

## Welcome

Vine Youth Ministry celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year. Some of the young people I met at the beginning are now adults, and I still have occasions when these grown adults stop me in the street to share a rendition of 'Great Big God'.

During the last 10 years, I have had the pleasure of sharing the gospel with thousands of children, but the joy never stops. Watching the excited faces of children singing about Jesus and interacting with the Bible Stories is the best feeling there is. During the next term I will be exploring the joy and wonder of the Easter story; it still amazes me that many children do not know the Easter story and especially what came next. This is why the work of Vine Youth Ministry is so important, as generations of children are growing up without the opportunity of knowing Jesus. Vine Youth Ministry is always looking for new opportunities to share the gospel with children and young people. If you have children or grand-children who's schools do not have visits from us, please share this newsletter with them. We



would love to come and visit!







## From Child to Adult

Hi, my name is Meghan Kirk and I am currently doing some Graphic Design work experience for Vine Youth Ministry. When I was in primary school Daniel (Mr England) used to come into my school and do assemblies. In these assemblies we used to sing very catchy songs, and Daniel would read us a Bible Story and make his assemblies based around a specific storyline. On the 6th of March 2019 - 10 years later, I went into an assembly with Daniel and sat and listened and it brought back a lot of memories. As soon as the kids walked in their faces lit up and they were so excited to see what Mr England had to say this month. I remember it being the same when I was in Primary school, it was so nice to see that he is still bringing stories, excitement and the love of God to young people 10 years later. From being someone who has both witnessed an assembly as a child and has now been part of an assembly as an adult, I can tell you how much Daniel coming into assemblies really does impact childrens lives and helps them know God.



Meghan Kirk (Graphic Design)





## Hello from the Trustees

elcome to Vine Youth Ministry's new Newsletter, through which we hope to keep you up to date with all that is happening with VYM. Our hope is that as well as keeping you abreast of things, it will also enable you to better engage with VYM and help us keep fulfilling the Lord's command to share Jesus for years to come.

The start of 2019 has seen VYM helping school children across Somerset & Dorset to discover the talents and gifts that God has given them, and how they can develop these through hard work and by using and sharing their gifts with others. This message has been well received by the young folks and their teachers, who have enjoyed thinking about what they are good at and how they can be a blessing to others.

The Trustees and myself have been overwhelmed by the positive response to our financial needs from so many quarters. We would like to thank all the individuals, churches, groups, circuits, synods, districts and others, who have so generously supported us and it is my pleasure to announce that VYM has enough funds promised to cover the next three years of sharing Jesus' love with young people in Somerset & Dorset. However, we do not want to be complacent and take for granted such generosity and are planning fund raising events throughout the year, as well as, seeking more individual sponsors and encouraging people to support us through Easy Fundraising and Easy Search (see the newsletter on how to do this).

May I encourage you to continue to pray for VYM and particularly Daniel as he plans and takes the assemblies, and provides pastoral support to both children and staff who may be finding life difficult. Daniel has been able to give support in some very difficult situations, which has been of great worth to those involved. You, as a partner with us, are part of VYM and it is through your support, encouragement and prayers that the Good News of Jesus is being shared with the next generation, thank you.

> Trevor Kirk (Chair of Trustees)

