

What Happened Next' - Part 3 (May 23) - (For those schools that I visited on or after Ascension Day). A combination of 'What Happened Next' Part 1 and Part 2 but using the story of Ascension and looking towards Pentecost.

Pentecost (June 23) - Exploring the children's understanding of the Holy Spirit. What is it? Can we see it? What does it do? Hearing the story of the arrival of the Holy Spirit and what effect it had on the disciples. Reminding the children that the Holy Spirit was sent as a special gift for everyone and that they too can receive it if they ask Father God into their lives. Teaching the children to sing 'We Are Marching in the Light of God' in English, African (Zulu) and Spanish, which is great fun!


Opposites (June/July 23) - (For the schools I visit later in the term). Asking the children to tell me all of the things that they can think of that are opposites. Briefly recapping the previous assembly and the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Sharing the bible story about Saul's conversion and how he turned away from what he was doing, and did the opposite. Showing them that God can do amazing things to transform our lives, even people like Saul. Teaching the children to sing 'We Are Marching in the Light of God' in English, African (Zulu) and Spanish, which is great fun!

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VYM Mission Statement

“Working with young people to help them realise that God loves each one of them.”

24 Hour Sponsored Cycle - from Trevor Kirk (Trustee)

At 7pm on Wednesday 24th May 2023 I set off from Braunton, to begin a 24 hour sponsored cycle ride on the Tarka Trail for Vine Youth Ministry.

The weather was sunny, but with a 30 mph wind the first 5 miles was quick until the Taw Bridge and then the head wind kicked in.

I arrived at Meeth and set off back to Braunton as the sun was setting. I had hoped to gain time on the descent to Torrington, but this was not to be. I arrived back in Braunton in the early hours having suffered a broken mudguard mount and my main light failed. Back up light on and mudguard remounted, I was off again with the sunrise to look forward to.

On my next return to Braunton I was met by Tricia with supplies and Paul and Debi from Wincanton Wheelers. Their company was a much needed tonic, as I started to struggle, especially as the day became hotter. I now know every piece of tarmac, gravel and undulation on the Tarka Trail, personally, by name!

At the finish I had cycled 24 hours and ridden 192.5 miles, raising about £1200 for VYM. A big thank you to Tricia, Paul and Debi for your support on the day and to all who sponsored me.



It's never too late to Sponsor..

If you'd like to sponsor Trevor for his amazing efforts having completed over 190 miles then please visit our website and click the 'Donate' button.

A massive **THANK YOU** to Trevor and his team from Daniel and all the Trustees.

An Update from Daniel

It's such a blessing and privilege to be able to do what I do. Being able to share the Good News of Jesus with so many young people, many of which wouldn't hear it otherwise. To witness how excited they get learning about Jesus, especially when we sing their favourite song or learn a new one. It's great to see their excitement and energy and I pray that all of the young people I come into contact with, would come to know Jesus as I do.

During the Spring term I visited 21 schools and carried out 48 assemblies. I also had the opportunity to attend Holy Trinity's Spirituality day, where Rev Dan

Crouch (our newest Trustee) spoke to each year group about the meaning of Ash Wednesday, and then invited the whole school to receive the Ashes. The response was huge and between us we Ashed over 350 children and several members of the school staff. What an amazing morning we had!

We trialled our first "Interactive Mini Mix' on 1st April at Cheap Street United Church in Sherborne. Although we sent out over 800 invites and advertised extensively, the turnout was disappointing. This has led us to rethink and consider building closer links with families, possibly through an after school club, which may encourage them to attend events at church. My thanks go to everyone who helped in preparing beforehand and on the day.

At the time of writing this newsletter I have already visited 21 schools this term and carried out 26 assemblies. These have included an Ofsted inspection assembly and a SIAMS inspection assembly. I have a further 24 assemblies to deliver before the end of this academic year.

During the first half of term I also attended a special Coronation party at St Bart's in Crewkerne. I spent a couple of hours walking around the school taking requests and singing the children's favourite assembly songs with small groups of children, parents & grandparents. Great fun was had by all and it was lovely to be invited to share in their special event. The cakes were good too!

Both Amanda and I are involved with Messy Church at Holy Trinity and we would be delighted to see you at the next session which is on Wednesday 2nd August at 10am. (Holy Trinity Church, Lysander Road, Yeovil).

This terms assembly themes:

'What Happened Next' - Part 1 (Apr 23) - Asking the children what they can remember about the Easter story. Teasing out the journey from Palm Sunday all the way to Jesus' resurrection. Then asking 'What Happened Next? Telling the story of the Emmaus road and giving the children a glimpse into the next part of the story and getting them excited to find out what happened after that. Encouraging them to pick up a bible and read the next part of the story.

'What Happened Next' - Part 2 (Apr/ May 23) - (For those schools that received more than one visit during the first half of term). We recapped what we'd talked about in the previous assembly, followed by one of my favourite bible stories, 'Breakfast by Galilee', or as I like to call it 'Barbeque on the Beach'. Encouraging the children to look up what happened next to find out what Jesus asked the disciples to do before He ascended into Heaven.