



PRAYER DIARY APRIL/MAY 2019

APRIL 2019

1st

Please pray for Ipswich School as they follow an Alpha-style exploration of Jesus and the Christian Faith. Thank God that so many are interested in Confirmation and pray that we may continue to have meaningful conversations and courage as the course leads into a declaration of faith for those wanting to take the next step needed in their faith.

2nd

Please pray for Northgate 6th Form's Faith Formation group as numbers grow and they begin to think about what they want to do with the group. Please give thanks for the teachers who help facilitate the group, in particular Vicky Hendry who will be leaving shortly for her new job. Thank God for the inspiration and care she has demonstrated to the students and pray she settles well into her new role.

3rd

With Easter being at the end of the holidays, please pray that the children in Rock Solid at St John's Primary School will remember all that they've connected with in their last session today and carry it with them through the lead up to Easter.

4th

Ant and Luke will be at Chantry, do pray for more opportunities to build trust and relationship with the children there and that they will be alert to where God's Spirit is moving through the day. Also for the Staff 'Re-charge' after school that God will open up doors which were not open before.

5th

Please pray for everyone attending St John's Primary School's Easter service at the church today. Pray that children, parents and staff will see the Easter story with fresh eyes.

6th

Today, we thank God for all of the opportunities that Kymmene and Josh have had to share their passion for children to discover their value. As they prepare for the new African Adventure season, please pray that we would continue to recognise and respond to these great opportunities when they come.

7th

Please pray for all the schools that have been visited by our 'Elevate' assembly team in the last two weeks of term. Pray that the holidays will be a time for the children to reflect on what they heard in these assemblies.

8th

As many schools commence their Easter holiday, we pray for rest and refreshment for school staff and leadership. We are so grateful for the school staff in our town.

9th

We are really busy getting ready for next month's Junior Sizewell weekend 'Look Beyond'. Please pray for our team as we work to prepare material and resources that will help children to see things from God's perspective (as well as having a really fun time with us!)

10th

All three of our students are at Ridley College for a teaching week this week. This is especially significant for Nikki and Harry as they are reaching the end of their studies. Please pray that the week is helpful and encouraging for Mirin, Harry and Nikki.

11th

Please pray for all the children and young people in Ipswich who do not enjoy the holidays due to challenging family circumstances.

12th

Pray into all that has been sown from the Kindness Campaign at Chantry Academy. From assemblies, sharing the parable of the Good Samaritan, reflections, activities and free gifts. Pray that next term we'll see the fruit. Kindness is a superpower!

13th

Today we would love you to pray for all of the members of school staff preparing for their trips to African Adventure. This can be a stressful experience so please pray for peace for them, and wisdom for Josh and Kymmene as they do all they can to facilitate that process and be a light throughout it.

14th

Pray for Shepherd Drive Baptist Church who are great supporters in prayer of Susanna and the college at Suffolk One. Pray that God would bless this church family as they seek to be a blessing to their community, particularly as they reach out to the young people in their area.

15th

It's our 24 hour Prayer Event today! Please pray for all who are taking part, especially Heather and Simon who are covering the whole 24 hour period! We want this to be a powerful and special time of prayer to God, praying for the needs of our town; especially the children and young people in it.

16th

Pray for the young people who attended the Youth Alpha reunion sessions at St Alban's, that they would commit their lives to Jesus and that they would continue to seek Him.

17th

Please thank God for all the school visits Josh has made over the last term. Whether they have been meeting children that are coming to African Adventure, parents of those children and staff. Pray for continued excitement and blessing over each them.

18th

Please pray for Westbridge Academy students over the Easter holiday. School holidays can often cause disruption for these students.

19th

Today, we thank God for our Gap Year student, Luke. Luke is full of faith and has a wonderful passion for building relationships and sharing the Gospel with children and young people. Please pray for encouragement and equipping for him as he continues to develop his skills and abilities.

20th

As we remember all that Jesus has sacrificed for us and wait for the celebration of Easter Sunday, we pray for those children, young people and staff who are living with sadness and grief. May they know that God is with them, even on the saddest of days.

21st

He is Alive! We wish all CYM supporters a very special Easter this year. We pray that you will feel God's presence in your lives today.

22nd

Lift up all the staff Ant serves at Chantry Academy as the Easter break comes to a close. Pray for all the conversations, God moments, blessings and encouragements that have happened last term and for right-time right-place God incidences this new term.

23rd

We pray for all the chaplains returning to their schools today after the Easter break. Fill them with vision, grace and peace for all that they want to accomplish this term in school.

24th

Please pray for all staff at St Margaret's as they return after the Easter Holiday that they will feel energised and full of God's love after having a rest.

25th

Please pray today for the upcoming results from Ofsted for Westbridge Academy. There will undoubtedly be stress around this issue.

26th

We pray for our town, for all the children and young people who are desperately seeking places of acceptance and belonging, but are filling that gap with relationships that are risky for them (gangs, online culture etc). We pray for God's protection over them and for them to find places of belonging in safe, healthy ways.

27th

Please pray for our African Adventure 'open morning', that people would be encouraged by the work we do and be prompted to support us in our work, prayerfully and financially.

28th

Thank God for all the amazing, unplanned conversations that take place between CYM team and school staff. There is often an unexpected openness to faith conversations; we pray that God would provide more of these opportunities and give us the words to share Jesus.

29th

Pray for the children at St Matthew's School who have recently completed 'Lead Now', looking at ways they can grow into leadership potential. They finish today with an assembly to show what they have learnt. Pray that this whole experience will have a positive impact on the lives of each of the children.

30th

Prayer for Heather, Mirin and Luke as they head into St Margaret's - that they would have the opportunity to deepen relationships with the children and staff and that they would be filled with the Joy of the Spirit so that it sweeps through and touches lives.



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1st

(St Mary's Woodbridge visiting African Adventure this week)

We pray today for protection over many students in our town who may be lured into the current gang culture. Students in a number of our schools experience this as a very real problem in their lives.

2nd

We thank God today for our Trustees. Their wisdom, care and insight drives and supports our work and their willingness to step out in faith with us encourages us hugely. We are so grateful today for the time that they dedicate to their roles.

3rd

Do pray that God would leave a deposit of faith, hope and love in each child of St Mary's Woodbridge. That they would in the years to come speak of how AA was a foundation stone in their journey of coming to know and adore Jesus Christ.

4th

Thank God for the Collective + group at St Alban's which is for Year 9 students. Particularly pray for Matt from St Augustine's who helps lead the group.

5th

We thank God today for the staff team at Westbridge Academy. We are grateful for their dedication and patience in what are sometimes very trying situations.

6th

Pray for that our chaplain Josh will be able to break new ground in relationships with the children and staff of St Matthew's and that Josh would have opportunities to share a facet of God's heart in that place with full assurance of faith

7th

We thank God for all the incredible ways God is working through Chaplaincy at Chantry Academy. We ask you to especially pray for Rev. Donna Gibbs who loves coming each week, faithfully supporting Ant and caring for students and staff. Donna has a heart and gift for journeying alongside young women reflects God's love for them.

8th

Please give thanks that the Alpha Group at the Coffee Bar at Colchester Road Baptist Church has gone well. Please pray that as the course comes to an end the leaders can continue having meaningful conversations about life and faith with all the young people who come through the doors.

9th

Please pray for the vision of African Adventure. We had an amazing image from God of Jesus showing us a fruitful land from a mountain top. We are believing that Jesus is going to continue to guide African Adventure to new places. Please pray for the whole team that we find time to reflect on Jesus' vision of that mountain top. Pray expectantly that Jesus is going to continue to grow and nurture relationships we have through African Adventure.

10th

Do pray that our Chaplain Tim will have boldness and courage to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit today. That the children at Westbridge Academy would continue to see the light of Christ in Tim, that Tim would have more opportunities to share his faith and experiences to the children.

11th

We ask God that through Collective at St Alban's, Year 7 and 8 students would really be able to explore what it means to have faith and that they would have a 'revelation' of who God is.

12th

Please pray for an amazing outpouring of God's Spirit, joy and presence at May Sizewell weekend. That the children and adults would really know who Jesus is and how much He loves them.

13th

Please pray for all involved in the preparation for May Sizewell that they will not forget God in their busy schedule in this week leading up to the weekend.

14th

(Ipswich High School visiting African Adventure this week)

Pray for the young people at Suffolk One College who are now moving into exam season. Pray that God's peace would be evident in the college community.

15th

Please pray for our third year students Harry and Nikki as they work toward finalising their dissertations, compiling evidence and presenting arguments using their findings. Please pray for clarity in their words and the energy to complete their assignments.

16th

We pray for all the CYM chaplains attending a conference in Ipswich today, that they will be inspired by meeting chaplains who work in other settings, and refreshed by having a day to reflect.

17th

Please pray for all the children arriving at Sizewell Hall today for the 'Look Beyond' weekend. We pray they will all grasp how amazing God is and how much He cares for them.

18th

It's our Junior Sizewell weekend! Approx. 60 8-11 year olds are descending on Sizewell Hall and we have the privilege of getting to know them and sharing God's love with them. Please pray that they would all have an amazing time and grow in their love and understanding of God.

19th

Please pray for all the leaders at May Sizewell that God will guide them through their words and actions to offer the best experience for all the children attending and that they will learn about the amazing love that God has for them.

20th

Pray for all the students that are being mentored and supported through Chaplaincy at Chantry Academy, that through the care and understanding Ant and the team provide, they will see breakthroughs,

empowerment, healing, freedom, hope and a greater sense of belonging. Pray for wisdom and a tangible presence of God with them in their mentoring sessions.

21st

Please pray for Harry and Nikki today as they prepare for a day at Ridley tomorrow. Pray that they will be ready to reflect on their time in their placements, and at Ridley, as they share their time with the others on their course.

22nd

Let's pray today for all the children who attended our May Sizewell weekend. We pray that the things they learnt and the experiences they had will stay with them and encourage them to consider their relationship with Jesus in a new and fresh way.

23rd

Please pray for the mental health of the students at Stoke Academy, that there will be a healing of minds at the school.

24th

Today please pause and pray for St Matthew's School as Josh is busy at African Adventure. St Matthew's is going through lots of change at the moment, so please pray that Jesus will meet staff and children in the school to calm anxiety and provide energy and space for those who need it.

25th

Please pray for the staff at Stoke Academy, pray that morale will grow and we will see really positive outcomes from our work.

26th

Daniel the Chaplain at Stoke Academy would like prayers of support, in particular that his role will continue to develop into the role that God sees best for the school.

27th

Please pray for the current year elevens at Stoke Academy. A lot of them are having issues with anxiety due to exams coming up, so this year group needs lots of prayer.

28th

Please pray for protection and blessing for all at Sizewell, the new managers in post, the building and grounds and African Adventure staff and volunteers. We are so fortunate year on year to have experienced divine protection and amazing favour, please pray that this continues so the site can be used to reach more and more people for God's kingdom.

29th

As we are now well into another financial year, we thank God for His provision for our work and pray that the right finances will be available to us in this coming financial year, to reach many more students and members of staff.

30th

Please pray for the leadership team at Suffolk One College, in particular the Principal Alan Whittaker who will be retiring at the end of this academic year and current Deputy Principal Jenny Milsom who will be stepping into the role from August. Pray for a smooth transition for the individuals concerned and the college.

31st

Pray for Nikki and Harry as they finish their dissertations, that the experience and journey they have had in writing them will impact them and the area they have chosen to focus on. Pray particularly for the effect this work could have on African Adventure, as this is Nikki's chosen area of study.