible like King David and Elijah, finding out that they experienced thoughts and feelings just as we do today. How did it feel to dance before the Lord - especially when your wife told you off? How did Elijah feel after his show-down with the prophets of Baal? Children get to reflect on feelings such as fear and worry and 'what will other people think' and to understand that Christians believe there is a God who cares for us.



Sam and Jess demonstrating how, with God, we can go from weakness to strength!

"The children's smiling faces, their greetings and eagerness to engage with me and the message that God longs to share with them, through me, is just the best thing ever"



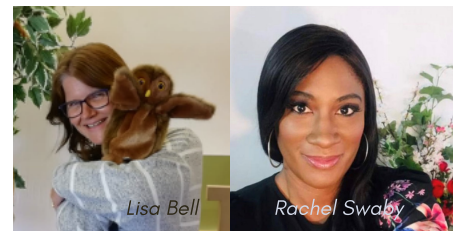
Calling 'ordinary Christians'!

We may think that a Spinnaker Volunteer is a very special type of person, and whilst that is of course true, each one started as an 'ordinary Christian' with a heart to share God's love in schools. We are looking for more of these special but ordinary people! Could it be you, or someone you know?

During this year, quotes and stories from volunteers will be shared on our social

media channels, **please pray with us for those God is calling to join the team.** To find out more visit: www.spinnaker.org.uk/volunteer. It's easier than you think!

Coming soon: News about our exciting plans for next year's Jesus centred curriculum. **Hear more from our Volunteers.** Find out the fun ways some of the Spinnaker team are engaging with the 35for35 challenge (www.spinnaker.org.uk/35-for-35)



"Being the person that teaches them about who Jesus is, is an absolute privilege and honour"

"to journey with these young hearts and minds as they discover God for themselves"

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