

Invite to the 2022 AGM

You are warmly invited to join us at our AGM on 9th February 2022 at 7:15pm. You can hear from the trustees and the team in what has been an exciting year despite the challenges. It will be on Zoom and the invite is below. We look forward to seeing you there.

ICE Team is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Exeter ICE AGM

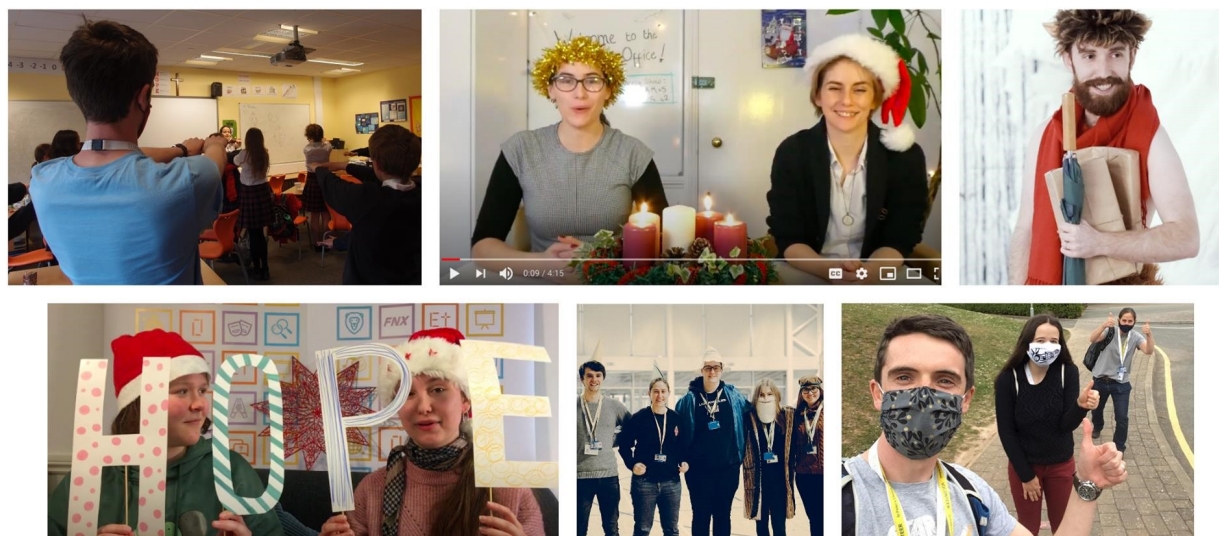
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Join Zoom Meeting

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Have the ICE team at your sunday service

We would love to join you at your church and talk about how you can partner with us.

Email: office@icetrust.co.uk to book now!

ICE Newsletter

Winter 2021



Jesus—The true meaning of Christmas



Message from Trustee Tricia Morris

As we approach Christmas, we remember the birth of our Lord Jesus.

It is so easy to overlook the true meaning of Christmas when the shops and the media are constantly advertising the commercial side of Christmas from as early as September! Our Exeter ICE staff are sharing the good news of Jesus' birth with a number of schools across the city and reminding children of the real reason for celebrating Christmas!

We have had a very exciting start to the school year, this term. The primary team have piloted a Scripture Union project 'Like Me' in three primary schools. I was privileged to be part of the volunteer team, at one school, helping to deliver the programme. It was inspiring to see the enthusiasm of the team and the way in which they interacted with the children, as well as the responses from the children themselves.

It was also a privilege for Sue and me to be invited to Lansdown Pottery, by Jeremy Leach, son of David Leach OBE and grandson of Bernard Leach. Bernard Leach is considered the

father of British studio pottery. Jeremy was inspirational and has very kindly donated a huge amount of pottery for ICE to sell to raise funds. Sue and I will be making an itinerary and will give you more information in the next newsletter.

Please continue to keep the ICE team in your prayers as they plan for the exciting projects they will be delivering to schools next term.

We hope you can join us for our **AGM on 9th February 2022**. Further information can be found on the back page.

All the Trustees would like to thank you for your continued support of ICE and we wish each and everyone of you a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Inside Lansdown Pottery

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Primary Schools Update

Winter 2021



This half of term has been a real mix of things for the Primary team! We've been continuing to create weekly online assemblies as well as gradually returning to some in-person school visits. It's been exciting for us to return to some in-person work, seeing familiar faces in schools, and enjoying the back and forth we can have with our audience in-person. In the new year we'll be phasing out our regular online content, and gradually adding more and more school visits back into our routine.

We've also been preparing a new self-esteem workshop project. In our time in schools, we've seen the need for something to help support young children in this area, so for a



while we've been looking for just the right kind of resource to help us. Thankfully, God has provided in the form of the 'Like Me' project from Scripture Union. Using this resource and adapting it slightly, we've been able to trial run half-day workshops focussing on helping children to consider their self-esteem, their value and their friendships, all from a Christian perspective.



Life

As we look forward towards the new year, we're also gearing up for the return of the LIFE exhibition! Another exciting project we usually run every other year, giving year 5-6 students the opportunity to see what Christians believe about Jesus and to consider what they themselves think about Jesus too.

So, things are busy for the Primary Team! But our work is full of many good things that are exciting for us, and hopefully encouraging and inspiring for the children we see each week.

The team about to carry out the first "Like Me" pilot lesson.

Secondary Schools Update

Winter 2021



Lunch Clubs

On the 28th September, the secondary team got to do their first proper lunch club in 18 months. We played small games, big games, chatted about all sorts of things and with 40 year 7s crammed into the room we had, we got to share with them the story of the prodigal son, and the fact that they are unconditionally loved by our awesome God.

As a team we have missed being able to connect with kids in this way. We were so blessed to be able to do some smaller, socially distant lunch clubs last year, but it has been great to more or less be back to normal. We are back doing assemblies, lunch clubs, Christian unions, mentoring and, excitingly, more of this than we were doing pre-covid. Each week we are interacting with over 100 young people across the city in our clubs, but also a real highlight for this term has been our brand new year 7 lunch club in St James' school. ICE used to have a big presence in that school, which in recent years had fallen away. But, thanks to our partnerships with ISCA church and St Matt's church, we have been able to start a new club, connect with a group of young people, and help them explore the idea that there is more to life than they might realise.



ECCU

We have also expanded our ministry at Exeter College. Because the College has retained some of its social distancing measures this year, there isn't a common lunch break across the campus which makes it harder to run our Christian union. But in the wake of this challenge, the college requested we run two CU meetings instead, which meant a bigger team, and also the ability to support more young people who know Jesus, and reach more that don't know him yet.



Mentoring

Lastly, our mentoring programme is still going well. We are underway with roughly half of the mentoring team, and hope to get the others started soon. This is such an important ministry because there are so many young people who could really benefit from one-to-one support in our city. It is a ministry that ICE has had a heart for this need for so long and we are really glad that we are starting to meet it.

Thank you so much for all your support and have a Merry Christmas!



Doug and the PAIS team leading an assembly at St Peters.