

PACE NEWS

May/June 2023



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Partnering with churches, serving the schools

As I write this for **PACE News** there is much excitement in the community where I live about the coming coronation of King Charles III, as our new King. As you read this newsletter the Coronation will have happened in all its pomp and ceremony. What an historic and momentous occasion it will be for our nation, as we have not had a Coronation since 2nd June 1953 when Queen Elizabeth II was crowned. It will be a time to reflect and celebrate all the good things in our country. At the centre of the celebration weekend will be a Christian service where His Majesty will be anointed as King.



where there will be no more pain, suffering and tears. One where God is in control, as Psalm 47:2 says,

'For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth'.

The Bible encourages us to:

'Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing to Him a psalm of praise' (Psalm 47:6-7).

What an amazing opportunity this will be to speak to children and young people in schools about what is happening. It also gives us a chance to tell them that Charles is an earthly king, and that it is so much more important to celebrate our heavenly king, the Lord Jesus.

Please pray that the children and young people we meet up with in schools every day over the summer term will get a glimpse of the King of Kings, as we open the Bible to them.

Sharon Prior | **Director of PACE**

We have the chance to talk to them about a Kingdom that is so much bigger than the United Kingdom, one



PACE Cream Tea

Saturday 1 July 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming all the **PACE** Supporters, Volunteers and Friends to the PACE Cream Tea on Saturday 1 July at 2.30pm - 4.30pm at St Paul's Church. We are praying for good weather, so that we can be in the garden. Last year we had an amazing afternoon together, as it was very hot and sunny. So, come along with a deckchair and enjoy a cream tea and delicious cake. There will be an opportunity to learn more about what **PACE** has been doing in schools this year and relax together in each other's company. There will also be games for the children, and the adults if they want to take part.

Sharon Prior | **Director of PACE**



The summer term in school is always special. There are sports days, shows and concerts, school productions and special trips. This all makes for a busy and often unpredictable time as assembly halls get partially filled with staging. Changes are made, sometimes last minute, on account of the weather, and you can never be quite sure which year groups will be in school, or out and about, when you visit to take an assembly.

But despite all this uncertainty it is also a time of great opportunity. This term there will be assemblies linked to the Coronation, and I have written one all about King Solomon and the importance of wisdom: making good choices, choices that bring a smile to God's face.

This term is also a time of transition as pupils prepare to move up to a new

class or even a new school. It's always good to be able to point the oldest primary pupils to the presence of the **PACE** Secondary team in many of the schools they will be heading for. But it's also good to remind them that all that they have heard from God's Word this year is relevant to whatever stage of life they are at. Indeed, one thing that goes with them as they move onwards and upwards is the truth that God is always there for them to turn to, talk to and learn from.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement up to this point in the academic year, we really value your support and please continue to pray in the coming weeks too.

Keith Jewell | Primary Schools Worker



Since the last newsletter we've had the privilege of returning to St Aldhelm's School to do a series of year 9 lessons on the afterlife, exploring what Christians believe about forgiveness that heaven is an undeserved gift for those who put their faith in Jesus. One of these lessons was especially great as 50 students were in focused silence as we explained about forgiveness. It wasn't what they were expecting!

We've also begun doing lessons again at Linwood School and these have been going really well. Such a range of needs and abilities but each class has been really up for getting to know us and asking some brilliant questions about what it means to be a Christian.

We've done more lessons at St Edward's with year 9s about *"Who killed Jesus?"*. We've launched a brand new Big Questions lunch club

at Bishop of Winchester School where 20 came to the first one! And we've visited Talbot Heath School with our drug awareness lesson with powerful stories of transformation from special guests from Teen Challenge Dorset.

And this is all in addition to the other lunch and after school clubs that have been running week-on-week and lots of 1-to-1 meetings with church leaders to review and renew partnerships. It's been a busy but very encouraging time!

Dave Pegg | **Schools Work Leader**



Live it! SHARING JESUS EVERY DAY

In our last newsletter we shared with you a brand-new training resource to be piloted called **Live it! Tell it!** In partnership with Agapé UK this resource aims to help equip young people to grow in confidence in sharing their faith.

Our pilot event saw 10 young people and 4 youth leaders gather to explore 3 sessions: **God's Story, Your Story and Their Story.** Each session is filled with video input from local youth workers, discussions and activities to help unpack each section. Alongside this, each young person is given a journal to guide them through the course and record their notes.

It was so encouraging to see young people getting involved in each session, sharing their experiences, praying for each other and looking

forward to sharing their faith with their friends.

'I feel confident to help others to find God now!'
Hannah (Young Person)

'Excellent, user-friendly, deeply spiritual course! Brilliant for connecting young people with their faith and peers!'
Hazel (Youth Leader)

'I loved how the sessions had a central theme of relationship, whether it was with Jesus or those around us.'
Sam (Youth Leader)

'I would recommend it to all Christians.'
Isaac (Young Person)

A big thank you to **Bournemouth Free Church Council**, who funded our pilot event and enabled us to run the event free of charge. We were able to design journals to go with the course and provide snacks and a meal at the end of the event.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support and watch this space for the second **Live it! Tell it!** event next year!

Lisa Stuart | **Schools Worker**



How do PACE Partner with Churches?

PACE could not do all that we do in schools without the support and help of the local church.

Our strapline is

***'Partnering with Churches,
Servicing the Schools'.***

We are so grateful to all those churches in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole who support the work in schools in the area. It is the desire of **PACE** to see at least one Christian going regularly into every school in BCP to encourage and support Christian staff and students, as well as talking about Jesus and what it means to follow Him – this is something that we believe only Christians can do.

There are many ways that local churches can partner with **PACE** for the Gospel, and this includes, praying for the work in schools, especially those schools closest to the church, giving financially to the work of **PACE**, so that we can go into more schools with the message of Jesus by taking assemblies, lessons, and lunchtime/afterschool clubs.

We have many individuals in churches who pray and give to the work too, as well as those who give their time in volunteering to come into schools with us.

If you would like a **PACE** worker to come along to your church and speak about the work of **PACE**, lead a service, and

preach, then please do get in touch. We are happy to speak on a Sunday or at mid-week meetings. If you would like to have a chat with one of our workers about how you might get involved by volunteering with us in schools, then again give us a ring or drop us an email, we are always happy to chat with people about this.

Thank you so much to all those churches and individuals who are partners with us in the Gospel, you are very much appreciated, and we hope you realise the legacy you are leaving, as each young person hears the message of Jesus.

Sharon Prior | **Director of PACE**

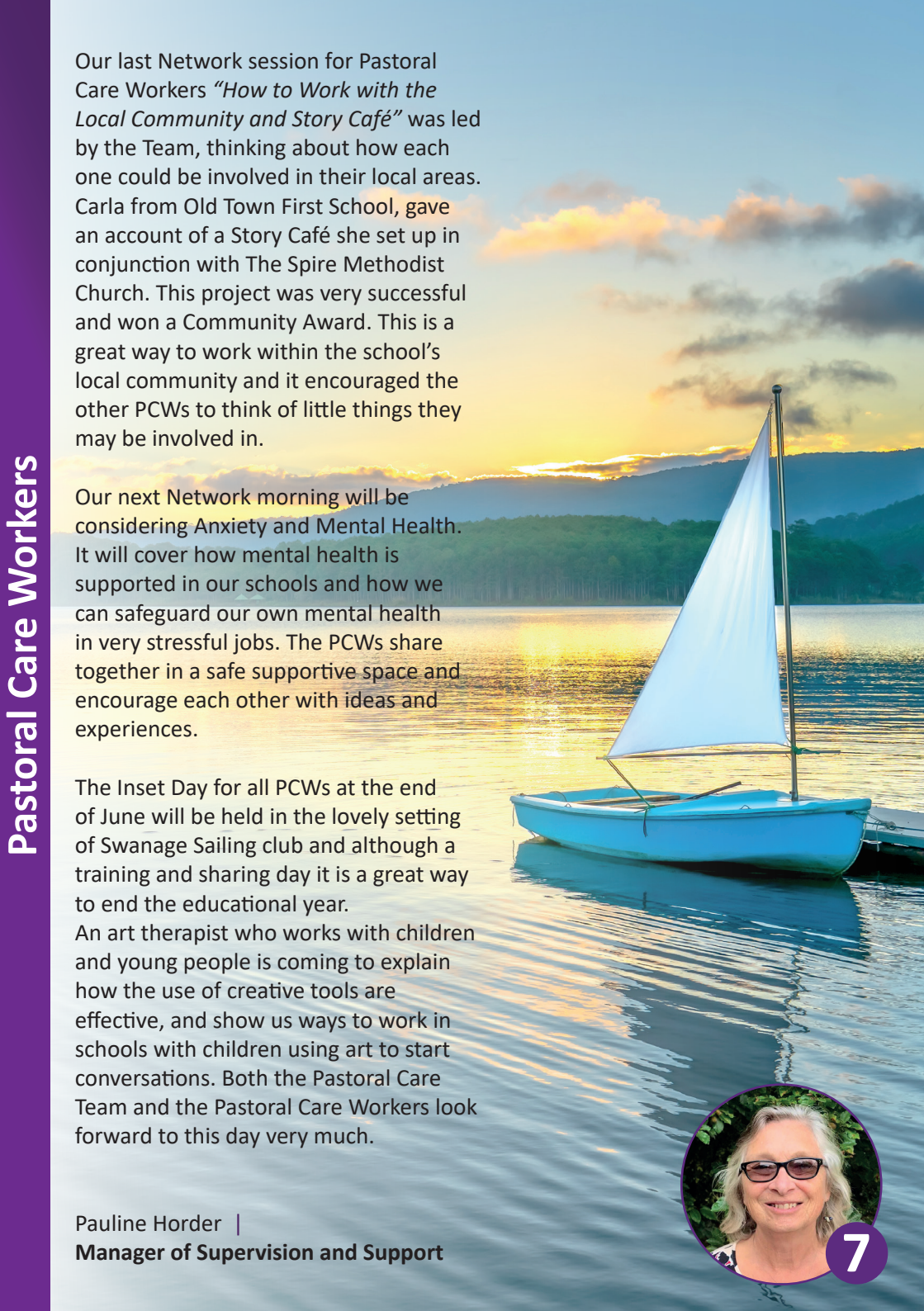


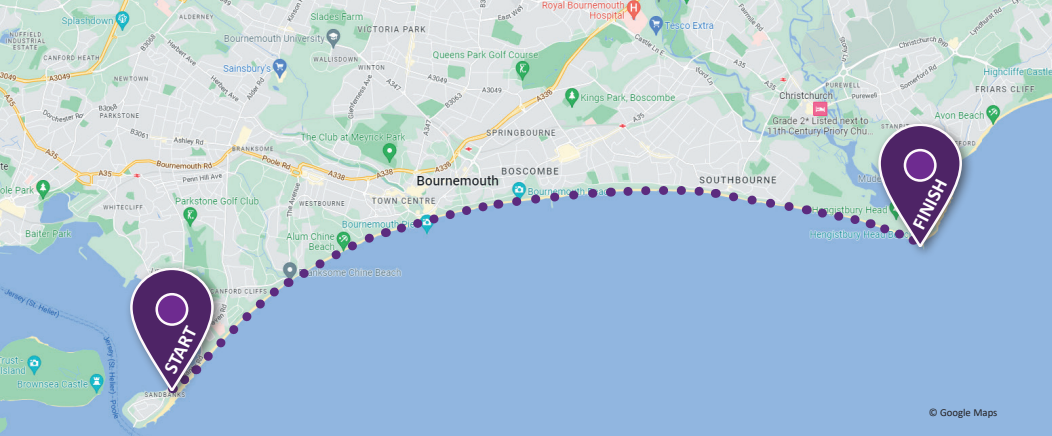
Our last Network session for Pastoral Care Workers *“How to Work with the Local Community and Story Café”* was led by the Team, thinking about how each one could be involved in their local areas. Carla from Old Town First School, gave an account of a Story Café she set up in conjunction with The Spire Methodist Church. This project was very successful and won a Community Award. This is a great way to work within the school’s local community and it encouraged the other PCWs to think of little things they may be involved in.

Our next Network morning will be considering Anxiety and Mental Health. It will cover how mental health is supported in our schools and how we can safeguard our own mental health in very stressful jobs. The PCWs share together in a safe supportive space and encourage each other with ideas and experiences.

The Inset Day for all PCWs at the end of June will be held in the lovely setting of Swanage Sailing club and although a training and sharing day it is a great way to end the educational year. An art therapist who works with children and young people is coming to explain how the use of creative tools are effective, and show us ways to work in schools with children using art to start conversations. Both the Pastoral Care Team and the Pastoral Care Workers look forward to this day very much.

Pauline Horder |
Manager of Supervision and Support





Advance date for **PACE Sponsored Prayer Walk**
After the success of this event last year, we are going to do it again on

Saturday 9 September 2023 from 10am-3pm

The walk will go from Sandbanks to Hengistbury Head (all flat) and is about 9 miles. We hope to double the number of people who came last year.

Get the date in your diaries and there will be more information to follow in the next **PACE News**.



Hot Off The Press

Goodbye to Phil Dixon – Trustee

Phil Dixon has recently resigned as a **PACE** Trustee due to his new role on the Isle of Wight, as Team Leader at the Urban Saints Westbrook Centre. We want to thank him for all he has done, as we have appreciated his input over the last year. We wish him well for the future in this new ministry.

At present the Trustees are conducting a Skills Audit and will then be looking to recruit at least two new Trustees. Please pray about this, as it is important that we get the right people to lead the organisation into the future.

Katie Davis | **Chair of Trustees**

Goodbye to Sarah – Primary Schools Worker

We are sad to be losing Sarah Jones from the **PACE** Schools Team. Her last day will be on 19 May 2023. We want to thank Sarah for her input to **PACE** over the last 5 years and say that she will be much missed by the schools she served and by her colleagues at **PACE**. We pray for her and the family as she moves into this new season of ministry.

Dave Pegg | **Schools Work Lead**

Volunteer Minutes Secretary Needed

The **PACE** Trustees are looking for a minute secretary for their Trustee meetings. This is a volunteer post, and the person would be expected to take minutes at four Trustee meetings a year in January, April, July, and October. The meetings take place in the evening and the dates of the meetings are set a year in advance. Experience of taking minutes would be an advantage, but not essential. However, good admin skills, an interest in the work of **PACE** and willingness to respect confidentiality would be important.

Katie Davis | **Chair of Trustees**



We are very excited to be advertising this new role!



PACE is a Christian schools work charity partnering with churches to serve schools in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole local authority.

We are looking for an enthusiastic committed Christian to become a part-time schools worker in primary schools in the area.

The role is part of a team of two secondary schools workers and one full-time primary worker.

The role will include:

- training a team of PACE volunteers for work in primary schools
- providing a variety of assemblies and lessons in accordance with the new BCP RE Syllabus
- design and deliver assemblies and lessons around Christmas, Easter and transition from years 6 to 7

Is God calling you to this ministry?

Hours: 20 hours per week, term time only.
Days of work to be agreed on appointment.

Salary: £11,376 - £12,325 pa depending on experience (£24,000 - £26,000 F/T equivalent)

For further details and an application form email sharonprior@pacetrust.org or phone **01425 674860**.

The closing date for applications is **31 May 2023**.
Interviews will be held on Friday **23 June 2023**.

There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement for the holder of this post to be a practising Christian. The role is subject to an Enhanced DBS. PACE operates a safer selection policy when recruiting and employing workers.

Opportunities to Pray and Support

**Our next Zoom prayer meeting is on
11 July 2023 from 12noon – 1pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240219568?pwd=QThJV1ptZCt2N0FOdUxHYz-VIQWJLQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 4021 9568 **Passcode:** 196250

We hope that many of you will be able to join us

Thank You!

Anonymous Donation to PACE

We would like to say a special thank you for the anonymous donation of £5,000 that was forwarded to PACE via Stewardship on 17 February.

This arrived when we were facing a serious shortfall in the PACE finances and was a particular encouragement to us all. Thank you for standing with us at this time.



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