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Prayer Pointers

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You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honour.

Psalm 8:1b-5

It is always amazing to me how it is so easy to slip back into routine after a break. That has been more evident to me having just returned from a Sabbatical. The three month period provided a time of rest, refreshment and renewal, part of which was a four week time away with my wife Jane visiting the Islands of Jersey and Shetland.

That time away was very special as we travelled around the two islands. It gave us time to talk and reflect on our thirty nine years of marriage, of all that had happened both things that had brought us great joy and also some of the struggles we've faced. It enabled us to reflect on what the future might



look like. Retirement looms in the not too distant future for both of us. What will not being in employment look like ?

After twenty years of ministry in schools CIS has been looking back at how far we've come in that time. At the Annual Celebration in October we've asked Pauline Wade to share her reflections, from initial vision to where the ministry is right now.

As I commence my sixteenth year as schools worker for CIS I find myself looking forward to the coming year with a sense of excitement, to the assemblies, lunchtime clubs, pastoral and chaplaincy work which have been a staple of the ministry of CIS over the years. In my first weeks back new opportunities for involvement in schools have come our way which we thank God for. And I believe that Father God has other things in store for us over the coming academic year.

Please turn over

At this time of year a change in the season seems more obvious. The misty mornings hint of change ahead. Yet our Creator God, who has set the seasons in place, does not change and sits on the throne. And as the words in Psalm 8 show us He cares for us, is mindful of us, has crowned us with glory and honour.

In that special relationship that we have with Him we know His presence and guidance, and as we seek to present the Good News of Jesus to children and young people across schools in Letchworth and District we need to know that more and more. Pray with us as we go in His name as He leads and guide us.

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 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, Martin Money and Christine Sheriff

Please pray...

- ▶ for all pupils and staff as they return to school after the Summer break particularly for those who have moved schools
- ▶ 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

▶ **Future Assemblies**

St. Francis College Prep. 23rd September and 18th October; **Grange Academy** 25th September and 23rd October; **Etonbury Academy** 27th September, 14th to 18th October and 25th October; **St. Mary's C of E Academy, Stotfold** 1st October; **Gothic Mede Academy** 11th October; **Norton St. Nicholas C of E VA Primary School** 14th October

▶ **SPACE Interactive Resource**

Norton St. Nicholas C of E VA Primary School 9th October

▶ **Speaking Engagements**

New Life Church 25th September

▶ **Future Events**

CIS Concert Friday 27th September, Baldock URC

CIS Annual Celebration Tuesday 22nd October, Grange Baptist Church

CIS Quiz Friday 29th November, The Icknield Centre (home of LGCC)

- ▶ for the Hubs/CUs - **Monday** Etonbury Academy; **Friday** Fearnhill

- ▶ the Trustees as they meet together on 9th October

- ▶ Christopher as he continues as Schools Worker for CIS

Thank you for your continued prayer and practical support

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