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term 2025 Newsletter



Thoughts from Jane Spencer, Chair of Impact.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise! Psalm 145 v.3

As you can see from all that is written below, Becky and Trish have had a wonderful time working with schools since January! Our Summer Term newsletter celebrates so much that we can thank God for as He has blessed the work of Impact. Often we can find that we race ahead to plan the next things we feel led to do without stopping and praising God for his goodness to us. Please take some time to join with us to praise God for all you read about in this newsletter. I am sure you will feel encouraged and enthused to know this work is really reaching into the lives of so many young children, and the staff in the schools too.

All of us at Impact are so grateful to the churches and volunteers that support us. We are now also blessed to have our busy Church Champions working so hard for us. They have been very committed to promoting Impact in their churches and, through their help, many of you have already generously supported the 'Its Your Move' and Easter booklets appeal. Thank you!

It is exciting that there is now clear evidence this is becoming a truly reciprocal arrangement as the workers, schools and Impact churches support and encourage each other. We give thanks with grateful hearts for all that has been happening, especially the new workshops that we have been trialling and the super Easter events. Please pray on for protection over the workers, volunteers and the activities planned for the term ahead.



A message from

Trish



Becky and I got to deliver Easter Activity sessions the week after the Easter Experience in our various schools. We used an Easter 'Pass the parcel' game where each box contained a part of the Easter story. We also led storytelling using Out of the Box resources followed by a creative response from the children. The children engaged well, reflected on the story and asked great questions. Feedback from a teacher: "They had a lovely time completing their projects and I noticed some great collaboration amongst some groups."

Assemblies were on the value of empathy focusing on Christ's humanity and how he can relate to our emotions of sadness, temptation, betrayal, rejection, suffering and fear.



A message from

Becky

On 20th-22nd May, we will be co-running Lifepath John Bunyan. This is an exciting event looking at the life and times of John Bunyan and his faith. We have around 1000 children booked to come across the 3 days.

However, we desperately need more volunteers to ensure that the event is viable and can run safely and smoothly. Please pray that God will provide us with an abundance of more than enough people to help. Please also pray that God will guide us and sustain us in all we do this term.

On a personal note, I am about to become a grandmother for the first time, so my home life is set to be just as busy as my work life. I would appreciate prayers for my daughter, her baby and for our family as we navigate this new path with our exciting new addition.



Easter Experience 2025

The Easter Experience was once again a huge success. Praise God that we were blessed with an amazing team, wonderful weather and lots of inquisitive and engaged children. One child remarked *'I wish I could come every day'*.



Holy Trinity RE Workshops

We had an amazing time running the Holy Trinity RE Workshops. We visited 9 schools across Bedfordshire, working with around 370 children.

It was a very profound subject to try to explain to pupils in Years 3 & 4 (per the curriculum this topic is to be taught to this age group) but Trish and Becky had an amazing team of 11 people join them for planning and delivery of the workshops. The team came from a variety of denominations and backgrounds which really helped us give a well rounded presentation and the feedback from the schools was great. The children had the opportunity to creatively respond to what they had experienced and it was incredible to see how deeply some of them were thinking.



I liked that we got to talk about the Trinity because I found it quite confusing.
Feedback from a pupil.

One boy says he now believes in God!
Feedback from one school.

You made things very clear and the children learnt through the different activities.
Feedback from a teacher.



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Safeguarding

SAVE THE DATE!



We will be running another Impact-specific safeguarding training session for all our volunteers on

**Tuesday September 16th 2025
9:30am-12:30pm**

Venue: Christ Church
140 Dudley Street
Bedford
MK40 3SX

More details will follow but please put the date in your diaries now.

Volunteers needed for Lifepath of John Bunyan (20/5/25 - 22/5/25)



Areas of need:

- Workshop leaders & helpers
- Group guides
- Musicians
- Creative Prayer workshop
- Craft helpers
- Refreshment helpers
- Timekeeper

If you would like to get involved please contact:
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Looking ahead...

Here are some of the things 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.



Teaching Lifepath songs and actions in schools - May

Lifepath of John Bunyan in Elstow
20th - 22nd May 2025

Running Prayer Spaces at the SU Conference - June

Year 6 Transition workshops - June and July

Year 6 Prayer Spaces and Retreat Days - June and July

Collective Worship, assemblies & lunch clubs throughout term



A message from Jackie Vickers, Impact Treasurer.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.
Psalm 145:17

I want to send a big thank you to those who have responded so far by sending donations towards the cost of the 'It's your move' booklets that will be given to all children who attended the Easter Experience. It is so encouraging that when a specific need is identified that supporters act - thank you!

We have seen continued regular financial support of the work of Impact from individuals and churches. We have 11 local churches who give to Impact regularly. Is your church one of these? If not, could you suggest adding our local charity to your mission giving this year? These regular donations are the best way to support our work. Full details of the various ways you can give financially to Impact can be found on our website [here](#). Thank you for your continued support.



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