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Prayer Pointers

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“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30



The end is nearly in sight! A few more weeks and it will be the end of another academic year. Year 11 and 13 pupils have finished exams. They will now be awaiting the results of their labours in August. For Year 6 pupils time is marching on as they prepare to leave their junior schools and move up to secondary. Change is the order of the day at the moment.

The summer break will enable staff and pupil to rest, relax, refresh and recharge. Hopefully that's something we'll all be able to do as we take holidays over the summer period.

For all of us times of rest are important; to get away from the everyday routine of life and do something, go somewhere, different; to expand our horizons and go to places that we've never been, do things that we've

never done; to spend time with family and friends which we may not have been able to do at other times.

We all need to have breaks from the humdrum of everyday life, to regain strength and energy, to refocus on what the future may hold for us. Perhaps that also means for us to refocus our lives back on our relationship with God. Away from the normality of everyday life that sometimes gets in the way, a time away can do us good in helping us to look up to Him rather than the situations and difficulties which we face in our lives.

In Matthew 11:28-29 Jesus says this.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take

Please turn over

my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The yoke of Jesus is easy and light. It doesn't rest on our shoulders alone. It rests across Jesus' shoulders as well.

In training oxen or horses to pull farm machinery a young animal would be put with an experienced one. The young animal would learn from the experienced one, that to pull together was better than trying to go in different directions.

Jesus helps us to go His way, the right way, as we share a yoke with Him. He is gentle and humble with us as He leads and teaches us in the way we should go.

I hope that over the summer we get the rest that we all need, and thank you for partnering with CIS through prayer during this academic year.

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

Please thank God for...

- ▶ All that CIS has been involved with in schools this past year; assemblies, chaplaincy and pastoral support
- ▶ All Teachers, TAs and Support Staff who work within schools to educate our children and young people
- ▶ Those who work with children and young people week by week in our local churches
- ▶ The Trustees who oversee the work of CIS; Roger Aldridge, Penny Bainbridge, Ashley and Chris Croft, Chris Jenkins and Martin Money

Please pray for...

- ▶ Year 6 pupils who will be preparing for their move to Secondary School (*Year 6 Transition Day is Thursday 13th July*)
- ▶ Year 11 and 13 pupils as they await their GCSE and A level results to arrive in August
- ▶ those moving on to College, Gap Year or University in September
- ▶ the *It's Your Move* Book that every Year 6 pupil will receive in the coming weeks to help them with their transition to Secondary Schools
- ▶ **Future Assemblies**
 - St. Francis College Prep.*** 3rd July
 - Grange Academy*** 19th July
 - St. Mary's C of E Academy Stotfold*** 20th July
- ▶ **Speaking Engagements**
 - St. Thomas Church*** 9th July
 - Grange Baptist Afternoon Fellowship*** 13th July
- ▶ staff and pupils as they come to the end of another academic year, that they would be able to rest and relax with their families during the Summer break

Thank you for your continued prayer and practical support

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