

News from the Trust

WELCOME

News from the Trust – a termly round up of achievements, key dates and partnership working supported by CSoc (the Trust).

The Trust is a registered charity established in 1703 to provide schooling with a Christian ethos for poor children in Cambridge. Today, the charity provides facilities and targeted support to four Church of England primary schools in Cambridge – St Luke's, St Paul's, St Philip's and Park Street. The schools are funded and run by Cambridgeshire Local Authority, with foundation governance provided by the Diocese of Ely. The Trust also provides additional targeted funding for specific school projects, along with making other relevant grants to the wider community of Cambridge. There are currently 15 volunteer Trustees who oversee the running of the Trust; the day-to-day operations are carried out by the Director (Isobel Rawlinson) and support staff. More details can be found on our website – csoc.org.uk

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS – OUR SCHOOLS NEED YOU

Would you be interested in supporting one of our schools as a Foundation Governor? Foundation Governors have a special responsibility for supporting the Christian ethos of our schools. They play a full part in the life of the governing body, working with the headteacher and staff to provide high quality education for pupils and effective management of all aspects of school life. Please email admin@csoc.org.uk for more information and an application form.

GOOD NEWS – ENDOWMENT FUND

Jesus Lane Sunday School

In 1827, a group of Cambridge University undergraduates had the idea to open a Sunday School to help disadvantaged children in the then rapidly growing parish of St Andrew, Barnwell. They had been inspired to put their faith into action and do something of practical good for the people of Cambridge by the preaching of Rev. Charles Simeon, Vicar of Holy Trinity and a leading Evangelical of the time. The school first opened in the Friends Meeting House on Jesus Lane and became known as the

Jesus Lane Sunday School. Hundreds of undergraduates taught at the school over the years it ran. It has been called 'the most famous of all Sunday schools' and its legacy endures through the establishment of the Jesus Lane Sunday School Endowment Fund, now administered by the Church Schools of Cambridge. The Fund annually provides grants to churches in the two Cambridge deaneries to support their work with children. Applications for this year's grant award are currently being invited from all eligible churches, for submission to the Trust by 16 April (email: admin@csoc.org.uk) It is wonderful to think that what began as a student initiative nearly two centuries ago continues to live on through the Fund, still helping churches to support children in Cambridge!



Children from schools across the Cambridge area enjoyed stories and activities at the Trust's recent exhibition at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

FOOTPRINTS OF FAITH

The Footprints walks trace the stories of some of Cambridge's most influential thinkers and activists, visiting the places they knew and where some of their groundbreaking work took shape. Walks on the themes of Science and Human Rights will be available for schools to book throughout the summer term. A storyteller to lead the walk and travel grants for transport costs can be provided: please email admin@csoc.org.uk to book. Teachers can alternatively use online teaching resources to lead a walk themselves. To find out more, please visit: footprintsfaith.wordpress.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 6th April Easter Family Fun at Great St Mary's Church, 11 am–3 pm. Join in an Easter hunt and enjoy fun craft activities including: make your own Easter suncatcher and bunny hat, create an Easter butterfly and a chick puppet and try your hand at Easter origami. This is a drop-in event for children accompanied by their parents and carers. £2.50 per child age 3+. Under 3s free!

Wednesday 25th April Imaginative Storytelling, 7.30–9.30 pm at Bishop Woodford House, Ely. A free course that will explore the power of story and suggest ways to tell Bible stories so that listeners engage more fully with the message. To book, email Jennie Woolston: jennie.woolston@elydiocese.org

Wednesday 9th May 'Made in God's Image?' Managing Challenging Behaviour, 7.30–9.30 pm at Bishop Woodford House, Ely. A free evening seminar offering practical ideas to help us better engage with children in our groups and churches. To book, contact Jennie Woolston: jennie.woolston@elydiocese.org