

### New year, new starts!

This Autumn our work has expanded further into North Kent -



with one school in Snodland already booking the Christmas Play! We are excited by the number of new opportunities to deliver RE lessons, seasonal productions, workshops and Unlimited wellbeing sessions across a number of schools. Our input has been received well by pupils and staff alike.

*"It's been great to hear that the (new) sessions have started well"*  
*(Deputy Head, Gravesend school)*

Another new initiative is the development of our work in pre-schools. During the last academic year, Carole visited Bexley Forest Pre-school every week to creatively retell Bible stories. Following this successful pilot, we are launching this Borough wide.



*"CRiBS Mini-Explorers teaches positive values in a fun, inclusive and relatable way"* (Operations Manager)

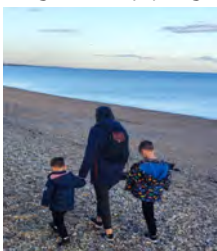
Do get in touch if you would like to know more about what we offer pre-schools or if you know any that would like to have a visit from CRiBS.



- Prayer Points:**
- Safe travels to schools in Kent
  - Expansion of our work in pre-schools

### How far!?!?

Have you ever thought of exactly how far Nazareth is from Bethlehem? 90 miles! It's a long way for adults to walk (let alone being heavily pregnant!!!) It's also a long way for those with little legs. This Autumn, "My six year old son and I will be doing the challenge (with my two year old joining at some points too)" the Runacres family are walking 90 miles in the run up to Christmas to fundraise for CRiBS. To support them, give direct to CRiBS (marking donations with WTC) or visit:



[www.justgiving.com/page/walk-to-christmas](http://www.justgiving.com/page/walk-to-christmas)

## 30 Years CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

2023 is rushing past – or at least that's what it feels like. It has been wonderful to celebrate all that God has done with CRiBS over the last 30 years; but the start of a new academic year is a helpful reminder that the work God has called us to goes on, with new schools to work in and new opportunities.

It was encouraging to mark the National Day of Prayer for Schools locally with two prayer events (see over), to gather to pray with others for our schools and the children and young people that attend them. However different things appear now to 30 plus years ago, when CRiBS was starting out, our God remains the same: absolutely dependable, totally consistent, utterly reliable – the Bible word is 'faithful'.

So, as we head for the final quarter of 2023, we do so trusting God for all we need, whether that is financial provision for the balance of our '30 for 30' appeal, or energy and creativity as we begin preparations for this year's Christmas play, or wisdom and skills as we work in schools week by week with lessons, intervention sessions and mentoring. Thank you for your interest and support, and above all your prayers.

**Mark CRiBS CEO**



**We want to raise £30,000**  
£1,000 for every year of our work in schools

**£21,000 raised so far**

**Only £9,000 to go!**  
**Can you help us reach our target?**

30 Years CRiBS LIVING VALUES \* GROWING FAITH

**We're loving that the smallest to the oldest are getting involved to raise money for CRiBS!**



# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

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## I will run 15 long miles and I will run 16 miles more... ...just to be the man who ran 31 miles around Bexley Borough!

Parodying The Proclaimers song, next Spring Andy, a long-time supporter of CRiBS, will be running 31 miles around the perimeter of the borough of Bexley to fundraise for our 31st year of service!



Running further than a marathon will be an awesome personal challenge for Andy. It will also be testament to

God's miraculous healing power given that doctors said he'd never walk unaided again. You can follow Andy's training progress and hear more about his story on our social media channels over the coming months. You can also sponsor Andy by heading over to our JustGiving page:

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/andysrun](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/andysrun)



Spark in the Park, Welling

## Summer activities

Over the summer the team was involved in Lark in the Park (Sidcup)



Lark in the Park, Sidcup

and Spark in the Park (Welling) - fantastic church-run community events, that create opportunities to share the good news of Jesus to children and families.

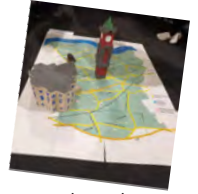
At Lark, the team helped lead a lively, varied programme including retelling three amazing stories from the Bible (The Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus and Jesus walking on the water). The villainous 'Stinker Malone', nemesis to 'Scoopa' (our beloved puppet), was listening in and his life changed forever.

Meanwhile at Spark, as well as helping run various activities, the team were involved in telling Bible stories - including Noah's Ark, and the story of Jesus' death and resurrection as part of the daily 'Hotspot'.

It was so good to be able to support the work of local churches and have the opportunity to clearly present the gospel in an age-appropriate way.

It was a privilege to join with people from across Bexley and Dartford to pray for schools in our area and beyond. Moving interviews with local Headteachers provided insight into

## National Day of Prayer for Schools



the struggles that many schools are currently facing. Pupils and staff need our prayers more than ever at this time.

## CRiBS Gap Year Koru

This academic year we are pleased to welcome to our team GVS students Marie and Sarah (and Stella from December). We look forward



to what their Gap Year will bring for them, as they support all areas of our work and their church placements.

### Prayer Points:

- Thank God for all the visitors who went to Lark and Spark. May they know his love and power.
- For Heads, staff and pupils feeling the pressure of being in school. May they know God's peace.

Upcoming  
**Quiz Night**

Friday 17th  
November 2023

7.30pm

Trinity Baptist  
Bexleyheath, DA6 7AY

£10/£5 U16s

To book, email  
[info@cribsonline.org](mailto:info@cribsonline.org)

Celebrate with us:  
**Christmas celebration**

Friday 15th December 2023  
7.30pm, Bexley Christian Life  
Centre, Bexleyheath, DA7 4NR

TO BOOK  
[info@cribsonline.org](mailto:info@cribsonline.org)

## YOU ARE INVITED! WILL YOU BE THERE?

Fancy pitting your wits at our Quiz Night, and/or joining us at our Celebration (which of course will feature our brand new Christmas play)?

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