



**Christian
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Prayer Pointers

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“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion - to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour.”

Isaiah 61:1-3

The academic year is over and schools and colleges have shut for the Summer. This now gives a time to rest, relax and recharge. A time to reflect on what has gone before. A time to regroup and refocus on what is to come.

For CIS this has been a challenging year. Being unable to be present in schools has been hard, as has going to a virtual setting for assemblies and having to film and edit them for many schools. New skills have been learnt but the ministry of CIS has



continued to be effective during these strange times. Relationships with schools, despite the restrictions, still remain strong which we thank God for.

The verses from Isaiah are words that Jesus used in the Synagogue in Nazareth after His time in the wilderness (*Luke 4:14-21*). Words that described what He had come to do. A manifesto which Jesus fulfilled in word and deed, of which we too are to follow.

My prayer is that we become those ‘Oaks of Righteousness’, with deep roots embedded in Jesus and in God’s word so that we might be those who display the Lord’s splendour in all that we do and say. *Please turn over for items to thank God for and to pray for.*

Please thank God ...

- ▶ for all that CIS has been able to do despite the restrictions due to Covid-19
- ▶ That strong relationships with schools have been maintained
- ▶ for the positive response to the recorded assemblies that schools have received
- ▶ for the Trustees who continue to oversee the ministry of CIS; Chris Jenkins (Chair), Crista Haak, Kevin How (Secretary), Roger Aldridge, Ashley and Chris Croft, Penny Bainbridge and Martin Money (Treasurer)

Please pray ...

- ▶ for all staff and pupils as they come to the end of the academic year, that they would be able to rest and relax with their families during the Summer break
- ▶ for all pupils and staff who are moving to new schools in September
- ▶ for those moving on to College/University, Gap Year or Employment

- ▶ for all local churches running Summer Programmes/Holiday Clubs during the school holiday
- ▶ for Christopher as he prepares for the coming Autumn Term and all that will bring
- ▶ For a time of rest and refreshment for Christopher as he comes to the end of another academic year with CIS

Thank you for your continued prayer and practical support

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Dates for your diaries

Concert in aid of CIS

*Friday 17th September 2021 at
7:30 - Baldock Methodist Church*

CIS Annual Celebration

*Tuesday 19th October 2021 at
7:30pm - Grange Baptist Church*

CIS Quiz

*Friday 26th November 2021 at
7pm - LGCC*