



ST JAMES' CHURCH

The monthly magazine

NETWORK



Called to a life of discipleship

October 2019

connecting – changing – transforming



Called to a life of discipleship

The first followers of Jesus were called the 12 disciples. Jesus' commission to them was to go and make more disciples. We, who stand in that long line of disciples, those of us who call ourselves Christians today are called to a life of discipleship.

Discipleship begins when we connect to God. It continues as that connection to God causes us to change. We become people who are changing in our thinking, attitudes and behaviour. As we change, becoming more Christ like, then we will begin to transform the world around us. Simply, discipleship is a way of life for Christians.

I am so encouraged to see so much discipleship at St James. I see it in the Sunday services and in our teaching programme. I see it in the 140 people who are committed to mid-week small groups. I see it when people volunteer and serve others. I see it in generous giving, and in our outreach. But most of all I see it when lives are changed, habits broken and people become more loving, more self-controlled, more patient and faithful and become bringers of joy and peace to those around them, in their family, with their friends and at their workplace.

We are committed to provide all those who belong to St James', resources, tools and opportunities to grow as a disciple. Part of this is what we have called the discipleship track, a series of courses which will enable us to connect to God, change with God and transform for God.

The connecting track includes;

- **Alpha** - an introduction to the Christian faith.

- **DNA** - the values of St James' Church

The changing track includes;

- **Freedom In Christ** -living a faithful and fruitful Christian life
- **Emotionally healthy spirituality** - How emotional maturity is key to spiritual maturity
- **Bible Course**—understanding the themes in and message of the Bible

The transforming track includes;

- **Life on the frontline** - living as a Christian in the workplace
- **Naturally Supernatural** - bringing the supernatural into our everyday life.
- **Equipped, gifted and released** - finding your gifts and passions in order to fruitfully serve the church.

We are going to roll out this track two ways.

Firstly, it will be possible to do some of these courses in an existing small group.

Secondly, we will be running probably 3 of these courses simultaneously on a weekday evening at church. The idea would be to gather for coffee and a short time of worship and then to go to one of the 3 courses on offer.

We will be running this out in Jan/Feb next year.

Discipleship does not happen by doing courses, but it does happen when we allow the word of God and the wisdom of others to input into our lives and change us. Our prayer is that the discipleship track will be part of the process of becoming more Christ like. That by connecting to Him, changing with Him we become agents of transformation for Him.



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OCTOBER

DIARY



All Children Can Succeed

Clitheroe St James' C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs F M Pattison BEd(Hons) NPQH

FROM THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS:

WELCOME

We would like to welcome you all back at the beginning of this new school year. We would also like to say a BIG welcome to all that are joining us for the first time!

We also have some new members of staff; Mrs Gardiner has joined us as class teacher for Hawthorn Class and Mrs Zulfi as teaching assistant in Acorn and Oak classes.

NON UNIFORM DAY—

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

We had a non-uniform day, on Friday 20th September, to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Hannah Blackburn, a former pupil of our school and elder daughter of our very own Mrs Blackburn, took part in the Alzheimer's Skydive on Saturday 21st

September and our non-uniform day was in support and encouragement of her. Well done Hannah!!

Hannah chose to do this to raise money in honour of her grandad Malcolm Blackburn, who sadly died this August, having battled this horrible illness.

Many of you may have known Malcolm, as he had a long association with our school, helping us in many areas.

Thank you for supporting our Non-uniform day; we raised a terrific £370 for The Alzheimer's Society.



TOAST

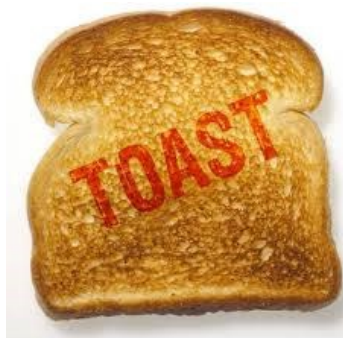
Toast is sold to KS2 pupils at morning break for 20p a slice on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Due to the popularity of toast at playtime in KS2, we are going to have

"Toasty Thursdays" in KS1! If your child would like a slice of buttered

brown toast on a Thursday morning playtime then they may bring 20p to school on a Thursday morning.

All proceeds are used by the School Council to purchase extras for school.



SCHOOL GAMES VALUES

In PE, we are concentrating on the school games values which are: de-termination, self-belief, passion, respect, teamwork and honesty.

The focus in week 1 was determination; these children received a certificate for their efforts:

Oak - Isaac Kinder

Ash - Katie Tomlinson

Willow - Isabella Newton-Naisbitt

Hawthorn - Lawrence-John West

Birch - Danny Caes Eras

Chestnut - Teddy Wignall

Alder - Abdul-Hannan Amin

Rowan - Kai Wiggins

Sycamore - Libby Fletcher

Elm - Summer Stephenson



The focus in week 2 was honesty; these children received a certificate for their efforts:

Acorn - Stanley Turpin
 Oak - Oliver Ormerod
 Ash - Kayleigh Cook
 Willow - Jack Clegg
 Hawthorn - Maisie Hargreaves
 Birch - Lucy Whittaker
 Chestnut - Joshua Lambert
 Alder - Alfie Fletcher
 Rowan - Harry Noble
 Sycamore - Noah Garley
 Elm - Laura Jagielka



HARVEST SERVICE

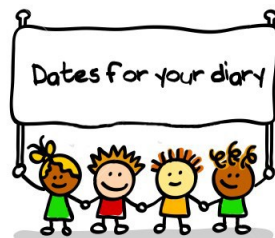
Our Harvest Service will be held
 at St James' Church on Friday
 4th October 2019 at 9.30am. All
 parents, carers and friends are
 invited to join us. Our Harvest
 Appeal is for our local Food Bank,
 more details to follow.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

1 Oct	Roman Museum
2 Oct	Blackpool Zoo—Ash/Willow
3 Oct	School Disco
4 Oct	Harvest Service
9 Oct	Parents Evening 3.30pm
11 Oct	Roman Museum
15 Oct	Stay and Chat
17 Oct	Parents Evening 4.30pm
18 Oct	INSET
21—25 Oct	Half-term break
13 - 15 Nov	Yr 6 Robinwood trip

2 Dec	Panto—The Grand
3 Dec	Panto—The Grand
6 Dec	Christmas Fair TBC
9/10/11 Dec	Tea with Santa
11 Dec	Nativity—Evening
12 Dec	Nativity—Afternoon and Evening
13 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
16 Dec	EYFS/KS1 Xmas Party
17 Dec	Lower KS1 Party
18 Dec	Upper KS2 Party
19 Dec	Carol Service
20 Dec 19	INSET
23 Dec - 3 Jan	Christmas Holidays



Harvest Appeal 2019

For our Harvest Appeal this year, we would like to help support
Ribble Valley Foodbank.

CAN YOU HELP?

We would like to collect

Milk (UHT)	Tinned fruit	Fruit juice (long life)
Sugar (500g)	Tinned custard	Biscuits
Ketchup	Tinned meat	Sponge pudding
Brown Sauce	Tinned fish	Chocolate
Rice Pudding	Tinned Vegetables	Snacks

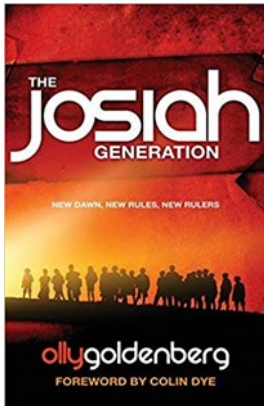
If you would like to help, please can you bring items into school
next week ready for our Harvest Service on Friday 4th October.



Children

Raising Giant Killers...

... is the title of a new book by Benni and Bill Johnson that shares thoughts on releasing children into their divine destiny and it is excellent.



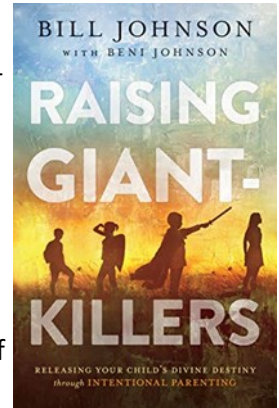
'The Josiah Generation' is another amazing book written by Olly Goldenberg that outlines how children are not potential future leaders, but a vital part of the churches ministry now.

'Prayer Warriors' is a teaching curriculum written by Powerpack Ministries whose vision is to see children raised up as 'God chasers and nation shakers'.

I start this Network article by mentioning these three titles as recently you might have noticed that we have been looking to extend our kids work teams at Rockin and in Kingdom Kids and I thought I would use this article to describe in more detail what Rockin and Kingdom Kids is all about. These three titles describe the kind of discipleship we would want for the children in Kingdom Kids and at Rockin.

We want the sort of discipleship that raises up prayer warriors and young leaders like King Josiah and that arms children with the faith that faces and slays giants.

Does that excite you? It does me!



Are you up for being part of a team that does this?

Let me tell you more!



Rockin happens on a Tuesday night between 6 and 7.30pm.

It is aimed at children in school years 2-6. We aim to have fun, make friends and find out about our friend Jesus and how he can help us every day.

Our amazing Rockin kids are mainly children who are not part of the Sunday morning congregation, but Rockin is their church. We have just welcomed loads of new kids, so at the moment we are just getting to know each other and setting some boundaries, but already we are praying and praising.

This week after a wild games time we were prayer warriors. Rockin has a long history of being prayer warriors and sitting with kids during a prayer time is just amazing. I can really recommend it!!!

However, it is early days this year, our journey is just starting, last week we were all a bit shy about praying, but this week we prayed for Tina who is going in hospital for an operation on her knee.

We all sat around Tina, then we told ourselves we were prayer warriors (quite quietly). Then I asked for volunteers to pray and lots of children wanted to pray. Some, who prayed out loud, had not prayed out loud before. Some of the others put their hands out towards Tina. The atmosphere was respectful and hushed. It was really special.

At the end we pointed at ourselves and said, 'I'm a prayer warrior.' This time louder!!!! We are on a journey, we are growing into our destiny of being intercessors!



Kingdom Kids and Tiddlers is the age appropriate teaching for kids aged 0-11 on a Sunday morning. This is where we encourage children on their discipleship journeys, hopefully supporting the amazing job done by parents at home.

Kingdom Kids is church, it is community and fellowship, it is a place of worship and prayer, it is a place of listening to God and hearing him speak through his word. It is a place of connecting, changing and transforming. There are opportunities to just sit amongst the children whilst they

pray for each other and the world and children's prayers are the BEST! It is so special as you feel their hearts aligning with God's heart as they pray. There are opportunities to enable the children to chat and catch, to ask God questions and listens as he speaks back, and you get to listen as the children tell you what he has said or shown! How awesome is that! There are opportunities to read the Bible together in age appropriate ways, to share thoughts on how God's word helps us. You get the honour of sharing how the Bible helps you. There are privileged opportunities, to hear testimonies from the children of how he has helped them and been with them in the week. It is just amazing to hear their stories of how they have known God with them in the week. You never know, you might get to share stories of how he has helped you. You might get to use a bit of craft or colouring to connect with God. And of course you get to have so much fun, hear disgusting tales, discover new jokes, and play wild games!

Our Kingdom Kids and Tiddlers are growing in faith, growing into their destinies. Last week we thought about our spiritual gifts. We thought about being leaders, pastors, encouragers and teachers using a questionnaire, just like the adults did last year. The children were excited to discover how they already have it in them to be leaders, encouragers, mentors, intercessors, teachers and administrators. They discovered how already they have the gifts of service, of being merciful of being hospitable.

Are you up for the challenge of encouraging and enabling this great ministry team to use their gifts NOW, as well as in the future?

So come and join the most wonderful, most privileged adventure of... raising giant killers, raising King Josiah's and encouraging prayer warriors.

What could be better!!!

Initial reflections

Following on from my thoughts on benefitting from your welcome in the last issue of 'Network' I thought I would try and reflect upon and articulate what our first two months at St James have been like.

It was another step in our discipleship journeys that involved a lot of change and upheaval for both of us as individuals and as a couple.

In the summer of 2017, Kate and I gave up our jobs and moved from Cumbria to Durham so that I could undertake training for ordination at St John's College in Durham.

I went from being a full time youth coordinator at St Thomas' church in Lancaster to being a full time student.

That was a time of huge change for me and although largely I loved it and found it incredibly beneficial, there was a feeling of being somewhat de-skilled.

From the initial letter from Bishop Julian stating that they thought that St James' Clitheroe would be a good fit for curacy, and my initial conversations with Mark, I was really excited to get here.

Coming to Clitheroe was another time of change for Kate and I.

Moving to a new area, a new job for Kate, a new role for myself and both becoming part of a new church family.

At first it all felt very surreal. I didn't know that many people, but everyone seemed to know me. There was a lot of firsts, a lot of things to get used to and a lot of people to get to know.

As with any time of change it took some time to find our feet but the kind welcome and friendliness of others made it so much easier.

A couple of months in now and we are feeling settled in our home, Kate in her new job and I am loving my new role.

Clitheroe is a great place to be and the people are so friendly. It is a beautiful place, with great eating and coffee places, and the people are really friendly. With that said, on more than a couple of occasions I have been offered a 'teacake' when the person offering a bread roll. I will never accept people referring to a bread roll as a teacake - It's just wrong.

We look forward to exploring more of the Ribble valley in our time here. From what we have seen so far, it is a beautiful part of the world.

We love being part of St James' and as well as the friendliness and encouragement that we have received.

One of the things that I have really been encouraged by is the amount of things that are happening in the life of the church: The groups, the projects, the partnerships, the services and so much more. It is exciting to be part of a church family that is offering so many

opportunities for connection, ministry and support. This also reflects the amount of people that are involved in making these things happen, and the desire to create discipleship opportunities. It is incredibly exciting for me to be part of such a vibrant and creative church family that has a real desire to know God and to make God known.

I am looking forward to being involved in the adventures that lie ahead of us and to us journeying together.

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SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

To be honest, the thing we do least well in our church is pray together. During the week we find it difficult to commit to another evening. Saturday mornings are often precious family times. So we thought that as we are usually all there on a Sunday, why not use the time before the 10.30 service.

So now from 9.15 in the Bethany Room which is the small room upstairs, we are gathering to pray. You can come for the whole hour or pop in for 10 minutes. You can pray out loud or keep silent Sometimes we will go prayer walking, sometimes we will have music or silence. We will pray for our are leading kingdom kids then pop in and we will pray for you too. We will also pray for our world, our town and our nation as well as those who are specifically on our hearts.

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The next issue of NETWORK will be available at the end of **October**.

If there are items you want included please let us have them by **25th October** at the very latest.

Items are best submitted by e-mail direct to nick@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk as Word attachments (.doc), or as plain text (.txt) files.

They may also be submitted on pen drive or hand-written and given in at the office. Please don't spend ages formatting your articles we always have to change everything to make it fit!

THANK YOU



House groups are held on various days and at various times each week (mornings, afternoons and evenings). Please speak to Ali Groves for further details.

Cell Groups for 11-18's meet at various times on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. For more information, please enquire at the Church Office on 01200 423608.

Prayers in Church (in the Garden Room) take place on the following days and times each week (unless otherwise stated in the diary): Tuesday 8.00 am, Wednesday 9.30, Sunday 9.45 am.



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