



St Michael's Church
Stoke Gifford



Mission Partner of the Month - February 2026



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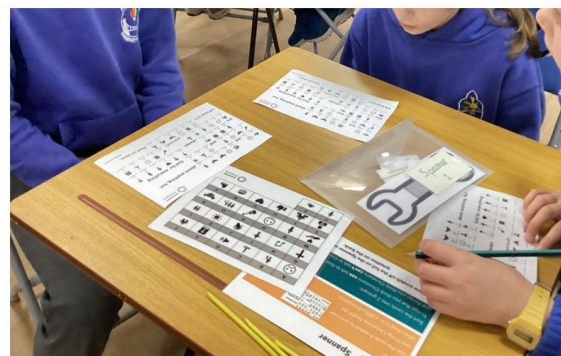
Encounter Christianity is a Bristol based charity, staffed by 4 Christian teachers and supported by volunteers from local Churches. We work in Primary, Secondary and Special Needs schools across Bristol and the surrounding areas, teaching the Christian elements of the RE curriculum from

a Christian perspective. We teach children and young people from Early Years to Sixth Form. Last year we taught approximately **7,800 pupils** about the Christian faith.

In our lessons, we share personal reflections on what it means to live out the Christian faith in today's world. We love to share our story to help to **bring Christianity to life in the classroom!** Our workshops are free to schools because we want to show God's love and grace to children, young people and school staff without charge.



Schools enjoy our visits and regularly re-book sessions with us. We aim to serve teachers as well as students, demonstrating how to teach Christianity in a fun and engaging way. Lots of staff teaching RE are non-specialists who have little or no training. We have formed some brilliant relationships with Headteachers, Heads of Department and classroom teachers, **enabling us to share what we believe with both children and adults.**





We also want to be a bridge between churches and schools, and so alongside taking volunteers into schools with us, we also host **school workshops and Trails in churches**. This enables churches to connect with the children in their local schools and allows children to meet a diverse range of Christians, maybe for the first time.



An important part of our work is hosting workshops in schools for **children with special needs and disabilities**. These are highly resourced, sensory sessions exploring a range of topics, including Jesus' parables and the people he met, the creation story, and Easter and Christmas. It is a privilege to share these workshops with children with complex needs, as well as their Learning Support Assistants.

Thank you for praying! Please pray for:

- Seeds to be sown in the lives of children and young people, teachers and support staff in schools across Bristol.
- More Christians to join us in school as volunteers.
- Energy and stamina to teach in multiple schools every day.
- The opportunity to visit Abbeywood and Wallscourt Academy.

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St. Michael's Link Person: Jess Ottaway

Other Mission News

- Give thanks for inHope reaching their matched funded giving target in December
- ...and for the expanded Church meeting space for Katia Rock's church in Florianapolis (part-financed from St Michaels HOTC fund) - its nearly full again!
- Pray for the protection of Christians in India who face pressures and attacks asking that the Lord would comfort them and for greater freedom to worship Jesus in India.
- Pray for Luke back on the OM Ship for his last six months of service - and for his future. He is currently in Dili, East Timor, (SE Asia)!
- Pray for Befriend as it provides a source of hope, friendship and community to asylum seekers, facing rising levels of uncertainty and fear - more befrienders are needed!