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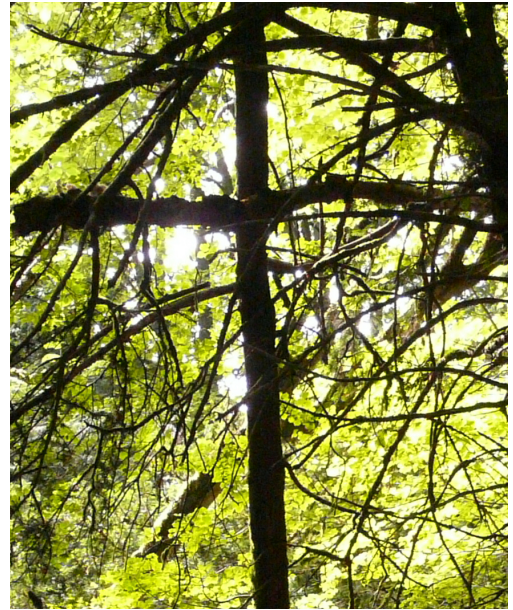
Prayer Pointers

March to April 2021



What God has said isn't only alive and active! It is sharper than any double-edged sword. His word can cut through our spirits and souls and through our joints and marrow, until it discovers the desires and thoughts of our hearts.

Hebrews 4:12 (CEV)



In the coming weeks pupils will be returning to school after a considerable break due to the Pandemic. Where parents and carers are probably breathing a sigh of relief, there will be many children and young people anxious about going back into the classroom again. However, all is being done to ensure the safety, health and well-being of both pupils and staff. Support structures are being put into place within the school environment for all, as well as regular testing for the virus. Alongside this is the good news that Covid-19 cases are going down, and that the vaccination programme is having an impact in that decrease.

For CIS it has been a year since we've had a physical presence in many of the schools that we're involved with. Even though schools are reopening at present we do not know if we'll be able to return to normal with taking Hubs/CUs, involvement with Pastoral/Chaplaincy work or taking live assemblies in school halls. We long to return to normal, we long to be 'Physically' back in school,

however, until that happens we will continue to pray and support them as we have done over this past year.

Throughout this time CIS has continued to take assemblies in whichever format schools require. Within them the Word of God, the Good News of Jesus, has gone out. What individual's response to those assemblies has been we may never know. What we do know is that God will use His Word to draw children, young people and adults to Himself.

Here are some things to thank God for and to pray for.

Please thank God for...

- ▶ pupils being able to return to school over the coming weeks
- ▶ the trustees as they oversee the work of CIS; Chris Jenkins (Chair), Crista Haak, Kevin How (Secretary), Roger Aldridge, Ashley and Chris Croft, Penny Bainbridge and Martin Money (Treasurer)

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- ▶ Carol Griffiths, who has just stepped down from being a Trustee. Thank God for her commitment and involvement to CIS from the very beginning of its ministry into schools
- ▶ the continued positive response from schools to the filmed and edited assemblies
- ▶ that relationships with schools have been maintained despite Christopher not being able to be physically present
- ▶ that the SPACE interactive resource for schools is now ready to be used within schools

Please pray for...

- ▶ pupils and staff as they transition back to 'Face to Face' learning.
- ▶ pupils from Knights Templar, Etonbury Academy, Highfield and Fearnhill who have not been able to attend Hubs/ CU's during the lockdown restrictions. Pray that there would be opportunities to meet during the coming term
- ▶ Assemblies

The following schools will be showing an Easter themed recorded assembly the week of the 22nd March:

Etonbury Academy

Fearnhill School

Grange Academy

Norton St. Nicholas

Pix Brook Academy

Roecroft Lower School

St. Francis College (Seniors)

- ▶ Other assemblies

St. Francis College Prep. 22nd March and 26th April (live via Zoom); **Grange Academy** 21st April (live via Microsoft Team)

Future assemblies, in person, live or recorded, will be taken at Etonbury Academy, Fearnhill, Norton St. Nicholas, Pix Brook Academy, Roecroft Lower School and St. Mary's C of E Academy Stotfold as well but dates have still to be confirmed.

- ▶ the trustees as they meet on the 20th April
- ▶ the opportunity to be able take It's Your Move presentations with Year 6 pupils in Junior Schools in the Summer term
- ▶ Christopher as he spends time in preparation, particularly within the realms of filming and editing material for assemblies

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At the moment Prayer Meetings are taking place on Zoom on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:30am and the 4th Monday of the month at 2pm. If you would like to know more about these meetings then please contact Christopher on the above email address or contact Penny Bainbridge on 07974944175 for more details.