



## Using words to witness



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*"When will you be king? Show them you're the boss in charge of everything!"*

The coronation of King Charles III is fresh in the memory; however, the words above are from a children's book called *Are We Nearly There*

Yet? by Alison Brewis. This little book went into a pack with a chocolate Easter egg for the children of Newtownards Nursery School this year. Also at Easter, each family received a book called *The Life of Jesus* and a special knitted chick at our tots' group. These Easter and Christmas packs evolved during Covid-19. The packs contain a little book and chocolate and the children from Newtownards Nursery and P1 class of Victoria Primary School received them from Greenwell Street.

Last Christmas, the nursery was able to return to our church halls for its first Christmas nativity play after the Covid-19 pandemic. The children used Makaton sign language to explain the Christmas story in word and song. Parents went home with our church magazine and a Christmas tract. One Sunday morning during a Scripture Union presentation to the church, a parent shared how delighted she was that her daughter had come home from nursery with a little book from Greenwell Street explaining the true meaning of Christmas.

During the late Queen's platinum celebrations, both First Ards and Greenwell Street gifted every child from Victoria Primary School the book called, *Queen Elizabeth II: The Queen Who Chose*

to Serve. The principal of the school expressed her thanks, on a Facebook video clip, to the churches for the gorgeous book that explained about her faith and journey to the throne.

Tracts and books have the amazing ability to deliver the message to many people that the distributor will never meet. One day,

while seeking something to read, James Hudson Taylor turned over a basket of tracts in his father's library and selected one that was interesting. He fell down on his knees and accepted the Saviour; he then went on to

found the China Inland Mission. What a marvellous harvest with one seed sown.

At Greenwell Street we have many opportunities to spread the seed of his Word to young and old, into the community of Newtownards, praying that lives would serve the King of Kings.

Bulk purchases of books and tracts are available from publishers The Good Book Company and 10ofThose.

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#### Please pray:

- Praise God for the opportunity to share about the Lord via books, our church magazine and tracts into the community of Newtownards.
- Give thanks for our 'Fit for Life' event and fun day – praise God for those from the community who came along to these events and heard about the Saviour.
- Pray for the holiday Bible club being held 24–28 July.