

The Connection

Spring 2024



Welcome to our latest update.

After a decidedly wet and rather soggy start to the year, it has been so uplifting to see the telltale signs that spring is just around the corner with all the new life that comes with it.

It is a timely reminder of the new life that we have in Jesus, how by his death and resurrection, he has paid the price of our sin once and forever. By trusting in him, we are made new. What a great thought to carry us through the spring showers and on to sunny days ahead.

We wish you all a happy Easter.



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'REACTION updates'

Pentecost

In May, schools from around the Beverley area joined in with our REaction Pentecost at Beverley Minster. Adam used visuals of ice, water and steam to explain the trinity and the children were mesmerized.

Workshops followed where the children could explore the themes of Pentecost and concepts from the Bible story in more depth and with lots of creative engagement



Pilgrimage

Then on to Driffield in the late summer we were greeted with a lovely welcome from Driffield Methodist Church where the children of Driffield Junior School had a wonderful day exploring the theme of Pilgrimage. It was a very hot day and some of the workshops took place outside in the beautiful garden and prayer area. The children learned what it was like to go on a pilgrimage, who Saint John of Beverley was and his significance in our area.

They also delved into the stories of contemporary pilgrims and considered what journey they might make in their lives as they move on to secondary school.

One Step Closer
Diary entries from my walk with God



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Mentoring

As part of my role at South Hunsley Secondary School, in partnership with Hunsley Christian Youth Trust, I mentor students. I meet with them weekly for about 30 minutes. They vary in age, coming from a range of home backgrounds and face different challenges.

I've worked alongside HCYT now for over 4 years supporting their ministry to work in primary and secondary schools locally, the majority of time being spent in South Hunsley Secondary and Elloughton Primary School.

I work closely with the pastoral staff of the school supporting students during one-to-one mentoring sessions, group work programs and recently started a faith and Big Questions lunchtime club.

There has been many encouraging stories over the last year, seeing students grow in self-worth and resilience, making lasting positive friendships and empowering students to support themselves and one another.

I worked with a year 11 student last year who was facing some challenges and didn't know if he would pass his GCSE's. It gave me great joy to see him in 6th form in September. He came to find me and tell me that the support and encouragement I gave him "was a real help through a difficult time" He now mentors younger students who are struggling.

As I reflect on my work supporting students, I'm thankful for the support I have through family and friends who listen and guide. Ultimately I'm thankful for my faith in Jesus, Who through life's storms has always been my rock and strength.

My faith often comes up in conversation with the students I see. I'm able to share from personal experience the peace I have felt in knowing Jesus and His love for me.

I hope the work supporting students continues and that they would come to know that they are loved, handmade and have a hope for the future.

Adam

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Introducing Michael, the newest member of the team!

My background is one of Primary Teaching, HLTA, Mentoring and Teaching Assistant. Before moving to Hull from Bradford in 2019 I worked in Children's Centres as an Outreach Worker followed by 5yrs as a Pastoral & Community Worker in Leeds. I carried out home visits, delivered food parcels, ran Community meals, led bible studies including 'Talking Jesus' and 'First Steps' discipleship sessions. Concurrently, I worked freelance delivering Parenting Programmes and the Freedom Programme (For victims of DA). I specialised in delivering a programme for fathers.

I have 3 grown up children and a stepson. To relax and de-stress I jog 2/3 times a week, play pool and read my bible. I am part of Freedom Church, which was established by Jubilee Church. I co-lead worship as well as fun and faith sessions to a small number of young teens once a month on Sundays. I hope to use my guitar skills, singing, puppetry and games etc as we seek to make Jesus known when working with churches and schools.

Psalm 71 encourages us to always speak about the goodness of God, especially to the generation behind us: v17 *"..and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do."*

Michael



Looking Forward

Plans are being made in preparation of the summer REaction programme which will be centred around the Olympics, Transition and the Race of life.

Who is God?

Can you answer ultimate questions?

What is life about?

I think the purpose of life is.....

YS/Y6 day events in church half days in school

Running the Race of Life

Interactive RE workshops
Summer Term Transition - Unit 6.3 Hopes & Visions

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...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" Hebrews 12:1

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