

Newsletter

Autumn 2016



Dear Friends,

This year PrayDay is on Tuesday 15th November 2016

We would love to see more young people getting involved and we are using **#SayDoPray16** to engage with other Christian groups around the country. Many are already praying and will join us during the week of 14-19th November and take part in **#SayDoPray16**



Say something encouraging; **Do** something kind; **Pray** for a friend.

We're sure you can come up with other suggestions. We are also asking young people to share a tweet of the following verses from **2 Corinthians Chapter 5 v 18-20**

All this is from God. Through Christ, God made peace between himself and us. And God gave us the work of bringing people into peace with him. I mean that God was in Christ, making peace between the world and himself. In Christ, God did not hold people guilty for their sins. And he gave us this message of peace to tell people. So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is like God is calling to people through us. We speak for Christ when we beg you to be at peace with God. (Easy Read Version)

Why not join in the fun and tell young people about our campaign.

- Use Social media to promote **#SayDoPray16**
- Simply pray on your own sometime on PrayDay
- Run a prayer meeting or a Prayer Marathon in your school with permission, for pupils and staff
- Organize a prayer evening for everyone from your church
- Offer to lead an assembly about what prayer means to Christians
- Perhaps teach an RE lesson on how and why Christians pray
- Prayer Walk around your local school and area—see our prayer walking [video](#)
- Give a gift of a plant or a cake to the teachers in your school
- Take a look at the Shine in Schools website—(more on Page 2)

May God Bless all you do as you pray and serve your local Schools

Jane Newey Pray for Schools England Coordinator



More Prayer ideas on our website— look under events and Prayday or Resources plus see the German SMD website

www.prayday.smd.org/en/prayday/

Available in English as well as German

We plan to have a creative prayer page on our website in 2017





SHINING ON PRAYDAY



Shine is an initiative organised by Crown Jesus Ministries, Scripture Union NI and Logos Ministries International. This year they are delighted to welcome Scripture Union England and Wales on board as Shine goes NATIONAL. They hope to inspire teachers, Christian group leaders and pupils across England, Wales and Northern Ireland to pray for their schools and to motivate them to reach out with the Good News of Jesus.

"We are so encouraged," said Celia Bowring, Chair of Pray for Schools, "that so many schools are taking part. What an opportunity to be part of something significant across the UK".

If your school would like to take part in Shine 2016 then please register on line with Shine in Schools at www.shineinschools.com and please let Pray for Schools know how you get on.

Let's SHINE together!

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Spotlight on **Open the Book**

Children love stories especially Bible stories when they are interactive, engaging and fun. That’s what Open the Book is all about. Teams of between four and eight storytellers tell Bible stories in primary schools, using drama, props and costumes, to bring the stories to life. Whether it’s as simple as a tunic or a large scale boat, the props can make all the difference!

Open the Book has thousands of volunteers from local churches, dramatizing Bible stories in a programme to provide a daily act of collective worship/assembly to work together and support their local school. There is also the option to use extra Bible stories with a Christian values approach

“Open the Book now regularly reaches over 600,000 children in over 2,400 schools. There are more than 14,000 volunteers – but we still can’t meet the demand” said Julie Jefferies, the OtB Development Manager. Do consider if your prayer group could help.

Pray for Schools are delighted to be working closely with Open the Book both nationally and locally to provide more prayer and events, to cover more areas with Christian prayer. We are working with regional trainers to offer prayer events starting in February 2016.



Encouraged to start a prayer group for your local area? Do email us and we will give you a helping hand.

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Other News:

Please take time and comment on the Department of Education’s survey as they seek views on proposals to create more good school places.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/schools-that-work-for-everyone>

Deadline 12th December 2016

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