



Christians and Sheffield Schools

connecting ● encouraging ● resourcing

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

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“You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world.”

(The Message) Matthew 5:14

Christmas Term 2015

Christians & Sheffield Schools was established in 1985 and so is thirty years old this year! Schools, teachers, pupils and the education system have all encountered massive changes during that period and the work of CaSS has also needed to transform and alter. However, throughout that time it has been CaSS’ vision to serve and bring the ‘God-colours’ to the lives of those who work and learn in the schools of the city. We believe our unique contribution to encouraging and resourcing Christians to serve Sheffield schools is needed just as much, maybe even more, than ever.

In order to help us respond to more opportunities CaSS was given a very generous financial gift, specifically to employ an administrator. We are delighted to report that we have appointed Emily Clark and that she started work in August. She will be working 6 hours a week on a Thursday. Emily can be contacted at admin@cass-su.org.uk

Part of our vision is to connect those working with young people and to encourage partnership, so it is always exciting to be working with others. In June CaSS was part of a 2 day working party with a number of national organisations (Scripture Union, Christians in Education and several others) looking at ways to support Christian pupils and Christian staff. It was an encouraging collaboration that came up with a number of practical, but creative proposals and ideas.

CaSS is also delighted to be part of another partnership - planning is underway for a conference/training event in March. The event will be hosted by Sheffield

Diocese, Sheffield YMCA, The Methodist Church and Christians & Sheffield Schools. More details about the day will be released soon.

CaSS will be spending some time this term finishing touches to RE lesson ideas to share online and to boxes of resources to lend to schools. Other wonderful resources that you might find helpful this term are listed below -

Pass It On from Bible Society <https://shar.es/1tPiLM>

Light Party Pack: www.lightparty.org.uk

Rugby World Cup: Engagewww.engage2015.co.uk

Guardians of Ancora: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGJeDxLUD1w>

Resources for primary and secondary school Christian Groups from Scripture Unionwww.schoolslive.org

If you are interested or involved in running Prayer Spaces in Schools don't miss the conference on Saturday 26 September in Leeds. See www.prayerspacesinschools.com/dayconf for details and booking.

Pray Day is when schools across Europe and around the world are the focus of prayer, will be held on Tuesday 18 November. There are ideas and resources for use at www.prayforschools.org CaSS will hold a Pray Day event on **Wednesday 18 November** – look for details on our website or facebook page.

CaSS will again have 5000 free Scripture Union Christmas comics to distribute to schools. Please let CaSS know if you know a school who would like some.

CaSS is delighted that there are now 17 schools being visited by Open the Book groups as a direct result of CaSS OTB training, but we would love to tell more churches about OTB and train more groups. Again, please let us know if you would like a 2 hour training session, or if you would be willing to make some very simple adult costumes to be used by CaSS at Open the Book training sessions.

To save money we intend to send future mailings out by email. We do not have email addresses for many of you. **Please** would you send your email address to admin@cass-su.co.uk or request a mailing by post. We do value your prayers.