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# Prayer Pointers



**November to December 2020**

*...the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.*

*Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'*

*Luke 2:10-11*



As we near the end of the Autumn Term it has been good to see that schools have stayed open to pupils of all ages. Although this has been good for both staff and pupils there has still been times of disruption as some staff and pupils have gone down with COVID-19 leading to self-isolation and online learning once more.

As cases have risen across our nation this has caused anxiety and fear in many people. Being prevented from being physically with family and friends has caused issues with people's mental health, and this has been particularly evident amongst children and young people.

We have all had to deal with a loss of freedom due to restrictions placed upon us. It's been a time of uncertainty, no clear idea of when

this will be over and we can get back to normal.

Over 2,000 years ago the people of Israel faced a similar situation. The loss of freedom due to a Roman occupation, restrictions in place. A time of uncertainty, a time of anxiety and fear. And into that situation a baby was born.

The message of the angel to the shepherds was Good News for all people. A Saviour had been born. The Son of God, the Lamb of God, the Prince of Peace.

As we head towards the 25th December let's pray that the Prince of Peace, our Saviour Jesus Christ, will dwell in people's hearts through His Spirit.

Over the page are some items to thank God for and to pray for over the next few weeks.

## Please thank God...

- ▶ that schools have remained open this term
- ▶ for the trustees as they oversee the work of CIS; Chris Jenkins (Chair), Crista Haak, Carol Griffiths, Kevin How (Secretary), Roger Aldridge, Ashley and Chris Croft, Penny Bainbridge and Martin Money (Treasurer)
- ▶ that Christopher has adjusted to not being able to go into schools and has been able to deliver assemblies remotely or recorded
- ▶ that schools have responded positively to the filmed and edited assemblies this term
- ▶ that relationships with schools have been maintained despite restrictions

## Please pray ...

- ▶ for all pupils who are taking Mock Exams at this time
- ▶ for all staff and pupils, that they would experience good health as they head towards the end of term
- ▶ that those who are fearful and anxious would know God's peace
- ▶ that the assemblies that will be done remotely or recorded will be positively received

*Future Assemblies;*

**St. Francis College Prep.** 7th December (via Zoom); **Etonbury Academy** week of 14th December

(Recording); **Grange Academy** 16th December (via Microsoft Teams); **Pix Brook Academy** week of 14th December (Recording) **St. Mary's C of E Academy** week of 14th December (Recording); **Fearnhill** week of 14th December (Recording); **Roecroft Lower School** week of 14th December (Recording)

- ▶ that all staff and pupils would have a good break over the Christmas period
- ▶ Christopher as he comes to the end of a busy term, having learned new skills and adapted to changes in working practice. Pray that he would be refreshed over the Christmas period and ready for all that is to come in 2021

**Thank you for your prayers and support during 2020. Have a happy and peaceful Christmas.**

*Thank you for your continued prayer and practical support*

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**Dates for your diaries.**

**CIS Annual Celebration - Tuesday 16th March 2021 at Grange Baptist Church**