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# Prayer Pointers

## March to April 2025

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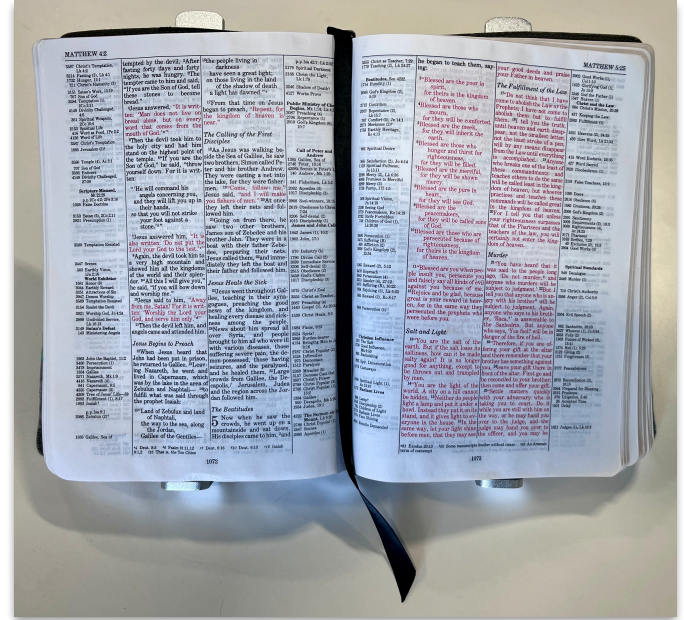
Scripture Union

The tempter came to Him and said,  
"If you are the Son of God, tell  
these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered,

"It is written: 'Man does not live  
on bread alone, but on every  
word that comes from the mouth  
of God.'"

*Matthew 4:3-4*



This time of year sees many changes in the natural world. Bulbs that have been dormant are beginning to burst forth and bringing colour back to our garden borders. Daylight is lengthening, enabling us to travel to and from our places of work without having our headlights on. In the countryside new life is visible with the arrival of new born lambs gambolling around in fields. All this pointing to the coming of Spring and the end of the dark days of Winter.

For those of us who are Followers of Jesus the idea of the end of darkness and the coming of light has a bigger meaning, and with the season of Lent our focus turns towards the events of that first Easter; a time of preparation,

an opportunity to go deeper with God. A time for personal reflection that prepares our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Resurrection Day.

Before beginning His earthly ministry Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness. During that time He had no food to eat, and when Jesus was at His weakest the Devil throws temptation His way. Firstly to satisfy His hunger. "Turn these stones to bread;" The second was more extreme, "Throw yourself off the Temple;" "Will God really save you if you do? Finally, Satan says to Jesus that he'll give Him all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would bow down and worship him.

And in all this Jesus resists. He is secure in who He is, in His relationship with

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His Father and in all that He has come to do. In the wilderness Jesus had time to prepare for what was to come and over the next 3 years fulfils His Father's will. As Jesus spent time away from the every day my hope is that we will be able to do the same during this Lenten period; to pray and to go deeper with God and to allow His word to nourish and feed us.

### **Christopher Baker - Schools Worker**

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

#### **Please thank God...**

- ▶ for Christopher's continuing role as Chaplain at Etonbury Academy and for the relationships that have been established with staff and pupil alike over many years
- ▶ for the continued encouragement received from staff for all that CIS is involved in within schools
- ▶ for Christian members of staff involved in the life of our schools; teachers, classroom assistants, administrative staff, lunch-time supervisors and governors
- ▶ for the continued increase in numbers attending lunchtime clubs

#### **Please pray...**

- ▶ for forthcoming assemblies and other speaking engagements.
- ▶ Assemblies:- **Norton St. Nicholas C of E (VA) Primary School** 4th and 26th March; **Gothic Mede Academy** 7th and 28th March; **Grange**

**Academy** 12th March and 2nd April;  
**Etonbury Academy** Year Group Assemblies 17th - 21st March; **Pix Brook Academy** Year Group Assemblies 24th - 28th March;  
**Roecroft Lower School** 27th March;  
**St. Francis College Prep.** 31st March and 28th April; **St. Mary's C of E Academy, Stotfold** 1st April

- ▶ Speaking Engagements:- **King's Community Church, Letchworth** 2nd March; **King's Baptist Church, Stotfold** 16th March; **New Life Church, Letchworth** 23rd March; **Grange Baptist Church Lunch Club** 1st April; **St. Thomas' Church, Letchworth** 13th April
- ▶ for the Hubs/CUs  
**Monday** Etonbury Academy  
**Friday** Fearnhill
- ▶ for the Trustees as they oversee the ministry of CIS and meet together on 12th March
- ▶ for Christopher as he prepares for assemblies, Hubs/CUs, sermons and other events leading up to Easter and beyond

*Thank you for your continued prayer and practical support*

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