

# NEWS LETTER

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## WELCOME

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself."*  
**Matt 6:33-34**



Norman

As we look to a New Year of 2021, how many of us can dismiss our worries about tomorrow and the days after?

The unprecedented disruption in global communities, because of Covid 19, is still manifest on our screens. The vaccination process has begun, although linked with controversy regarding its use and effectiveness.

Matthew 6:33, however, gives us a way to progress in this confusing era. As the leadership and staff of Crown Jesus Ministries have adapted to this strange new world, the whole of the Christian family is commanded to seek the kingdom of God and display His righteousness in our lives.

In this manifestation of faith and trust in God's promises, we invite and encourage others to seek Him too... and leave tomorrow to worry about itself!

Norman

# Joy to the World

★ PRAYING | CARING | SHARING

Churches from Northern Ireland, Ireland, Scotland and England joined us in the *Joy to the World* outreach over November and December. This resource proved to be helpful in taking the pressure off what was a stressful period for church leaders with so many restrictions and much uncertainty.

In total 900 copies of J. John's booklet '*Making the Christmas Connection*' were distributed to neighbours, friends and family as part of this programme. We have also had positive conversations with a broader network of churches in preparation for running this project again in 2021.



## THE CHRISTMAS BUZZ

The Klass Kids team are all starting the year with very thankful hearts. We created *The Christmas Buzz with Granda and Lucy*, an online resource for schools sharing the true Christmas message.



We had over 4,000 children engaging with the resource, and we welcomed a number of new schools that had no prior connection with the work of Klass Kids. We partnered with Bible Educational Services offering out their R.E. Christmas lessons – complementing the videos wonderfully.



A few clips taken from *The Christmas Buzz with Granda and Lucy*.

Please pray for the team as they navigate the best ways to reach children with the Gospel in this new year.

Helen

## SEND

We're on the road again!

Hopefully you've been able to follow along on our journey with the new trailer, all the way from purchasing it to renovating it. We're so thankful to have visited two Special Educational Needs schools already this year! We've been doing some fun science experiments, creating explosions and setting off a lot of party cannons while sharing the Good News of Jesus and the hope He brings.

Here's what one of the schools had to say, *'The children at our school loved the sessions and assembly led by Crown Jesus Ministries. They were professional, organised and extremely engaging for the children. I was impressed by how inclusive and accessible the sessions were...'*



Amy and the SEND team at Cedar Lodge School.



Please continue to pray for new opportunities in SEN schools, and for the teachers, pupils and staff we get to serve this year.

Amy

## LESSONS AND ADVENTURES

During November Mitch recorded 4 short films that incorporate life stories, lessons and adventures around the themes of Truth, Hope, Forgiveness, Suffering, Salvation and Discipleship. These are helpful resources for discussion groups both with fellow Christians and non-Christians.



You can view these at [www.crownjesus.org/mitch](http://www.crownjesus.org/mitch)

## MISSIONS WEEK

We have raised £46,237!!

Our first ever Missions Week was amazing! The buzz in the office, the crazy challenges, the laughter, the sporting achievements, the aching muscles, the contact with our supporters and the messages of encouragement...what a week. Our team pulled out all the stops and with grit and determination worked hard to raise the profile of the ministry and much needed finance to fund the vision as we step into a new year.

Thank you for partnering with us.

## ACADEMY

We have had a busy yet exciting start to the year with lots of time spent discussing ideas, writing scripts and filming on our set. Even in these strange times, we have found so many opportunities to work together as a team, develop our giftings and stretch ourselves out of our comfort zones.

Something we have decided to do together this year is to read through the entire Bible! Every Monday morning we take some time as an Academy team to talk about what we have learnt or to discuss something new we have discovered. As challenging as it can be at times, it has been a great way to learn and develop the discipline of reading God's word. Not only have we learnt so much from God's word, but also from one another!

**“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”  
(Heb 4:12)**

We would appreciate your prayers for continued creativity, opportunities to stretch ourselves and to continue to grow together as a team.

Rebecca

## VIRTUAL 1WAY

The Youth team were so excited to launch our first ever Virtual 1Way back in November. A lot of hard work and creativity went into this project from across the wider team and it was an amazing moment to see the final product, watching numerous individuals tune in.

We are thankful that God provided the opportunity for us to do 1Way events slightly differently and we are expectant that in the new

year, he will open more doors for us to create more virtual events.

Please pray for the youth team as we navigate fresh opportunities. Pray for the seeds that were planted through this video, that God will continue to reveal more of himself to those who watched.

*Stee and Steph take to the stage with the 1Way Band for the Virtual 1Way livestream event.*



## CJMEDIA WEBSITE

Our new resource website has now been online for the last 4 months and we are hugely encouraged by the response. Over 130 different teachers have already registered to use the content and churches as well as other organisations are also plugging in. Plans are well under way to create more content, so please pray for our team as they write, film and develop these resources and that they continue to reach people for Jesus.

Our dream is to see this online platform used in every school and across every county in Ireland.



## HOUSE OF PRAYER IRELAND

One word that comes to mind when I think of our House of Prayer for 2021 is **BUILD**. Some of my favourite moments in Crown Jesus in 2020 were our prayer nights post-lockdown. We gathered fortnightly each month with up to 50 people to worship and pray for an awakening.

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Please join me in praying that all involved will grow in boldness and passion, for the ministry to expand the call to prayer to further afield across the island, and ultimately that our hearts would be broken in a fresh way to give our all in praying for the lost and for revival in the church.

We're looking forward to seeing you there - may He be glorified!

Tim

There was a real sense of reverence, desperation and depth in those nights, and for 2021 I am confident that God has more. This is a time to build ourselves up in the Holy Spirit to pray for Ireland.

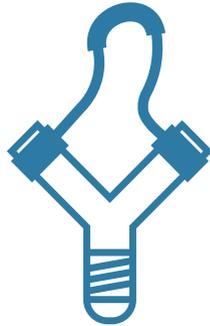


## BRING ON 2021

We could all look over the past year and think that life had to stop. Plans, ideas and dreams were all halted. Not only did it feel like everything pressed pause but it may have seemed like everything went backwards. God gave me a picture at the end of 2020 and it has filled me with hope.

A picture of a slingshot...

When the elastic on a slingshot is pulled back the tension and pressure of it all feels like at times it could snap and break. Yet in order to propel forward to new heights and further distances - that is exactly what needs to happen.



As a ministry, we've felt that feeling of being pulled back, stretched and like everyone in 2020 we have felt the pressure, but we did not break. We are in our Father's grip and I know without a doubt that He is ready to release us into new heights and new areas of ministry like never before for 2021. It fills me with hope and anticipation for what is to come.

In 2020 our mission centre in Monaghan had to close to the public, yet we've still been able to reach out into more homes in Monaghan than we ever have before - with more seeds sown there's a mighty harvest to reap. The Klass Kids Christmas production couldn't happen as usual in Crown Jesus HQ, yet more schools than ever have signed up for the

video production - and no doubt we will need one massive venue for Christmas 2021! The evangelists that have been raised up through the online School of Evangelism and Go Groups are scattered all over Ireland filled with passion and enthusiasm to share Jesus wherever they are. We've more online resources than ever to share the good news of Jesus and equip people to do the same.

The same can be said for every area of the ministry. In the midst of all the heartache, frustration and difficulties 2020 brought globally for us all, I am reminded of this verse: *"I will not cause pain without allowing something new to be born," says the Lord.*" Isaiah 66:9 (NCV)

Something new is being born. Bring on 2021!

We are so honoured, and blessed to have you stand with us with your support and your prayers.

Claire

***"I will not cause pain without allowing something new to be born," says the Lord."  
(Isaiah 66:9) NCV***

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Whatever New Year's resolutions you make, please make one to read the Bible. And not in some selective way of only reading the 'greatest hits' passages, or to get ready for a preach but of seriously going through the whole Bible in one year.

This year Amanda and I will be using a reading plan available on the *YouVersion Bible App* and on *Bible.com* called *Bible in One Year with Nicky Gumbel*. So far, we have over 100 people joining us from all walks of life; we'd love you to join us too using the [link below](#). Confession...last year I started but got distracted, maybe this year we can help each other?

Let's read the Bible humbly, confidently, prayerfully and expectantly. May we find within its pages God's living, giving and forgiving message and be refreshed, renewed and re-visited for the year ahead.

Mitch

Link: <https://bit.ly/3bhJTKv>



## MEDIA

Since most of our interaction with schools and churches has moved to digital, the media team has risen to the challenge and our department is flourishing! You'll not see us on stage or in front of the camera (very often), but we are working hard in the background. We have been busy populating our new website with digital resources for schools, filming and editing our very first online 1Way, and producing the Class Kids Christmas video complete with interactive games. We are livestreaming our HOPI worship nights, sharing the evangelism webinars, and so much more.

Give thanks to God for the favour He has shown us and pray that during 2021 we are able to grow our online interaction and reach more people.

Peter

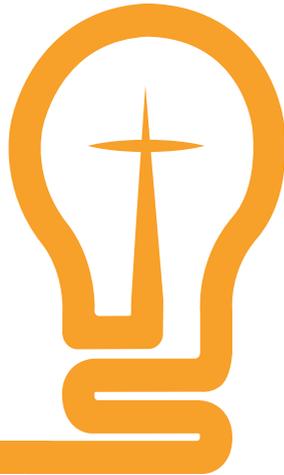


## SHINE YOUTH

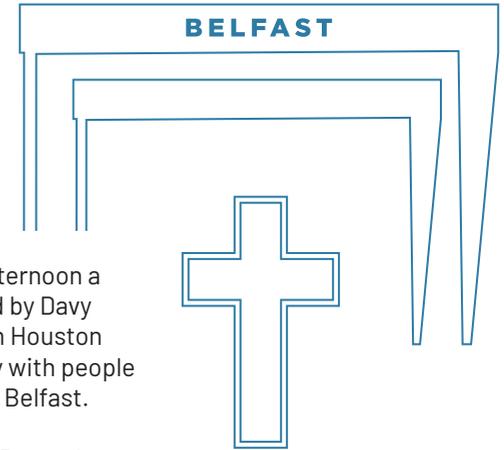
It is amazing to be part of this school project which resources and inspires teachers and pupils across the UK and Ireland to share their faith with others.

Like most things at this time, we have had to rethink how SHINE works and so this year we are delighted to be producing 3 youth videos with practical teaching on evangelism alongside a zoom seminar. We are hoping that many young people from all the countries involved will engage with this and are praying that the impact will be significant.

Stee



## SALVATION IN THE CITY



Each Monday afternoon a faithful team led by Davy Lorimer and Tim Houston continue to pray with people on Chapel Lane, Belfast.

From August to December we witnessed over 100 people respond to the Gospel and many more receive prayer. Significantly the majority of people responding were men aged 17-35.

That missing 'generation x' we talked about for 25 years? They are on the streets, and they want people to share Jesus with them in power and in simple language they understand.

Please continue to pray and support our work.

**SHINE**

Equipping young people to live for God at school



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## INTRODUCING... OUR INDIA FAMILY

This year in response to the pandemic we have donated and raised more money for overseas mission than ever before and in 2021 we pledge to double our efforts.

These are challenging days and with the UK government reducing its overseas aid budget, not only is the need greater, but there is also a reduced supply.



From Dec 2020, we are thrilled to be sponsoring not one child but a whole school in India. We will be providing every child, teacher and staff member with breakfast and lunch, and for those who board at the school (30 children), dinner and supper also.

## GO GROUPS MODULE 3

In the weeks leading up to Easter, we're going to spend six sessions together in GO Groups focussing on the death and resurrection of Jesus. We're thrilled to have our friend Dr John Andrews teaching us for this module, where we'll explore the theology and practical application of the gospel, with an emphasis on how we can better our understanding of it and share it with clarity.

We'd love you to join us for this module, whether you've been part of a group before or joining for the first time!

Sign up here: [gogroups.eventbrite.co.uk](https://gogroups.eventbrite.co.uk)



### GO GROUPS MODULE THREE

Guest Teacher: Dr John Andrews

## THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS: Why They Matter & How To Share It

Groups commencing Mon 18th Jan - 6 sessions continuing fortnightly

On Zoom 7.45pm - 9pm



## #LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR



### Love Christmas

Their vision was to mobilise an army of local volunteers to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated. We received match-funding of £2000 to distribute 200 food parcels to families in need in Monaghan.

Thank you God for all that you are doing through your church who are spreading the power of love, hope and kindness to people struggling with Covid and other social challenges this winter.

This Christmas we were delighted to be a part of #LoveYourNeighbour's Christmas campaign, LoveChristmas.



## COMMUNICATION

Our admin team have been hard at work updating our database with everyone's up-to-date contact information. If you have changed your details recently, please let us know by emailing [info@crownejesus.org](mailto:info@crownejesus.org)

You can also subscribe to our email updates by requesting this through the same email address.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you again to those who have committed to supporting the ministry through monthly giving. This regular income helps us to plan for the future. If you'd be interested in setting up a standing order, you can do this using the bank details opposite.

Please follow this up with an email to [info@crownejesus.org](mailto:info@crownejesus.org) to let us know that this is in place and whether we are able to claim gift aid on your giving.

Many thanks

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## IN CLOSING...

**“And let us  
run with  
perseverance  
the race  
marked  
out for us,  
fixing our  
eyes on  
Jesus,  
the pioneer  
and perfecter  
of faith.”  
(Heb 12:1-2)**

2020 has been a very unusual\* year (\*please insert any adjective of your choice). We've all faced monumental changes to our 'normal', experienced all emotions and sometimes none, made plans and then changed them again, and again AND probably done more exercise than in the previous 3 years combined.

I've been encouraged, inspired and delighted by the resilience, innovation and creativity our team has shown; hard working, focused, determined and most of all faith-filled. Our focus has been on Jesus; His mission, His plans and His purposes. Please pray for the team as we step into this new year, that we will have ears to hear, hearts that are expectant and feet that are ready to follow wherever He leads us.

God Bless,  
Amanda

## KEY DATES

### JANUARY

- 4 Senior Leadership Team Day
- 7 Interns Together Day
- 11 Staff Day
- 18 Senior Leadership Team Day
- 21 Board of Directors' meeting
- 22 Slemish Impact - NUA - Josh

### FEBRUARY

- 5-7 Slemish weekend - Josh
- 18 Board of Directors meeting

*Please also remember to pray for our recurring events:*

<b>GO Groups</b>	Mon & Tue evenings - fortnightly
<b>HOPI, 'If My People...'</b>	Alternate Thurs evenings
<b>Belfast Prayer Room</b>	Every Mon afternoon
<b>School of Evangelism</b>	Series of 10 Tue evenings
<b>HOPE Storehouse</b>	Every Fri morning in Monaghan
<b>HOPE Morning</b>	Every Tue morning in Monaghan
<b>UCB Interview</b>	Mitch, every Tue 11.30am - 12.30pm



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