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A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:26-29

We've reached the last term of this academic year. A term with more Bank Holidays than usual due to a significant event in the history of our nation. And no, it doesn't have anything to do with sport!

In 1953 Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation was a break through moment for the medium of television. 27 million people in the UK (out of the 36 million population) watched the ceremony on television and 11 million listened on the radio (I know, the figures don't add up!). Millions around the world were able to watch it as well.

King Charles III's Coronation was watched by a smaller live audience, figures peaking at 20.4 million people

at the moment the King was crowned. But the service itself was based around communion. At the heart of all that happened the service pointed to the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, our Saviour, Jesus Christ the Son of God.

The image above is of the Corona in Hereford Cathedral, an artwork depicting the Crown of Thorns that Jesus was made to wear on the cross. As the Archbishop of Canterbury put it in his sermon at the Coronation, *His throne was a Cross. His crown was made of thorns. His regalia were the wounds that pierced his body.*

And to such a King, we who are called by His name, we are to show our allegiance, an allegiance which Thomas

declares in his declaration as the risen Lord Jesus appears before him,

"My Lord and my God."

It is to our Servant King that we bow before, the Servant King who King Charles III himself declared,

In his name, and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve.

The Archbishop reiterated this when he said.

Each of us is called by God to serve. Whatever that looks like in our own lives, each of us can choose God's way today.

That is our prayer as we seek to serve Him in the schools of Letchworth and District.

Below are some items to thank God for and to pray for.

Please thank God for...

- ▶ the positive response from children and staff who attended the Easter Journey at St. Paul's
- ▶ the continued involvement in the life of so many schools in Letchworth and District
- ▶ the positive response from schools to the assemblies taken so far this term
- ▶ the good relationships CIS has with many schools, both secondary and junior, in the area
- ▶ Christopher's role as Chaplain at Etonbury Academy and as he seeks to re-establish the role amongst staff at St. Francis College

Please pray for...

- ▶ all Year 6 pupils as they take their SATs the week of 8th May

- ▶ All Year 11 pupils as they take their GCSEs and Year 13 pupils as they take their A Levels in the coming months
- ▶ the It's Your Move books as they go to every Year 6 pupil in the 13 Junior/Primary Schools in our area
- ▶ Future Assemblies:
 - St. Mary's C of E Academy, Stotfold** 15th May and 19th June; **Norton St. Nicholas C of E Primary School** 16th May and 12th June; **Pixbrook Academy** 18th and 19th May, and 8th and 9th June; **St. Francis College Prep.** 22nd May and 12th June; **Roecroft Lower School** 23rd May; **Grange Academy** 24th May; **Etonbury Academy** 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th June;
- ▶ Speaking Engagements
 - Kings Community Church** 21st May
- ▶ the trustees as they meet on the 24th May, that they would know God's leading, guidance and wisdom.
- ▶ Christopher as he spends time in preparation and also for good health and stamina

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There is a group that meets to pray for the schools in the area on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:30am. If you would like to join with others to pray then please contact Penny Bainbridge on 07974944175 for more details.