

Prayer Breakfast - June 2026

It is the final week of the school term, and our prayer breakfast follows the day the schools break up for the summer. This is another milestone for us as a project as we work our calendar around the school term.

With all the challenges that DACYP has encountered recently, we are thankful to God for getting us to the end of term and pulling us through them. Although there is still a bit of paperwork to sign off (we have been waiting for several weeks for this to be issued), we are grateful to be back in school and serving God in different ways.

Returning to school - Our return to school has fallen in one of the busiest and chaotic times of the year. School trips, shows, transition days, sports days and proms make for an exciting, celebratory time. DACYP has been able to support this through my own time in schools, and with volunteers helping out in classes and on trips.

- ***Thank God for these opportunities and for the relationships we are able to build through them.***

In amongst the busyness, I have been able to reconnect with individuals who I had been supporting earlier in the year. Many of these are folk who need ongoing support and guidance. As we head towards the holidays I am mindful that some will have little support to hand.

- ***Pray for those young people who will find summer a struggle. Help them to be safe and at peace as they navigate the difficulties they face in life.***
- ***Pray that these folk will access our summer programme.***

P7 Leavers - I have been able to write a card for each of the P7's, offering words of encouragement, based on the story of Joshua. I also managed to run a RME/Pastoral lesson with them that explored our fears and how to deal with them. I offered faith as a useful resource to draw on.

- ***I told the children you would be praying for them as they navigate transition. So please do pray for them as they adjust to a new school, and manage all their feelings about this.***

Lads Group at DGS - A constant throughout all of our recent struggles has been the Lads Group. We have kept this going and it is still providing a space for the boys to talk openly about their lives. As a team, it is a real privilege to have this insight and connection.

- ***Pray for the lads to be safe throughout the holidays. Like many lads of that age they are high risk takers...acting before they think!***

Finances - We had our joint management group and trustees meeting recently. One thing that was raised is that our financial health is not as good as we would like it to be. For various reasons we are drawing on reserves for the 3rd year running.

Throughout the story of DACYP, God has provided. We believe He will again, and we want you to be aware that this is an area of DACYP that does need more help.

- ***Pray for our fundraising group as they continue to apply for grants, despite the many knockbacks they have faced.***
- ***Pray for individual supporters to increase. These are our financial bedrock and we are thankful for their generosity.***

Summer Programme - Our next adventure is the Life Bites and Life Walks programme. Both have already had bookings, but we have loads of spaces on them. A huge amount of work goes into these and they are particularly good for young people who value contact with sensible? adults.

- ***Pray for the team delivering these events. Thank God for their faithful service and pray they will be encouraged.***
- ***Pray for young people to sign up for these events. We trust God to hand pick them, so pray we will be guided to them too.***

Scripture Union Holiday - At the end of July I will be taking a small group to the SU Holiday at Scoughall. It is a great week where we can be much more explicit about discussing faith. It is a safe, temporary Christian community and God does great things there.

- ***Thank God for Sandy and Liam who came to faith there last year, have found local churches to attend and are returning. Sandy is a trainee leader and very excited about serving with the team.***
- ***Pray for John and Sarah who run the camp. A huge responsibility to carry and an organisational mountain to climb.***
- ***Some of the young people I am taking have not been to anything like this before. They have no church connection and are looking forward to it.***

I am sure there are other things to add, but we can discuss them prayerfully on Saturday. Thank you again for your precious support. Have a great summer and do keep in touch.

Richard