

Dear friends

As I write this, we are exactly a year since we went into Lockdown. A date we mark, so we can reflect and remember. Remember those we love and see no more, remember and pray for those who continue to live with the aftermath of the pandemic and Covid 19, as well as to reflect on the things we are thankful for. It seems fitting we are in Lent and just about to go into Holy week.

I heard someone speak these words recently, I believe it was written by Og Mandino.

*"I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will love the darkness because it shows me the stars.*

*I will welcome happiness, for it enlarges my heart, yet I will endure sadness for it opens my soul."*

It spoke to me of God being with us come what may. In the light and in the dark, in the joy and in the sorrow. My prayer is that we all experience this truth in the weeks and months to come.

As you will read, we are still here; which is something to celebrate. Uptake has surged and even though we lament about not being in school in person, delivering in our usual experiential way, we have found new ways of sharing with the technology we have at our disposal.

We don't know for certain what the future will look like. Advice and guidelines are subject to change and often at short notice. But, we have adapted and will emerge stronger, I believe, with new resources in our 'kit bag'.

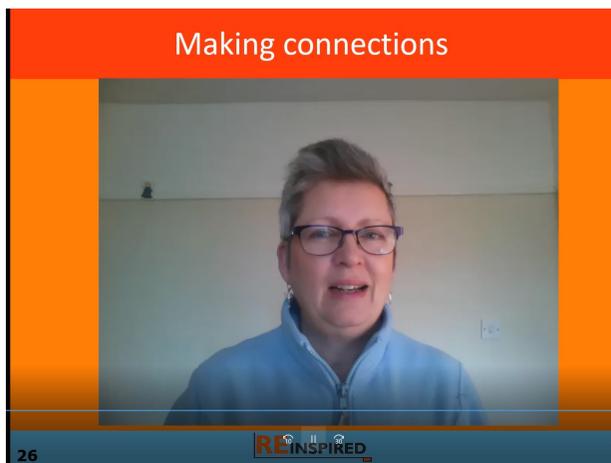
Thank you for your faithful support this year. You have been a real encouragement to us all.

The team and I are looking forward to when we can meet up and see you for real, rather than on zoom. What a day that will be. I think it will have to involve cake, don't you? Or, one of Carol's amazing spreads.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter.

Love Julia x

Julia Jones, Project Director



Julia asks Yr3&4 in Rules & Codes, "Can you link jealousy back to any Christian rules you've learned today?"



'Just say the word,' the Centurion said to Jesus :: Yr 3 Miracles :: Keith narrates the story



"We're now going to hear the story of the Good Samaritan" says Sue to Yr2 pupils in Teachings of Jesus

## Grateful for technology!

This term REinspired have been surprisingly busy, considering the students were not in school for over half of it!

Both Maiden Erlegh secondary Schools asked for a pre-recorded 'Jesus: mad, bad or God' session for their year 7s, and a short video for their year 9s in response to the theme, 'The Role of the Church'. These were very well received, although nothing can quite replace a 'live' courtroom drama!

I have written a few new sessions too – ones that can be used as pre-recorded sessions or, hopefully in the future, in person with volunteers and small group work. Feedback from the schools is that they have loved them.

One of my primary schools asked for the pre-recorded Easter sessions for all 7 year groups which we enjoyed putting together. We supplied them with the session videos and all the craft materials each year group would need – they were extremely grateful.

Carrie



Showing home-made and DVD clips to Yr5 pupils during their (UC) Salvation session



## Our sessions this term

Signing 'Jesus' in a story with Sue for Yr1 pupils



Sue also shows Yr2 pupils how to make an Easter card



Fiona invites Yr6 pupils to think about how they can help people in their community

## Craft activity - people or situations in need and how we might help.



Julia asks Yr4 pupils to reflect on Jesus taking our sins on himself on the cross and forgiving each one of us



The story of Easter told through video to Foundation pupils; beginning with Joshua, the donkey, telling his story of Palm Sunday to creating a cross with Sue and Carrie.

