

# The CROPS Prayer Diary

**Please note: All events appear in the prayer diary a day prior to the event to accommodate those who like to pray in the evening (unless it is made clear on the entry).**

## Autumn Term September-October 2018

The start of the Autumn Term is always a busy and challenging time so your prayers are especially needed at this time.

We're really thrilled to welcome Ethan Smith, our gap year worker who is joining us this year and are looking forward to the unique skills that he will bring to the team.

**18<sup>th</sup> September:** Please pray for students, TAs and teachers across Peterborough as they continue to settle in to the new term at school and college. Pray especially for all the Year 7 students as they adjust to the giant leap to secondary education.

**19<sup>th</sup> September:** Please pray for the Youth Forum meet up- an opportunity for local youth workers to come together to support and encourage one another and to share ideas. Pray too for the CROPS team as they meet to plan for October's Letton.

**20<sup>th</sup> September:** Please pray for all support staff working in our schools including caretakers, cleaners, dinner ladies, taxi and bus drivers. Their roles are invaluable and much appreciated.

**23<sup>rd</sup> September:** Please pray for Chris and the volunteer mentors as they resume their work with the students in their care. Thank God for the amazing difference that their work is making to vulnerable young people.

*The mentoring team is growing and we are delighted to welcome four new volunteers this term. We are now working in 11 secondary schools across Peterborough, and hoping to add another in the coming weeks.*

**24<sup>th</sup> September:** Please pray for Rachel Jessup as she works with students at Discovery Primary Academy, exploring the New Testament with them.

**25<sup>th</sup> September:** Pray also for Rachel as she leads school assembly at St John's C of E primary. The theme is 'The secret servant'.

**26<sup>th</sup> September:** Please pray for the mentoring sessions that take place at Orton Bushfield Academy (OBA) on Wednesdays.

**27<sup>th</sup> September:** Pray for Matt as he goes on his retreat day to Edenham, that he will benefit from this quiet time of reflection.

- 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Pray for the mentoring work with students at Jack Hunt (JH), Kings and Stanground Academy (SA) on Mondays.
- 1<sup>st</sup> October:** Your prayers are needed for the Chaplaincy session at Peterborough Regional College (PRC) this week. Pray for the team as they seek to support young people and and share Christian faith whilst working together with Chaplaincy team of other Faiths.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October:** Please pray for the students at OBA who attend the weekly Hot Chocolate Club. Pray that it will be a safe and supportive opportunity for students to enjoy.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** Please pray for the students attending 'Park Up' at Kings, as well as for the 'Alternative Worship' session there that Matt & Ethan will be leading.
- 4<sup>th</sup> October:** Please pray for the CROPS team as they come together for their weekly meeting. Pray that they will continue to gain support from one another and that they will have a sense of God's presence as they plan next steps.
- 7<sup>th</sup> October:** Please pray for the mentoring sessions that take place on Tuesdays at the City of Peterborough Academy (COPA), Ken Stimpson Community School (KS) and the Greater Peterborough University Technical College (GPUTC).
- 8<sup>th</sup> October:** Pray for the CROPS Trustees as they meet to reflect and plan. Thank God for the time and talents that they so willingly give.
- 10<sup>th</sup> October:** Please pray for the mentoring sessions that take place on Thursdays at Thomas Deacon Academy (TDA), Nene Park academy (NPA) and Queen Katherine Academy (QKA).
- 11<sup>th</sup> October:** Another month has flown by and it's time for The Point again. Pray for the team as they set up and get organised for this monthly event at Park Road Baptist Church. *Please see the CROPS web site for more details [www.crops.org.uk](http://www.crops.org.uk)*
- 12<sup>th</sup> October:** Please pray for Daniel Beckett as he prepares to be the guest speaker at the 'The Point' this month. Daniel is the Youth & Children's Pastor at Godmanchester Baptist Church. Pray for the young people attending, that their hearts and minds might be open to what is being said.
- 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Please pray for students attending the lunch time 'Prayer Space' sessions at William Law C E School on Mondays.

**Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> October:**

We would be especially grateful for your thoughts and prayers this week as we make final preparations for the Letton Houseparty (22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> October 2018). As you can imagine there is a lot to get organised for the 60 or so young people who will be joining us. We are excited to see what our Letton time together brings.

The theme for this half term is 'No Longer I' thinking about the Lordship of Christ in all areas of our lives. Tim Sandford is the guest speaker and he works for Souster Youth, a charity reaching out to young people in East Northamptonshire. He says:

*'This Letton we'll drill down to ask some big questions about what it really means to be a Christian. Is it a box you tick on your social media profile? A piece of jewellery you wear? A church you go to? A prayer you pray?'*

For more information please go to [www.crops.org.uk](http://www.crops.org.uk)

**COMING SOON!!!!**

We are also excited to be involved in working with local Churches to help support the Illuminate Tour that is coming to Peterborough in November – visiting 14 secondary schools. To find out more about this please go to [www.illuminateyourcity.com](http://www.illuminateyourcity.com)

**“ Illuminate is a mission to young people in the UK and beyond. We want to see millions of young people connected to Jesus in our Generation.**

**We do this nationwide, through music, mainstream presence, schools tours, using music to connect with young people & effective follow up.”**

We'll be providing more information about this amazing initiative in next month's prayer diary so watch this space ;)

**As always we'd like to say a big 'THANK YOU' for all your on-going prayer support for the CROPS team and the work we do. We really couldn't do it without you 😊**