



The Mustard Tree Trust

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NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2011



300 CHILDREN
50 VOLUNTEERS FROM CHURCHES ACROSS THE REGION
3 DAYS OF EXPLORING THE LIFE AND FAITH OF THE MONKS OF BRINKBURN



WHAT SCHOOLS SAID...

"The atmosphere created was quite unique, there was something **spiritual** and uplifting in the air."

- Sue Hall, Head teacher, Whalton and Longhorsley First Schools

"The building of the cairn at the end was very **spiritual** and we may even do something similar at our leavers' worship."

- Pauline Molloy, Head teacher, All Saints Morpeth

"The children came back **buzzing** about R.E. and did not regard it as a boring topic."

- Janet Dyson, Head teacher, Swarland First School.

See overleaf for full report

M10 Mission...

On 31st July, **Nikki** will be heading out to **Mexico** with a group of young people from Morpeth on the **M10** mission. They will be working with YWAM for 10 days, building a house for a homeless family and working with young people and churches. Please keep the team in your prayers.



We will be holding a fundraising **BBQ** at Angerton Walled Garden on Saturday **17th September*** in the late afternoon/early evening. Keep the date free and look out for further information... * note change of date from previous newsletter



After many months of planning, Lifepath took place at Brinkburn Priory on the 14th, 15th and 16th June. Each day began with a procession down the winding path to the Priory church. The path was lined with team members waving flags to welcome the children. The opening session in the church involved lively songs, an interactive time-line, lots of hilarity and the story of the wise and foolish builders told with actions! The children then took part in 4 different workshops consisting of:

- **A Monk's Life** (a comic sketch about the life of a monk);
- **The Jesus Story** (stories from the life of Jesus, delivered on the move in the open air) **or Prayer Journey** (exploring creative ways to pray using 4 different prayer stations);
- **2 out of:** **Medieval Games** ~ **Hand Bells** ~ **Gardening** ~ **Medieval Medicine** ~ **Harps** ~ **Singing** ~ **Art** ~ **Scriptorium**

During every workshop a bell would sound to mark 30 seconds of silence - a moment to allow the children to reflect as the monks would have done during their hours of silent meditation. The closing session drew everything together, linking the life path of the monks to the life path of Christians today. One of the younger team members spoke about what following Jesus means to her. The children were then encouraged to consider their own path through life as we asked them to build a cairn to mark the end of the day and as a sign of their participation in Lifepath. The day ended with a final procession back up to the coaches to the strains of the Lifepath song. We are extremely grateful to our huge team of volunteers, to Rev. Edward Butlin for his technical support, to English Heritage for the use of their beautiful site and to all those who have supported us through finance and prayer. Above all, we give thanks to God for such a successful event (right down to the weather)! **To Him be the glory!!**

SPONSORED WALK!

On **Saturday 20th August** Paul Cleever-Thorpe, Methodist minister at Morpeth & Pegswood, will be walking across Northumberland to raise funds for The Mustard Tree Trust and for Barnabas Safe and Sound. A second reason for the walk is to link together 6 churches with which Paul will be working from September, located in Morpeth, Pegswood, North Broomhill, Hauxley, Amble and Alnmouth. 5 of these churches will be staging posts on the walk with refreshments being provided at each. If you would like to join Paul for some or all (approx. 18 miles) of his walk, or if you would like to sponsor him, then please do contact him for more details: 01670 701142 (07849 831964). You might even like to be sponsored yourself! The walk will begin from Morpeth Methodist Church, Howard Terrace, Morpeth at **8.30am**.



"The Gathering" is the name to be given to a new, monthly youth service which Nikki is currently developing with youth leaders from Alnwick and Cramlington. We hope to launch The Gathering in September for young people across Northumberland. Watch this space...

CONTACT US

If you would like to support The Mustard Tree Trust in our work with children and young people, please contact Alice who can arrange a presentation to your church or provide you with a standing order form for personal use.

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