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"Supporting the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development of Children and Young People"

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Scripture Union

Many of you will know of the work of Scripture Union. We have just become a Local Mission Partner.

Maggie is now in contact with their representatives for the South East. So, now ACTS can benefit from their resources and experience as well as exploring how we can work together in Thanet.

Dear Friends,

I do hope you are all keeping well and safe in these strange times!

It is definitely a challenge to us all to live any sort of normal life at the moment and whilst it's strange, and worrying at times, I can't help but think there is some goodness in these days for lots of reasons and new opportunities too!

I believe that Acts has an important part in reaching out with God's love to every one of the children and young people in Thanet any way we can. Right now I'm not sure what that looks like for the next few months but with your prayers and God's help, we can make a difference even in the midst of these strange days!

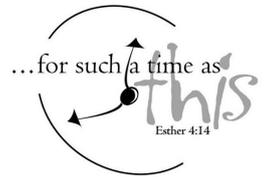
In recent days I have found myself thinking a lot about these verses:

"For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14 NKJV

I had to stop and read more of the story to remind me of the circumstances in which Queen Esther found herself. If she didn't step in, the Jews in Persia would be killed. She had to make a stand even though it put her at risk.

I still believe "for such a time as this" applies, today and every day. We're not being asked to put our lives at risk, but I believe that it's no accident that we are who we are, where we are and doing what we're doing. I believe that God has uniquely prepared us all to accomplish things for His kingdom and that he has appointed times for everything in our lives. We have to trust Him, be faithful and focus on what he calls us to do and He will bless us and everything we do for Him!

Maggie Paddison—Schools Development Worker



Reaching Out!

A letter has gone out to all the Primary Schools in Thanet via email in the last fortnight to offer them whatever help we can give. We can supply virtual material for R.E.

lessons, Prayer Spaces at Home and assemblies as well as a list of tried and tested resources that they can access on the internet. Please pray that the letters get to the right



people, that they are well received and that they will want to get in touch for our help whether or not they have engaged with us or churches before!



"It's Your Move" helps children prepare to move from Year 6 into senior school. We usually do this in classroom workshops, with workbooks funded by

local churches. It covers practical & social issues. Please pray that we can find a way of continuing to do this in these difficult times!

Prayer Pointers

- *The children & young people of Thanet and their schools.
- *The church in Thanet to work together to be the Good News to children & families across Thanet
- *God's provision for the Acts work to continue & grow!
- *Wisdom for the Trustees as they make future plans.
- *Maggie as she heads up the Acts work.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT ACTS



YOU CAN PRAY USING THE POINTERS ON THIS LETTER



WHEN SCHOOLS RETURN WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AT CHURCH EVENTS AND IN SCHOOL!



- *SIGN UP TO MAKING A MONTHLY DONATION BY STANDING ORDER
- *MAKE A ONE OFF DONATION
- *SPONSOR THE PEDAL PRAYER EVENT (PLEASE SEE BELOW)

ALL PROCEEDS GO STRAIGHT TO ACTS

MORE NEWS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF ACTS FINANCIALLY WILL BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!



The power of pedal prayer!

Sponsor Maggie as she pedals her way virtually to all 35 Primary schools in Thanet. She will stop virtually at each school to pray for the children and staff whilst they are in lockdown and preparing to open. Following the advise from the government, Maggie will cycle back and forth on the cycle path next to her house, until she has 'clocked up' the number of miles equivalent to cycling to each school. She's not sure how long this will take—it's been a long time since she's ridden a bike!

All proceeds go to ACTS. Details of how to sponsor Maggie will follow on from this Newsletter in the coming fortnight, when she will start pedalling!

Maggie will be publishing the itinerary of schools that she's virtually pedalling to each day on Facebook and by email. So you can join her 'virtually' and also pray for the children and staff of each school.

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