

## Prayer Items

**Thank God** for the life of Pauline Wade and the impact she had on so many

**Thank God** for the vision for a schools work ministry in this area that Pauline had and the lives of those who have had the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus in schools

### **Please pray for:**

Pauline's family at this time of loss, that God would be their strength, support and comfort

### **Assemblies**

**Grange Academy** 25th February, 25th March; **St. Francis College Prep.** 23rd March; **Etonbury Academy** 23rd to 27th March; **Roecroft Lower School** 26th March

*(Other assembly dates to be confirmed)*

### **Speaking Engagements**

**Grange Baptist Church** Lunch Club 3rd February; **King's Community Church** 8th March

### **Future Events**

**CIS Quiz** Friday 19th June 7:00pm The Icknield Centre, home of LGCC

**CIS Annual Celebration** Tuesday 13th October, 7:30pm Grange Baptist Church

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*"The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith."*

Billy Graham

Billy Graham's words challenge us to reflect on what truly matters. What we leave behind is not our material possessions, but the kind of life we have lived — a legacy of character, honesty, kindness, and perseverance. A life that impacts others for good. A life well lived.

With that in mind, the focus of this newsletter is to remember the life of **Pauline Wade**, who sadly lost her battle with cancer in December. If anyone embodied the words of Billy Graham, Pauline certainly did. She was a preacher, teacher, church leader, and youth and children's worker. She had a deep passion for children and young people, longing to see them reach their full potential through a relationship with Jesus. She was committed to giving them the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus where they were — particularly in schools.

Pauline's vision for a schools ministry in this area came to fruition in March 2004, when CIS was born. Her passion to ensure that children and young people could hear about Jesus — His life, death, and resurrection — has resulted in thousands hearing the Good News presented to them in relevant and meaningful ways in the schools they attend. Without her obedience to God and her perseverance in seeing vision become reality, this ministry would never have existed.

Thank you, Pauline. Though we mourn your passing, your legacy lives on through the ministry you founded and in the many lives that have been impacted for good because of you.

**Christopher Baker, Schools Worker**

## CIS Tribute to Pauline Wade

It was my privilege and honour to be a part of Christian Initiative to Schools, Letchworth & District (CIS) since it's inception in 2004 - initially as part of the steering team, then for 18 years having various roles as trustee, chair, secretary and line manager to our schools workers. The present trustees, who continue this great ministry, have asked me to write this tribute.



CIS came about because of the vision for a schools' ministry in this area that God gave to an individual a few years before. An individual with great tenacity, determination and perseverance. An individual who brought people together to pray, to prepare the ground and in March 2004 see the formation of CIS. I want to pay tribute to my very good friend Pauline Wade, who had that original vision then her dedication and commitment to God as He led her to see the fulfilment of that vision come true.

In the early noughties Pauline was very active at Etonbury middle school taking assemblies and lessons, and she wanted to expand her ministry for schools' work, so she applied to the Bedford Schools Trust who were looking for a schools worker. After a number of interviews she secured this position – but she had to turn this job down - because God clearly told her *'you should be sitting on the other side of the interview table!'*

I gladly became one of the original trustees working with Pauline, but then I remember she insisted I became CIS Chair! As trustees we worked hard to see this fledgling ministry take flight, going about fundraising, promoting the ministry, obtaining charitable status, gathering prayer and practical support plus creating strong foundations upon which this ministry was built. These firm and deep foundations are still clearly evident today - the longevity of this charity over 20+ years is testimony to God's hand on this work.

Pauline was also instrumental in the selection and mentoring of our first two schools workers, firstly Jenny Kimble – now Revd Jenny Kimble MA - Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Regents Theological College in

Malvern. Secondly, Alex Drew, who is now Director of Training at Youthscape in Luton, helping resource the Church to train and form Volunteer Youth Leaders across the UK. As their line manager it was so encouraging to oversee their personal development as they each served God for two years as our schools workers.

Since 2009 Christopher Baker has served God in this role, having a wealth of over 30 years experience & faithfully serving CIS for 16 years and counting! Christopher has also developed a chaplaincy work which has been of great benefit to teachers as well as their pupils with the attendant pressures of academic attainment targets. Clearly, he has a great rapport with all the schools he visits, as well as fantastic feedback from many assemblies.

Pauline was a proactive trustee for many years. During her active life she had a great love of childrens and youth work - teaching children, running clubs, heading up holiday clubs, leading Youth Alphas & SU Open the



Book sessions as well as having continuing contact with schools work. She also served God faithfully on the leadership teams of three local churches - namely King's Baptist Church, Stotfold, Fairfield Church and latterly King's Community Church, Letchworth. In what ever role she was serving in she always championed children's and youth work.

Sadly she recently lost her life to cancer after a brave and courageous battle over 3 years – but we are all sure that today she is dancing in heaven wearing that long blond curly wig – one of her trademarks!

Join with me will you in thanking God for Pauline and her vision, ministry and unwavering energy. We pray that CIS will continue to go from strength to strength over the next 20 years!

We also ask God for his comfort & peace upon Pauline's family, her husband Peter and their sons Andrew and Richard as well as her brother David along with their families.

**Kevin How**