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SUMMER

Term 2026 Newsletter



Thoughts from Jane Spencer, Chair of Impact.

He is risen, He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

I hope you had a blessed Easter. We were blessed to meet 740 children at the Easter Experience and the Easter workshops that Impact held in schools. These children and staff members all heard the real meaning of Easter, and each child was able to take a booklet home explaining Easter too. Thank you if you were able to support by giving towards the cost of the booklets this year.

Reflecting back: We are so grateful to God that, after a challenging but effective Autumn Term, the Spring Term was a time of great blessing for Impact in a number of ways. It was a joy to see Trish and Becky being able to work together over the term. We thank God for Trish's treatment and for keeping Becky well too. The Holy Trinity RE workshops, Prayer Spaces and Creative Prayer times were very well received, as were the school lunch clubs that volunteers faithfully support. Two churches chose to make Impact a focus of their Lent giving, which was wonderful, and we were delighted to have had contact with two new schools and to support some church Easter holiday family activities.

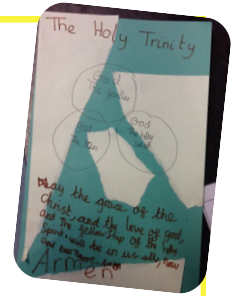
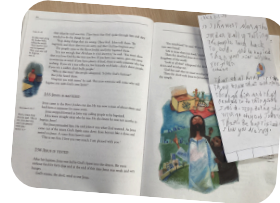
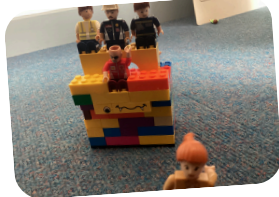
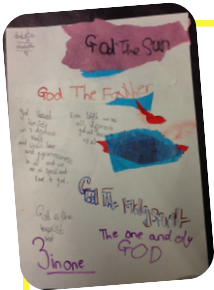
Looking ahead: Please pray for Lifepath (celebrating John Newton's faith) which will take place in Olney in the term ahead, and for the many 'It's Your Move' assemblies and prayer spaces we will offer as children prepare to move schools at the end of the term.

We are in demand but we do not stay still either! We are planning and trialling a new John Bunyan workshop event in readiness for the 400-year celebration of Bunyan's life. This is a huge opportunity to explain how Bunyan's life was a journey of faith and how Christians still journey on in faith today. Becky and Trish are already part of the local group planning for the year of celebration in Bedford in 2028. Wouldn't it be fantastic if every local school had access to quality Christian materials or relevant live experiences during that year of celebration! In preparing for this, we will be writing to each of the churches that we have links with this term to ask what they might be able to give to help develop this work with schools, and at the associated live events. So, we will hold fast to these words in Philippians 4 v 6, ***'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God'***.

EASTER Experience 2026



Holy Trinity RE Workshops



We ran the workshops In January and February in 12 schools with a team of wonderful volunteers from different churches. Around 600 children were able to engage and interact with this topic to help them get a deeper understanding of this great mystery. The creative responses showed their thought process around the relationship and interconnection between the persons of the Trinity.

It is a fun and interactive way to learn about the Trinity. The workshop helped the children to understand this abstract concept.

It was a joy to be part of this engagement with schools. The schools were very welcoming. The material is well chosen to match both the curriculum and the age and ability of the children

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Easter Activities

It's was wonderful to run Easter Activity Workshops with 429 children, including two schools that Impact has never worked in before.

Both Trish and Becky used a pass the parcel type game to unpack the story of Holy Week and Easter. This was followed by a time of crafts or creative response.



Looking ahead...

Here are some of the things that the workers have planned for the next few months. Please remember to keep them in your prayers as they plan and prepare for what is ahead.



Lifepath of John
Newton in Olney
May 20th and 21st

The pilot of John
Bunyan RE Workshops
in June

Year 6 transition
workshops and prayer
spaces in July



A message from Jackie Vickers, Impact Treasurer.

Matthew 6:21 says

'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also'.

God has given all of us who are reading this newsletter a heart for spreading the good news to children. We have seen this passion spread to new supporters over the last few months demonstrated through new regular donors who have been able to gift aid their giving. This is the most efficient way to give to the work of Impact, so if you'd like to know more please email me at Treasurer@ImpactBedford.org.uk or visit our giving page on the website.

Through your continued financial support, we have been able to provide Easter booklets to 621 families so that they can learn more about the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Thank you to individuals and churches who give regularly so that our work can continue.

