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Prayer Pointers

November to December 2025

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Scripture Union

...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



The second part of the Autumn Term is always extremely busy. For Year 7s, adjusting to having a different teacher for each subject can be quite challenging, particularly if a pupil finds it difficult to connect with a member of staff. The focus is on learning and preparing for the future, and there is often little attention given to the festival in December unless someone takes an assembly about it.

Within Junior and Primary Schools, it's very different. There are Carol Concerts, Christingle services and Nativity plays to prepare and rehearse for. Excitement grows as we head towards the 25th of December.

I wonder how we will view the coming weeks. Are they a time of planning for the big day - rushing around to ensure everything is in place for the festivities? Or could this be a time of reflection, a

chance to pause and remember that there is more to this season?

At the end of November, we enter the season of Advent. Candles will once again be lit in our churches, guiding us towards the One True Light - the Light of the World - who came to drive out darkness, not only in our world but within our lives.

The message of the angels to the shepherds was not just good news for them, but for everyone: a Saviour was born. The Son of God, the Lamb of God, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World.

As we head towards the 25th of December, let us pray that the Light of the World, Jesus, the Son of God, will shine His light into the dark places of people's hearts and lives, and draw them into relationship with Himself, as was the plan from the very beginning.

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

Please thank God...

- ★ for the well attended Annual Celebration
- ★ for the positive response from pupils and staff to the assemblies that have already been taken this term
- ★ for the trustees as they oversee the work of CIS; Ashley Croft (Interim Chair), Penny Bainbridge (Secretary), Martin Money (Treasurer), Roger Aldridge, Graham Clark, Chris Croft and Christine Sherriff
- ★ for the strong relationships that CIS has continued to build within the schools that it is involved in

Please pray ...

- ★ for all pupils who are taking Mock Exams at this time
- ★ for all staff and pupils, that they would experience good health during this half-term
- ★ for forthcoming assemblies and other speaking engagements.
- ★ Assemblies:-
Etonbury Academy 7th, 14th and 28th November and 12th December; **Pix Brook Academy** 17th - 21st November; **Grange Academy** 19th November and 17th December; **St. Francis College Prep.** 21st November and 8th December; **St. Mary's C of E**

Academy 24th November and 16th December; **Roecroft Lower School** 27th November **Norton St.**

Nicholas 1st December;

- ★ Other Speaking Engagements and Events

King's Baptist Church, Stotfold 9th November

Leading Act of Remembrance at Etonbury Academy 11th November

King's Community Church 16th November

Grange Academy Christingle Service at St. George's Church 5th December

St. Francis College Prep. Carol Concert 10th December

New Life Church 14th December

- ★ for the Fearnhill CU that meets on a Friday lunchtime

- ★ for Christopher as he prepares for all the events listed during this half-term

Thank you for your prayers and practical support during 2025.

Have a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

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