

Dear BSC Friends

We hope you and yours are well. In these uncertain times, it's good to celebrate what God is doing. We are excited about the new connections, and the deepening connections that we have been helping to facilitate between churches and schools in the Bristol area. We are especially thankful to God, that we have seen more connections growing between churches and Secondary schools. Thank you so much for being part of the BSC story through your prayers, encouragements, and your giving.

With love and thanks
Jane, Liz and the BSC Trustees

Financial Update

Before Christmas we were facing a deficit of about £4,000 for this year. We are so grateful to those who continue to support us financially and to those who have either been able to increase their giving or given for the first time. We are delighted to let you know that these extra gifts should enable us to cover the shortfall in the year to August 2020. Please join us in giving thanks for this response and continue to pray for our ongoing finances.

Virgin money giving – we have moved over to a new online giving platform. Either scan the QR code or click on Virgin money giving donate button below to go to our donation page.



Christmas



We supported St. Francis church in Bedminster for the second year running with their amazing Christmas Trail. They ran sessions on Friday for children in their local school; and they also opened the Trail up for people from the community to visit on Saturday morning. The team were incredible and had a lot of fun running a very successful trail.

We also ran two training sessions for people who are interested in running a Christmas trail next year. They were able to visit a Christmas trail in action and ask questions about the logistics of running a trail. We are excited that a few new Christmas trails are going to happen next year as a result of being inspired by this training opportunity.

New Easter Resource



We would love more churches to support their local schools as they engage with the Easter story. We have written a new Easter resource, to enable churches to lead an RE lesson for Key stage 2. It is a very easy-to-use, low prep, interactive lesson which will help children to explore the Easter story with local Christians. This resource is free – if you would like a copy, please email us.

Prayer Spaces in Schools



In January we hosted another Prayer Spaces in Schools training event. It was fantastic to have about 20 people there, and to sense their excitement about running their first prayer space in their local school. It has been a joy to support a Bristol Secondary school and their local churches as they prepare to host their first reflective/prayer space. We have also been supporting a 6th form college in Bristol who hosted their first prayer space in early March.

Networking



We love networking and partnering with others across the city – Bristol Diocese, Together4Bristol, Müllers and others! In partnership with Christians in Science, we organised for speakers from The Faraday Institute in Cambridge to visit three schools in Bristol. They led some amazing sessions with both primary and secondary students focussing on the debate about how Science and faith work together. We have continued to liaise with Transforming Lives for Good with regards to the growth of their work in Bristol. We are also booked to run training events for Trinity College Ordinands, Bristol Baptist College students and for the Bristol Methodist Circuit. Please pray for us as we work out how to deliver these sessions online if that is what's required given current circumstances. Lastly – we have a new BSC postcard which we plan to use for growing our amazing group of Friends like you! If you would like some to give to friends/family, just let us know.