



CIS
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Prayer Pointers

January to February 2025

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Scripture Union

So this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.

I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb-line!

Isaiah 28:16-17a



Whilst on holiday in Northumberland in 2010 I decided to get up early to see a sun rise at Bamburgh Castle. Getting up early is not a problem for me so, leaving the rest of the family sound asleep, I made my way over to the village. With the camera ready on the tripod I then waited.

The weather forecast for the day was for clear skies and so it proved. The sun rose colouring the sky in a beautiful array of reds, oranges, yellows and golds. These were reflected onto the castle as you can see from the image above.

When it comes to sunrises or sunsets I much prefer a sunrise. Yes, it does take more of an effort because of having to get up early to catch one, but it is, I feel, a great way to start a day. And in

terms of starting a new year an image of a sunrise is entirely appropriate.

With this in mind I wonder how we're preparing for 2025? Are we ready for the opportunities a new year brings? Have we set plans in place for what we'd like to achieve this year? Have we given time to talk to God and asked Him to guide us as we start a new year?

Another reason for the image above is the castle itself. Bamburgh Castle has foundations built on solid rock. As Followers of Jesus our lives are built on Him, the One sure and solid foundation. It is in Him and through Him that we live and have our being.

A worship song that has become popular over the past few years has these lyrics;

Please turn over.

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name
Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord,
Lord of all.*

As we commence this new year my prayer for each one of us is that our lives will continue to be built on Jesus, the Solid Rock, and that our trust and faith will solely be in Him.

Have a great year!

Christopher Baker - Schools Worker

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

Please thank God...

- ▶ for the positive response from pupils and staff who attended the Christmas Journey presentation at St. Paul's before Christmas
- ▶ for the continued encouragement received from staff for all that CIS is involved in within schools
- ▶ for enabling CIS to maintain good and positive relationships with schools
- ▶ for the increase in numbers attending lunchtime clubs

Please pray...

- ▶ for forthcoming assemblies and other speaking engagements.
- ▶ Assemblies:- **Roecroft Lower School** 9th and 16th January and 27th February; **Grange Academy** 22nd

January and 12th February; **St. Mary's C of E Academy, Stotfold** 27th January and 10th February; **St. Francis College Prep.** 10th February; **Norton St. Nicholas C of E (VA) Primary School** 10th February

(Other dates to be arranged and confirmed)

- ▶ Speaking Engagements:- **New Life Church, Letchworth** 19th January and 16th February; **King's Baptist Church, Stotfold** 9th February
- ▶ for the Hubs/CUs
 - Monday** Etonbury Academy
 - Friday** Fearnhill
- ▶ for the Trustees as they oversee the ministry of CIS; Roger Aldridge, Penny Bainbridge, Ashley and Chris Croft, Martin Money and Christine Sherriff. Also pray for wisdom as they seek to find others to join the Trustees and particularly for a new Chair Person.
- ▶ for Christopher as he prepares for assemblies, Hubs/CUs, sermons and other events this half-term

Thank you for your continued prayer and practical support

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