

Newsletter

Autumn Term

2022



It's lovely to hear that so many Christians are now back in school, supporting the staff and pupils. We continue to pray for all teaching staff week by week as they nurture and teach our children and young people. We are excited by the opportunities given to the church body to be praying but also taking RE lessons, assemblies, working in chaplaincy roles and school governors, sharing stories and helping with sport or simply listening to children read. Take a look at what our else our partners and friends are doing via the links on our website. Do let us know the ways you are serving your local school. We will share some more ideas about this during [Love our Schools](#) in February.

We hope that you have been able to gather Christians together to pray for your local schools. As Paul puts it *"Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God"* Colossians 4 v 2 (GNT) In Matthew's gospel Jesus himself says *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you"* Matthew 7 v 7

We have produced some prayer resources for PrayDay, **Tuesday 15th November**, the Europe-wide day for Praying for Schools. They focus on **praying for Christian students in their schools**, many of whom will be taking part in SU's Shine in Schools. Others will have special activities in their schools for Anti-bullying Week.

Let's pray this November for all the children and young people in our local schools. See page 2 for link to the resources

We have arranged a couple of **Prayer Zooms for PrayDay** with the **theme of School Chaplaincy** in partnership with the Centre of Chaplaincy Why not join us for the early morning or lunchtime event. See page 3

The Association of Christian Teachers (ACT) would love to hear your views on "How we can better serve Christians in Education". Follow the [link](#) and let them know before PrayDay

PFS Wales are continuing to hold twice termly prayer zooms gathering people from different denominations and regions of the country. These are bilingual and we have Welsh language and English break-out rooms. **The next PFS Wales Prayer Zoom is on Thursday 24th November at 12.30pm.**

In some schools there will soon be preparations for Advent as we lead up to Christmas and we have included information about resources from Spinnaker and Tales from the Miracle Book on pages 7 and 8

Do let us know any answered prayers and please email if we can help at all.

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See Page 5 for details of our PrayDay Zooms on the 15th November



YOUTH FOR CHRIST



Free Churches Group





PRAY DAY



The Pursuit of Happiness

TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2022



Inspired by Scripture Union's '**Shine in Schools**' initiative, we are focusing on young people in schools who follow Jesus; the opportunities they have, the pressures they face as well as organisations supporting them. Shine in Schools' strapline is "**Equipping Young People to live for God at school**".

SHINE is a partnership between Crown Jesus Ministries, Scripture Union NI, Logos Ministries International, Scripture Union England and Wales, Scripture Union Ireland and Scripture Union Scotland. It is run in November right across the UK and Ireland. SHINE aims to equip young people to live for God at school and create opportunities for them to explore the Christian faith for themselves. SHINE is a 3 week video resource designed to equip young people to share their faith within school. If the group is for non-christians it also has videos to explore who Jesus is and explore faith. Don't worry if you can't run it in November as it works equally well at any time of the year. www.su.org.uk/shine

This year the theme is **The Pursuit of Happiness**

We have produced some Pray for Schools resources which we hope will inspire you. They are based on the Beatitudes and Psalm 1 download [here](#)

The new prayers are also available on page 4





This PrayDay you're warmly invited to join us online !

We will host two Zoom PrayDay sessions with a theme of [School Chaplaincy](#)

Tuesday 15 November at 7am and 1pm

Poster on page 5

7am - sign up [here](#)

1pm- sign up [here](#)

The Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer

The Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer will be a huge, thought-provoking piece of public art, aiming to kindle conversations about prayer. The iconic structure will be constructed using one million bricks, each brick featuring an answered prayer. This Christian landmark will make hope visible by digitally linking visitors to a unique database of one million answered prayers, using interactive technology. Visitors will be able to use their smart device, holding it against any brick to read the individual answered prayers. <https://www.eternalwall.org.uk/> Building has begun!

This magnificent structure will enable God's name to be glorified for generations to come. Pray for Schools has submitted an answered prayer - over the last 20 years there has been a real increase in prayer for schools, so that a banner of God's blessing can be over our children and young people.

If you want to submit your own answered prayer there is still time. The Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer would love to hear from prayer groups, organisations and individuals with stories of answered prayers. Submit [here](#) but as always remember confidentiality.





Some prayers for PrayDay—see our full resources on the PFS [website](https://www.prayforschools.org)

<https://www.prayforschools.org/pray-day-for-schools>

Faith and witness

Heavenly Father, thank You for young people in our churches and the youth leaders schools workers and chaplains who encourage them in their walk with Jesus. Give them the opportunities and gentle boldness they need to share their faith with others at school and to 'walk the talk' well. Amen.

Mental health concerns

Lord, we lift to You anyone who is struggling with their mental health: living with depression, coping with problems at home or with friends, battling with eating disorders and other challenges. Deliver them we pray through Your healing power and the support of others. Amen.

Educational challenges

Lord of all wisdom and knowledge, please send help to students who have fallen behind because of Covid, a specific learning difficulty, emotional pressures or difficult relationships in school and at home. Grant hope and success as these young people find the will and energy to try their best and rescue them when they fail. Amen.

Fulfilment now and in the future

Merciful God, we ask for these young people to have opportunities and inspiration to discover what You have placed within them – creativity, leadership, caring hearts, special skills and passions – and grow and flourish. We pray for your light and love to shine upon children who are unable to thrive in this way. Amen.

Security and guidance

Jesus our Saviour, please help all who work with young people who are in trouble through their unwise choices: using drugs and alcohol, caught up in harmful online activity, involved in gangs and other difficult situations. We pray for freedom to turn away and seek what is good for their lives, now and in the future. Amen.



PrayDay is Tuesday 15 Nov !

*Pray for Schools and Centre
for Chaplaincy in Education
are hosting two 45 min
prayer zooms
at 7am and 1pm.*

Theme -School Chaplaincy.

All welcome.

Register here for [7am](#) and here for [1pm](#)





Have you used our **Ten Ways to Pray for Schools** pdf? Download a copy [here](#)

See www.prayforschools.org/prayers/assorted prayers

From teaching staff to vulnerable children, the resource provides ten short prayers for schools with Bible verses.

Love our Schools 2022

5th February – 19th February 2022



Our Vision—Every School a prayed-for School.

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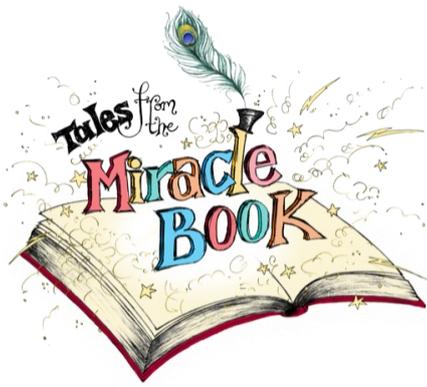
www.prayforschools.org

Our friends at Spinnaker have released more in their series of Collective Worship resources: including Jesus gives us Hope about the "Beautiful Attitudes" and Jesus teaches on prayer. New episodes for Christmas are coming soon!

They are free to download www.spinnaker.org.uk/resources

Do pray for your local schools work charity and support them if you are able.





Tales from the Miracle Book's **A Christmas Tale**

This is available as a collection of films and is a delight to watch. The Christmas films are a part of their annual subscription service for Collective Worships/ RE lessons with over 60 films and Collective Worships to choose from!

Watch the trailer [here](#)

