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Dear Church

Lifepath is an exciting SU schools' event, held at Brinkburn Priory since 2011. It started as a 3-day event in 2011 and grew to 4 days in 2012, to 5 days in 2017 and this year it will be 5 days again! We use the lives of the saints who were instrumental in bringing Christianity to this area as our themes. **We are organising it again for 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025, using St Oswald** as our Northumbrian Saint. **Your local school is involved in this event.**

Here are 3 ways in which you can participate in it:

### **1 Prayer**

Events like this need a lot of prayer support! There are many challenges to overcome, from practical things like the weather and having enough money, to more spiritual things like providing the teaching of Jesus to the children in a real and relevant way. We are sending out Prayer letters throughout the year with specific requests for the event. We have attached the latest Prayer letter to this pack. You also can subscribe by sending an email to [Lifepathbrinkburn@gmail.com](mailto:Lifepathbrinkburn@gmail.com) with subject "Prayer letter subscription".

### **2 People**

Lifepath relies on volunteers to ensure the event is run smoothly. The people who volunteer become either "Workshop helpers" or "Pilgrim Guides". Workshop helpers have a big impact on the children as they are explaining the same activity to lots of groups. Pilgrim Guides are with the same group all day and guide them around the site. These Pilgrim Guides are the ones who build the closest relationship with the children. We need about 50 people each year to help in this and other supporting roles. In the past we have found that some people have come for only one day and others have come for the whole week! Please email us on [lifepathbrinkburn@gmail.com](mailto:lifepathbrinkburn@gmail.com) with the subject "Volunteering" and we can send you more info. There is a volunteers' leaflet included in this pack – feel free to share it with your congregation. Also, there is a Lifepath PowerPoint presentation which gives you a more detailed and visual insight about what it means to be a part of Lifepath at Brinkburn. (Either sent by email or you can find it on the website [www.mustardtreetrust.org/lifepath](http://www.mustardtreetrust.org/lifepath)). As mentioned earlier, this is something YOUR local school is involved in, so we would love it if you could show this PowerPoint to your whole church so they can talk about it with the children in your community.

We will have a volunteers training evening on 5<sup>th</sup> June from 7pm in Longframlington. This will help everyone understand a little more about what they have signed up for! If you have someone who is interested, please get them to contact us as soon as possible, and we will email more details after they apply.

### 3 Pounds

Below is a summary of our budget from last year, 2024. As you can see the children's schools pay for the event, but this covers only half the costs. We wish that all children may have access to Lifepath so we do not want to increase their contribution. We also rely heavily on the giving individuals, which we would like to reduce, so that the local Churches feel more involved in the event. We are hoping for £50 - £100 from many Churches to fund us this year. If you would like to see a more detailed set of accounts, please ask.

<b>Expenses (Approx)</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>
Workshop expenses	535
AV kit	500
Site and Toilets	1230
Refreshments, Hospitality	175
Printing of booklets, cards and DOADs	860
Admin. Expenses inc SU fee	550
<b>Total</b>	<b>3850</b>

<b>Income (Approx)</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>
Children £3 each	1725
Churches	820
Individuals	1405
<b>Total</b>	<b>3950</b>
<b>Profit</b>	<b>100</b>

Lifepath is running again this year and so to make it a viable event we need to spread out our funding and be prepared to pay for people for their expertise. Many people give their time and skill for free, and we hugely appreciate this. However, we think it is necessary to pay for craft people to demonstrate their skills and involve the children on a project. The balance in activities means that the children get a high quality, educational event that explains Christianity in a relevant, fun and thoughtful way.

If you wish to donate, you can send a cheque, made payable to "Lifepath Brinkburn" to me at the above address, or you can make a bank transfer to: "**Lifepath Brinkburn**", **HSBC, Sort code: 40-34-18 and account number: 44709667. Please note that these changed in 2023.**

We hope we have explained enough about the event to interest you but if you would like more information, please contact us directly via email [lifepathbrinkburn@gmail.com](mailto:lifepathbrinkburn@gmail.com) . If you would like to look yourself, you can find us on Facebook and look at [www.mustardtreetrust.org/lifepath](http://www.mustardtreetrust.org/lifepath)

Yours Sincerely

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