

## NORTH LONDON'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RESOURCE AND PLANTING NETWORK

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#### **JANUARY-MARCH 2024**

# **Clear Signs of Growth for Pathway**

The Autumn term was a very busy start to the school year with six new clubs and lots of events, including Light Parties, church weekends, our Sponsored Walk and our largest-ever Christmas Experience. We were also blessed with more grant funding coming through and new staff members joining. Signs of growth in our work now seem clearly visible. There is so much to give thanks to God for.

Our team was involved in delivering four Light Parties (alternatives to Halloween Celebrations) on 29th and 31st October. These were at:

- Christ Church North Finchley, where Ashley gave the Bible talk.
- St Thomas Oakwood where Mandy led crafts and gave the Bible talk.
- St James Muswell Hill, where Jule and Alison were on the team.
- Christ Church Crouch End, where Ashley and Katerina gave the talk, ran the games and supplied craft activities.

Where we were speaking, we used the Jack O' Lantern as an illustration of how Jesus came to clean up the mess inside us and give us his light.

"Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)



The Sponsored Walk on Saturday 7 October was an enjoyable event, blessed with wonderful weather as we followed a beautiful route along the Dollis Valley. A group of around 16 walkers (including two toddlers) did all or part of the route which ran from St Mary's Monken Hadley, near the most northerly school that Pathway visits, to Pond Square Chapel, close to our most southerly school. At the time of writing this has raised just over £2,250 (including Gift Aid), which we are grateful for.



The Christmas Experience was visited by nearly 2,000 children from more than 30 schools at three church venues (Enfield Town Community Church, St James Muswell Hill and Christ Church North Finchley). We also had special visiting times for members of the public. The children who attended enjoyed meeting the characters from the nativity and hearing their accounts of Jesus' birth told from their perspectives.



# fundraising

## **Grants received**

We were blown away by God's provision through the generosity of his people! Pathway has received new grants from The John James Trust,

The Maurice & Hilda Laing Trust, The Benefact Trust, The Deo Gloria Trust, The Joseph Rank Trust, plus ongoing support from The Bellefontaine Trust. This means that, together with the money raised by our 2023 Next Steps appeal, we have enough funding to meet the aims of this appeal. You may recall that these were to expand the role that was called the 'Regional Facilitator for Enfield and East Haringey' for a minimum of three years and to start five new clubs.

#### **Bagamunro:**

Andrew Cusdin from St Peter's Muswell Hill raised funds for Pathway by doing a sponsored challenge to climb Ben Cruachan, one of the 282 munros (mountains) in Scotland. Andrew summited on 28 September, braving gale force winds and a wind chill of -5C! This raised almost £1,700 towards our work! Thank you so much Andrew!



## **GROWING OUR CLUBS WORK**

Since September 2023 we have been able to start three new clubs in schools and three based in church buildings (see our list on page 4), with further clubs in the pipeline.

In our Vision 2023 we set out a desire to grow the depth, not just the breadth of our relationships with children in North London. Clubs are a great way of building deeper relationships with schools, children and churches we partner with because they are weekly and last 30-60 minutes.



Ashley and a member of Wilton Church giving out balloons outside church.

Our church-based clubs are particularly great for strengthening our relationship with partner churches because they happen on-site and feel more like 'church-owned' groups. For the families who attend, they really help them get familiar with their local churches and they feel that these are places in which they are welcome.

Wilton Community Church had not had any children (other than the Pastor's own) attending Sunday services since the pandemic. Having run a successful holiday club in partnership with Pathway where 25 children attended, the church was keen to have a regular group to reach children in the area.

Unable to go as a church into the local primary school, we decided to 'bring the school to the church' instead. So we put up a banner, leafleted the area and stood outside the church (opposite the school) handing out balloons and fliers. The club started off small but is growing, and the church is so encouraged to be welcoming children through the doors each week and connecting with local families.



Ready to speak with parents passing by as they collect their children from school.

## MEET OUR NEW CHILDREN'S OUTREACH AREA WORKER FOR ENFIELD

Following Mandy's move to Denmark with her husband, who has been appointed as Senior Pastor in a church there, we are pleased to be able to welcome **Julia Annies** to the Pathway Staff team. Julia first joined Pathway as a Ministry Trainee in September 2016, transitioning to working for us as a Church Liaison and Support Assistant before leaving to have children and then returning as one of our volunteers. She is thrilled to be back working with us again. Her role will be to grow our work in schools and churches in Enfield.



Julia in action, delivering an assembly.

## **NEXT STEPS 2024**

We believe that the next step in Pathway's growth should be to employ another worker to focus on building the work in Haringey. The clubs we currently run in Haringey are our best attended. Some even have had waiting lists. with one school asking if it was possible to run the club multiple times during the week to meet the demand, so we can see there is a real appetite there. Currently, we only work with eight state schools and one private school out of the 62 schools in Haringey, so there is huge scope for growth.

The grant funding we have received has been a real blessing, enabling us to kick start the project. However, we will need regular giving from our supporters and partner churches to be able to sustain these roles in the long term. That's why the enclosed booklet explains how we hope our church partnerships will function. Please do take a look and prayerfully consider how you and your church could partner with us to reach children in your community.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- Quiz Night Fundraiser: Friday 26th January 2024 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Enfield Baptist Church
- Easter Experience: North Finchley w/c 4 Mar, Enfield w/c 11 Mar, Wood Green w/c 18 Mar
- AGM: Tue 7th May 2024 7:30 pm, on Zoom
- Family Fun Day and Walk Fundraiser: Saturday 18 May 2024 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- End of year BBQ: Friday 5 July 2024 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for the upcoming Quiz Night fundraiser to raise awareness of our appeal bring us and new supporters.
- Pray for the Easter Experience, expanding this year from one to three venues, for many schools to book and for the teams needed to make these events a success.
- Pray for Julia as she settles into her role on the team.
- Give thanks for God's provision and pray for wisdom as we look to raise the funds needed to appoint a second Area Worker.
- Pray for Mandy and Henrik as they start their new ministry in Denmark.

## **Ministry Training**

Do you know someone who might be interested in an opportunity to spend a year or two working with our team to deliver teaching in schools, work with a local church and to study theology? Applications are open for September 2024.

Check our website at: :<u>https://www.pathwayonline.co.uk/pathway-for-individuals/</u> or contact <u>ashley@pathwayonline.co.uk</u> to find out more.



Mandy and Henrik

# **CURRENT SPRING ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE**

#### You can also view our calendar on the School Bookings page of our website for the most up-to-date information.

This term we continue our Meals with Jesus theme, featuring Mary & Martha before the half term break and the Road to Emmaus in the second half of the term.

Day	Date	Time	School	Day	Date	Time	School
Thursday	11/01/2024	8:50am	St Mary's and St John's	Monday	04/03/2024	2:25pm	Tetherdown
Monday	15/01/2024	2:25pm	Tetherdown	Monday	04/03/2024	2:45pm	Walker Primary
Monday	15/01/2024	2:45pm	Walker Primary	Tuesday	05/03/2024	10:00am	Southbury
Tuesday	16/01/2024	9:05am	Holy Trinity Finchley	Wednesday	06/03/2024	8:50am	Queenswell Juniors
Tuesday	16/01/2024	10:00am	Southbury	Wednesday	06/03/2024	9:20am	Queenswell Infants
Tuesday	16/01/2024	2:45pm	St Paul's & All Hallows	Wednesday	06/03/2024	10:00am	St James Enfield
Thursday	18/01/2024	9:00am	St Paul's N11	Thursday	07/03/2024	9:00am	St Paul's N11
Friday	19/01/2024	9:00am	Tottenhall Infants	Monday	11/03/2024	9:00am	All Saints Childs Hill
Monday	22/01/2024	10:40am	Courtland	Monday	11/03/2024	9:30am	Hazelwood Juniors - Yrs 1, 3 and 5
Wednesday	24/01/2024	8:50am	Queenswell Juniors	Monday	11/03/2024	10:10am	Hazelwood Juniors - Yrs 2, 4 and 6
Wednesday	24/01/2024	9:00am	Monken Hadley	Monday	11/03/2024	10:40am	Courtland
Wednesday	24/01/2024	9:00am	St Michael at Bowes	Tuesday	12/03/2024	9:05am	Holy Trinity Finchley
Wednesday	24/01/2024	9:20am	Queenswell Infants	Tuesday	12/03/2024	10:00am	Foulds KS1
Wednesday	24/01/2024	10:00am	St James Enfield	Tuesday	12/03/2024	10:15am	Foulds KS2
Wednesday	24/01/2024	10:10am	Rhodes Avenue - Infants	Tuesday	12/03/2024	2:45pm	St Paul's & All Hallows
Wednesday	24/01/2024	10:15am	Woodlands	Wednesday	13/03/2024	9:00am	Monken Hadley
Wednesday	24/01/2024	10:30am	Rhodes Avenue - Juniors	Wednesday	13/03/2024	9:00am	St Michael at Bowes
Wednesday	24/01/2024	11:00am	Coppetts Wood	Thursday	14/03/2024	8:50am	St Mary's and St John's
Friday	26/01/2024	10:15am	Firs Farm Reception and KS1	Monday	18/03/2024	9:00am	St Michael's N6
Friday	26/01/2024	10:40am	Firs Farm KS2	Wednesday	20/03/2024	9:00am	Freezywater St George's
Monday	29/01/2024	8:45am	St John's Crews Hill	Wednesday	20/03/2024	9:15am	Brimsdown
Tuesday	30/01/2024	2:30pm	Moss Hall Infants	Wednesday	20/03/2024	10:15am	Woodlands
Wednesday	31/01/2024	9:00am	Freezywater St George's	Wednesday	20/03/2024	10:20am	Sunnyfields
Wednesday	31/01/2024	9:00am	St John's Whetstone	Thursday	21/03/2024	8:45am	Palmers Green High School (PGHS)
Wednesday	31/01/2024	3:00pm	All Saints Whetstone	Thursday	21/03/2024	9:00am	St John & St James
Thursday	01/02/2024	9:00am	St John & St James	Thursday	21/03/2024	9:05am	St Mary's N3
Thursday	01/02/2024	10:30am	Forty Hill	Thursday	21/03/2024	10:30am	Forty Hill
Monday	05/02/2024	9:00am	St Michael's N6	Friday	22/03/2024	10:15am	Firs Farm Reception and KS1
Monday	05/02/2024	1:20pm	Bounds Green	Friday	22/03/2024	10:40am	Firs Farm KS2
Thursday	08/02/2024	9:05am	St Mary's N3	Monday	25/03/2024	1:20pm	Bounds Green
Wednesday	28/02/2024	11:00am	Coppetts Wood	Tuesday	26/03/2024	2:30pm	Moss Hall Infants
Thursday	29/02/2024	9:00am	Latymer All Saints KS2	Wednesday	27/03/2024	9:00am	St John's Whetstone
Thursday	29/02/2024	10:00am	Latymer All Saints KS1	Wednesday	27/03/2024	10:10am	Rhodes Avenue - Infants
Friday	01/03/2024	9:00am	Tottenhall Infants	Wednesday	27/03/2024	10:30am	Rhodes Avenue - Juniors
	04/03/2024	8:45am	St John's Crews Hill	Wednesday	27/03/2024	3:00pm	All Saints Whetstone

## Weekly Clubs:

**Tuesday after school:** St John and St James

#### Wednesday lunch:

Freezywater St George's

#### Wednesday after school:

- St John's Crews Hill
- \* Starting Jan 2024
- \*\* Two clubs

## This term we will be looking at the parables of Jesus.

#### Thursday lunch:

St Johns Whetstone St James Enfield\*

Thursday after school: St Michael at Bowes St Paul's and All Hallows St James Church Muswell Hill\*

## Friday lunch: Highfield

Friday after school: Wilton Community Church Kensit Evangelical Church \*\*



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