

# NEWSLETTER

## Easter 2024

Dear friends,

'Why did Jesus die?' The question came from a child in a session on salvation, one of many sessions in the lead up to Easter. What a wonderful question to be asked! A range of answers flash through my mind. What is the best way to reply? Should I say – a sacrifice? A ransom? To forgive our sins? All of these are true, but are they helpful right now? So, in the end I realise what I need to say: "Jesus died on the cross because he loved us."

Through REinspired we have the opportunity to give the children and young people knowledge of the Christian faith, not just as an exercise to fill them with facts. We have the privilege to offer a sense of what it feels like to see our faith from the inside. We are part of a rich spiritual tradition and one that has had a formative effect on the culture of our nation. For our staff and volunteers, the Christian faith is a lived reality and we can be challenged and energised by the questions the children ask.

Key to delivering our sessions is the skill of our highly motivated Team leaders, backed up by our wonderful team of volunteers and we are always looking for more people to join us. Behind our whole operation is the support from local churches and from individual donors who give the money we need to help sustain our work. Please pray for all who are involved with REinspired and for the children and schools we serve and may you know the joy of the risen Christ as we come to celebrate at Eastertide.

Richard Bainbridge, Chair of Trustees



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## Yr8 Religious Experience

This term Yr8 students have been thinking about to what extent a person's purpose in life is determined by their understanding of God, within the context of a religious experience.

They had fun playing a game of matching 'silly' experiences with possible consequences. They discussed whether consequences are dependent on the experience, and which has more value – the experience or the consequence.

Each group then studied a Christian religious experience and the resulting consequence: the conversion of Paul and Silas' jailer and Brother Andrew to Christianity, and the saving of addicts and violent gangs by Jackie Pullinger.

We saw that religious experiences prompted



love and kindness and so changed many people's lives for the better. Students realised that it was by showing the true nature of Jesus to those who were helpless and hopeless, people had a greater understanding of God, which had a definite impact on their purpose in life.

Carrie

## Donations / Time



1. Please make donations [here](#)
2. Email [Julia](#) to become a volunteer

**thank you**

## F2 Easter

Aldryngton and Whiteknights Foundation pupils have enjoyed learning about the Easter story this term. The 'donkey' told them an interactive version of Palm Sunday and then they heard about what happened to Jesus at the Last Supper, on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Through questioning, storytelling and lots of craft activities, they were able to begin to understand the events which led to Jesus' death and resurrection, which Christians celebrate at Easter.

Sue R

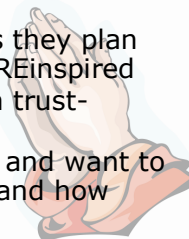
## Giving thanks and praying for:

### Giving thanks for:

- Our Project Director, Julia and Team Leaders who do fantastic creative work shaping and re-imagining sessions
- Our positive links with local schools: teachers, pupils and students
- New and re-emerging REinspired projects happening in Reading and further afield
- Our volunteer training days which give lots of excitement and confidence to volunteers
- Your support in so many meaningful ways

### Praying for:

- Please pray for the Trustees as they plan for the future development of REinspired
- For new Trustees with a skill in trust-funding bids to join the team
- For all who access our website and want to know more about who we are and how they can respond
- For new volunteers in primary and secondary schools—hear what is involved from Ben: [YouTube video](#)



## Yr5 Easter

What a joy to be doing so many Easter sessions! With Yr5 we were considering "Did God intend Jesus to be crucified and if so, was Jesus aware of this?"

What a great question! To answer this, we looked at old testament prophecies where the writers foretell events of Holy week; we looked at how Jesus warned his close friends that he was going to die and rise again; we looked at Jesus' attitude through the fake trials and on the cross and the difficult dilemmas that Peter, Judas and Pilot faced.



We planted seeds as a sign of hope: Jesus knew what he was doing and did it for us out of love.

Teachers gave positive feedback of the session:

"This was a great session with good coverage linking to our curriculum and interactive. The children were engaged. Great knowledge from helpers. Children enjoyed videos, drama and small group activities."

Sue A

## Diary Date

### Volunteer & Trustee BBQ

**Thursday, 18th July  
12.30am**

**at  
St Nicolas Church,  
Earley, Reading**



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