

## Prayer Breakfast - February 2026

Thank you for your ongoing support for DACYP. It is easy to get caught up in the human aspects of DACYP, the organisation, the meetings, people and strategies. These are all important but behind this, and underpinning our work, is God. These prayer bulletins and breakfasts are a great way to do that. It is an encouraging discipline and practice that we have found ourselves following. And although half the time is taken up with eating at our breakfasts, our conversations are usually pointing to the glory of God and what He is doing.

**Easter Primary 4's** - Coming up on 12 March, is our Easter RME lessons with Primary 4. This is a first for us and we will be delivering a full day's programme, with 5 workshops, that unpack the Easter story. It will take place in school and will involve our volunteers delivering it to the whole of Primary 4.

- Pray for this event to clearly communicate the truths of the Easter story to the children that attend (approximately x 150)
- Pray for our volunteers delivering this. For wisdom and confidence as they share different aspects of the story

**Easter Primary 7's** - I will be visiting the P7's to run their Easter RME sessions. I will be encouraging them to reflect on what Easter means to them. This is likely to give Christian people the opportunity to say what they believe. Imagine being those young people. This will be an important decision to make, potentially embarrassing, maybe a scary one, but let's pray that they will embrace it.

- Pray for wisdom for me as I try to communicate the story of Christ's death and resurrection, and why it is so important to us.

With both these opportunities, we are thankful that the school is still open to Christianity being taught. It really is something to be thankful for.

**Slavery & Moral Compass - P7 RME** - As the P7's have been learning about the UN Convention, Rights of a Child, I have been doing RME sessions with them about the Transatlantic slave trade. The horrendous story of over 12 million African people being enslaved, sometimes supported by the church, brings into question our morality and where it comes from. It raised questions about the value of life, and how God sees us. Needless to say, there were some excellent discussions around this, and I was able to demonstrate how a faith in God can assist us in making the right choices.

**Parents Evening** - Once again our volunteers served teas and coffees, and home baking to staff at Dunbar Primary School. Such a simple act of kindness is gratefully acknowledged by them. Additionally, I attended. I circulated an invitation, which included my photograph, to parents to come and say hello. It worked really well and I had a revolving door of visits and it was great to meet people in person, but it was exhausting. It's only taken 20 years to work this out!

**Life Bites and Life Walks** - Plans are underway for an Easter (new) and Summer Life Walks and Life Bites programme. The programme side of it is easy! It is getting the team of volunteers that brings the challenge.

We know that these events are excellent ways to engage with young people and to gently introduce them to Christian teaching and practices.

- Pray for a team to be found to support both these initiatives.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance as we devise a suitable programme.

**SU Holidays** - I have 8 places reserved for the holiday at Scoughall, and 5 of them have been filled. This is great news. Also, one of the lads who came to faith there last year, will be returning as a young leader.

- Give thanks for the young people in our churches who will be attending SU Holidays this summer, e.g. Cora and Miriam (P7's). Pray that these holidays will help them cement their faith and place in the church.
- Pray for the remaining places to be filled (2 x girls and 1 x boy - P6-S4)

**Check-in Groups** - The Dunbar Primary School check-in groups are going well. Chris and myself took 11 young people up to visit the high school, and will return there next week.

- As the focus on transition to high school comes into view, do pray for these young people who are often anxious and lacking confidence.

I have started a new P6 group which has proved challenging. They are a lovely bunch of young people, but finding a formula that enables them to get the most from the group is still being sought after. Nevertheless, in just 3 weeks, they have made good use of the group to offload their struggles to each other, and have been very supportive to each other.

**Harbour Lights** - Every now and then we find a game that they really enjoy. This month it has been 'Cheat'. Such a simple game has brought much joy to the sessions and I give thanks to God for this because some of these young people lack opportunities to just have a laugh together.

Harbour Lights is their safe space, and this was demonstrated recently. One of the lads (also in the Lad's Group) had been jumped and assaulted the weekend before. For him and his friends this was very traumatic and left them fearful of going out again. So it was wonderful to see them all arrive together the following Friday. This was them overcoming their fear, and coming to a place where they knew they would be safe and cared for. A genuine sanctuary for them.

- The assault reminds us how vulnerable young people are. Periodically there are waves of violence and anti-social behaviour that are difficult to accept. They point to young people being lost and angry, and in much need of God's love.

**Lad's Group** - We temporarily saw a drop in attendance from the older lads following their parents evenings. I think they were jolted into doing more school work. However, they are slowly returning, not because they are skiving school, but because they recognise looking after their mental health is also important. A happy balance is being found.

I trust this is enough to help guide your prayers. There are other things I can update you on next time. Thank you again.

Richard