

CONNECT

SGA's magazine for kids

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WELCOME

Hello again boys and girls!

Hope you have had a great summer and enjoyed your time off school. Maybe some of you went to camp. We would love to hear how you got on and what you enjoyed about it.

Welcome to another edition of **Connect** magazine – your special magazine. We hope you will enjoy reading it.

This time the magazine is mostly all about the country of R N U K E A I

Can you work it out? It is a country we have been hearing lots about on the news. See what you can find out about this country on the next page.

There are some puzzles for you to solve and a new recipe for you to try on page 8. Maybe you would like to send us a photo of your cooking? We would love to see how you managed!

Well done to everyone who entered the competitions last time. You will find the winners on page 7. Congratulations to all of you! We look forward to your entries this time round. There is another competition for you on page 13. Have a go and see if you can win a prize!

Finally, do remember to pray for us in SGA and for all the people you will read about here.

Enjoy **Connect**!

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT



UKRAINE?



What is the most popular sport in Ukraine?

What is the population of Ukraine?

What is the capital city of Ukraine?

Did you know that Ukraine is the second-largest country in Europe by land area?

Ukraine is the world's largest sunflower seed producer

QUIZ

Can you unlock the code to find out a saying/fact about Ukraine?

☾ = A	🍷 = O
☀ = B	💡 = P
♥ = D	📖 = R
🍷 = E	👑 = S
♥ = F	☁ = T
:) = H	☁ = U
🍷 = K	

Ukraine is known as:

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What do you think this means?



LEARNING ABOUT

JESUS

I'm sure you have heard about the very sad war going on in Ukraine.

In the following pages we want you to see how God is helping and building His Church in the middle of a very sad situation.

Who teaches you about Jesus? Maybe you go to Sunday School or a children's club at church. Perhaps you go to a Christian camp during your summer holidays.



In Ukraine, the children like to learn about Jesus too but, due to the war, it's not always easy to organise these special times for children.

Anya goes to a church in Ukraine and knows how important it is to teach young people about God. That's why, though some very sad things have happened in her life, Anya still teaches the children not only on Sundays at church but also at a weekly club she organises every Saturday and a camp that takes place each summer.

Just like at your church, the children have fun playing games and singing songs, while hearing true stories from the Bible.

Please pray that the children would enjoy learning about Jesus. If you enjoy the clubs at your church, why not ask a friend to come along so you can have fun learning about Jesus together.



GRACE SHELTER



Grace Shelter is a place in the city of Odessa, Ukraine, where boys and girls who have no mum or dad are looked after by people who love them as if they were their own children.

At the moment, more than 50 children live in the Grace Shelter.

Of course, it is a very sad time for the young people and often they do not have electricity or water, which means they can't always have a warm bath or turn on the lights so they can play games.

However, even in these circumstances God is still at work. Recently four children have put their trust in Jesus.

Their names are Mark, Samuil, and sisters Lada and Yelizaveta. Why not choose one of them and pray for them by name every day, asking God that they may continue to grow strong in the Lord.



COMPETITION

Well done to all the children who took part in our two competitions from the spring edition of **Connect!**

RESULTS

COLOURING COMPETITION

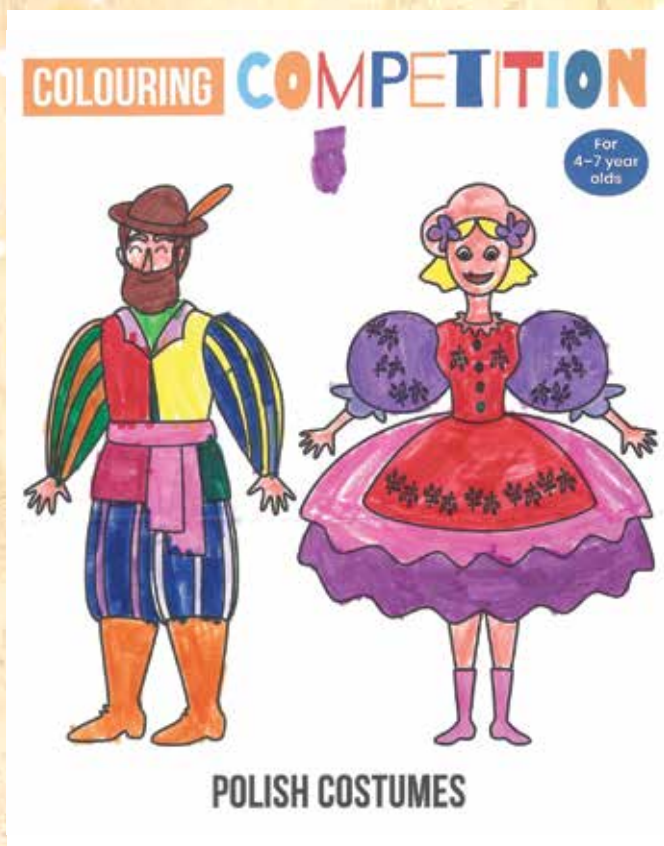
For the colouring competition, we had entries from Anna C, Caleb, Calum and Alice, Florence M, Holly M, Jesse H, Joel M, Joel S, Rachel C, Shaina K and Victoria G. The winners are:

Rachel Curnow

Age 5 from Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Calum and Alice Beattie

Both age 6 from the Isle of Lewis



WORDSEARCH COMPETITION

For the wordsearch competition, we had entries from Abigail C, Annabelle F, Daniel S, Harry P, Henry M, Jack F, Jedidiah K, Jessica F, Josh S, Joshua F, Lydia, Max P, Rachel G, Samuel C, Susie C and William N.

Many of you had a really good go at finding all the words, so we had to select our winner at random, and are pleased to announce that it is **Rachel Glass** (age 9) from Banbridge, Co Down.

HOW TO MAKE

NALYSNYKY

Nalysnyky (na-LISS-knee-key) are soft, thin pancakes, wrapped around a delicious, sweet cheese filling. Here is a recipe for making them but do ask for help from an adult when using the oven.

YOU WILL NEED

(Makes 12)

For the pancakes

- 2 eggs
- 240ml milk
- 120g flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- A pinch of salt
- A little butter (for cooking)

For the filling

- 400g cottage cheese
- 1 egg yolk
- 2–3 tablespoons of sugar
- A few raisins (optional)
- A little vanilla (if you have it)

HOW TO MAKE

1. To make the pancakes you need to put the eggs, milk, sugar and salt into a bowl and whisk everything together.
2. Then add the flour a spoonful at a time, mixing after each spoonful until you have a smooth mixture.
3. Melt a little butter in a frying pan. Add just enough mixture to make a thin pancake. Cook for about one minute each side.
4. Place on a warm plate and keep warm.
5. To make the filling, mix all the ingredients together in a bowl until you have a soft and creamy mixture.
6. Then put a spoonful of filling on each pancake, fold in the edges and roll it up like a little parcel.
7. Finally fry them gently in butter until golden or put them in a baking dish, add a little butter, and bake for 20 minutes at 180°C (160°C fan) until heated all the way through and tops are turning a golden brown colour.





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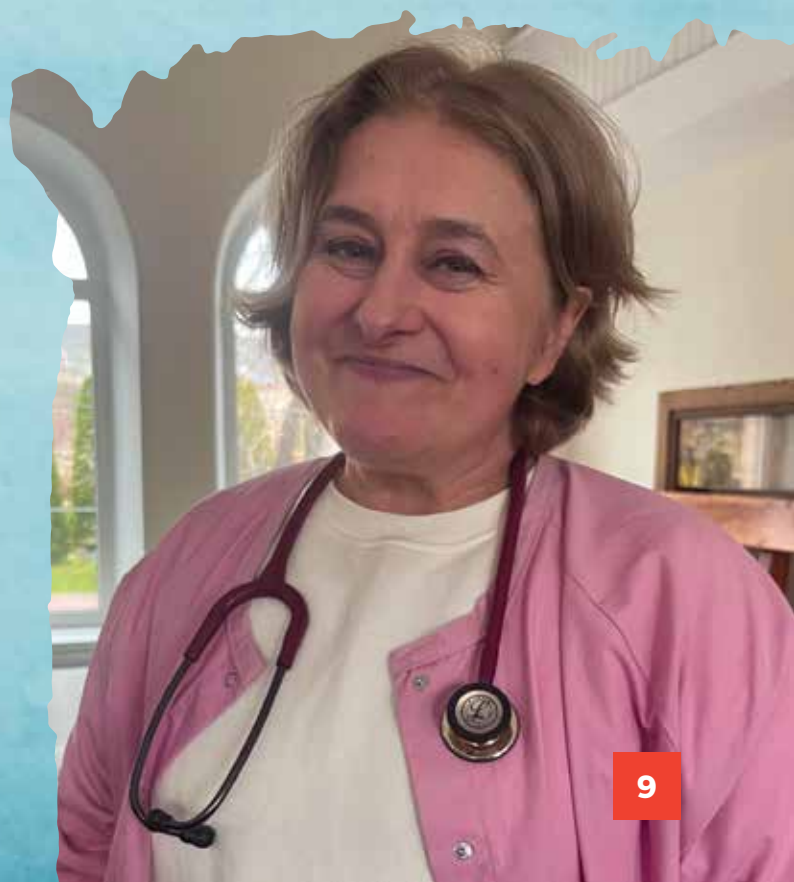
DOCTOR

Have you ever been ill and gone to see a doctor to help you get better? Now imagine there wasn't a doctor you could see – because this is what it's sometimes like in Ukraine.

That is why a team of doctors from the same church have decided to try and help people who need them. They travel all over Ukraine – even to some of the most dangerous places.

Sometimes it is a bit scary, but they still go because they believe God wants them to. They also want to do more than just treat the sick, so a pastor travels with them to tell people about Jesus.

Please pray that God would keep the team safe as they travel. Also pray that some of the sick people would come to believe in Jesus.





HOW WELL CAN YOU SEE?

Can you imagine how difficult it would be if you couldn't see? You wouldn't be able to watch your favourite TV programme or enjoy looking at beautiful scenery. You wouldn't be able to read **Connect** magazine either!

One of the many miracles Jesus did was to give sight to a man who had been born blind. However, that wasn't the greatest miracle He did that day. Later, He helped the same man understand that He is the Son of God (John 9:1-38).

In Ukraine there is a pastor called Sergey Shalinsky. He helps people see better by carrying out a simple eye test and giving them a free pair of glasses so they can read.

More than being able to read, Sergey wants them to see who Jesus is. So, he tells them from the Bible why Jesus came to earth.

Please pray for the people Sergey helps – that they would learn more about Jesus and, having had their sight improved, start to read the Bible too.

Why not tell a friend about Jesus so that they might also come to know Jesus.



A PRAYER

FOR UKRAINE

Dear God,

Please help the war in Ukraine to come to an end.

Please help the people who are hurt to get better.

Please help those who are sad to trust your promises, that one day everything will be made new.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



You could write out this prayer on your own page or ask an adult to help you cut it out carefully and stick it up in your bedroom or in a place where you will see it and always remember to pray for Ukraine.



COMPETITION

Use the space below to write out the red parts of the prayer using your own felt tips, colouring pencils etc. Then illustrate it in whatever way you want. We will send a small prize to the best entry.

Name:

Age:

Address:

Send to: SGA, 22 Little Church Street, Rugby, CV21 3AW by 31 December 2026.



MAKING

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

Some of you will have heard about SGA's 'Joy of Christmas' project or read about it in a previous **Connect** magazine.



This is a special project at Christmas to try to bring lots of joy and happiness to children who are often very sad and do not have very many nice things at Christmas. Many never receive a Christmas gift.

Will you pray that the 'Joy of Christmas' will light up the hearts of many of these little boys and girls and that they will come to know the Lord Jesus who will give them the greatest gift of all – forgiveness of sin.



MEET INKAR FROM KAZAKHSTAN

My name is Inkar. I am only eight years old. My parents recently became Christians and I have been curious to find out more about God. So, I started asking my mum many questions like: "Who is God? What is He like? What does He know about me? How does He know me?"



Then, during a Christmas celebration, I received a very special gift from a group of visitors to our town. While the other children were excited about the sweets and toys in the box, I discovered a letter inside the gift and immediately began reading it. It was a letter written personally to me, and even in my own language, Kazakh — so I could understand everything in it.

This letter answered all my questions and I ran to my mum and said, "God loves me! He wrote this letter to me! He knows everything about me!" It changed my life!

Of course, after that, I looked at the rest of my gifts and happily explored every little thing inside. But, throughout the rest of the evening, I kept smiling as I remembered how God loved me and how all my questions had been answered through this special letter explaining to me about His love for me.

Please pray for Inkar and her family.

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AND PRAY

You can pray for all the people and countries you have read about in **Connect**. God loves to hear your prayers.

- Pray for the boys and girls in Ukraine – that they will be kept safe and that the war will end very soon.
- Pray for all the children in Grace Shelter, and for the adults who look after them. Ask God to keep them all safe.
- Pray for the doctors who travel all over Ukraine trying to help sick people. Ask God to keep them safe as they travel.
- Pray for Inkar and her family in Kazakhstan – that they will become strong in their faith.

