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Prayer Pointers

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Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Isaiah 30:21

The Summer gives us all time to take a break away from the routines of our everyday lives. It brings with it the opportunity to visit new places and try new things in order to bring rest, refreshment, renewal and restoration into our lives. All this enables us to prepare for what's to come, and in terms of schools, that means preparing for the new academic year.

For CIS last year was significant in many ways. For the first time since the pandemic we were able to begin running lunchtime clubs once more in three schools. The response from staff and pupils to the assemblies that were taken were incredibly positive and encouraging. In one school a Deputy Head was heard to say in front of those assembled that the assembly taken was the best in the whole of the academic year. There was the opportunity to take lessons again with Year 10 pupils taking GCSE RE. All this added to already ongoing ministry

that CIS has been involved with over many years.

In March 2024 CIS will have been actively involved with schools in our area for 20 years. An event celebrating this is in the process of being planned, more details to follow.

CIS owes a great deal to those who had the vision for this ministry, particularly to Pauline Wade, the driving force behind a God given vision. A vision that led to a ministry that has impacted the lives of thousands of children and young people over the past 20 years. And that vision has not diminished.

In Isaiah 30 we read these words, *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."*

For CIS this is important as we seek to continue what was started 20 years ago. As we seek to continue to minister

Please turn over

the Good News of Jesus to children and young people across schools in Letchworth and District we need to know God's leading, wisdom and guidance more today than ever before. Your prayers are appreciated as we seek the way ahead.

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

Please thank God...

- ▶ for all those involved in educating the children and young people in the schools in Letchworth and District
- ▶ for the holiday clubs and camps that children and young people were able to access over the Summer, and for all that they would have learnt
- ▶ for all those involved in working with young people and children in our churches
- ▶ for the number of assemblies already booked for this term
- ▶ for the Trustees who oversee the work of CIS; Roger Aldridge, Penny Bainbridge, Ashley and Chris Croft, Chris Jenkins and Martin Money

Please pray...

- ▶ for all pupils and staff as they return to school after the Summer break
- ▶ for all those who received their A level and GCSE results as they make plans for the future, and particularly those who are going to university for the first time or going on a gap year
- ▶ for pupils, particularly those in Year 7, and staff who have moved on to new schools
- ▶ for those moving on to College/ University, Gap Year or Employment

▶ **Future Assemblies**

St. Francis College Prep. 18th and 22nd September, 16th October;
Grange Academy 20th September and 11th October

Other assemblies still to be booked at Etonbury Academy, Norton St. Nicholas, Roecroft Lower School and St. Mary's C of E Academy, Stotfold

▶ **Speaking Engagements**

New Life Church 17th September and 15th October

St. Thomas Church 1st October

▶ **Future Events**

CIS Concert Friday 22nd September, Baldock Methodist

CIS Annual Celebration Tuesday 17th October, Grange Baptist Church

CIS Quiz Friday 24th November, The Icknield Centre (home of LGCC)

- ▶ for the restarting of the Hubs/CUs

Monday Etonbury Academy;

Friday Highfield and Fearnhill

- ▶ the Trustees as they meet together on 20th September

- ▶ Christopher as he begins his 15th year of ministry with CIS

Thank you for your continued prayer and practical support

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