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A letter from the Chairman

by Steve Innes

Well, the summer holidays are almost over, the time of rest (for some) at an end, teachers, pupils and parent's busy preparing for a new term. However, we at CIST have had quite a busy summer with spending time together reviewing God's work in our schools, making plans for the future and also busy interviewing and appointing new staff.

On the morning of our interviews the trustees, were given a great verse from an elderly saint (over 90 years old) Isaiah 54 v2 "Enlarge the place of your tent.....do not hold back. For you will spread out to the right and to the left." What a great verse to be given! So we went forth and have appointed two new staff. We welcome Jill Elston and Joshua Openshaw, you can read a bit more about them

latter in this letter, but can I ask that you pray for them as they seek to serve our Lord in this way. Pray also for Emma and Andy as they welcome and work with new colleagues. Jill will begin her time with us focusing on the schools work in the Heaton, whilst Joshua will focus on growing the work in the primary schools in the town. As a trust we give grateful thanks for the way in which God has persevered with us, pushed us and led us, we are all excited to as we trust for tomorrow.

During October we are hoping to hold a joint evening with Scripture Union where we can share some of our stories. Please look out for details and come along if you are free. On behalf of everyone at CIST, thank you

for your interest, support and giving. God Bless you

Steve

OUR DETAILS

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The trustees, as they follow God's word for us.
- Our financial situation, as we trust God to help us provide for our new workers.

We are so excited about having two new team-mates join the team!

It is a really exciting time to be working in Stockport and bringing God's word to the young people here! Let us introduce our new team to you.

A little bit about Josh...

Hello everyone,
My name's Josh and I'm from Bolton 😊

I have just spent 3 years in Japan teaching English to children as well as helping the local church through music ministry and mission. Having lived in Japan, I have developed a taste for raw fish and fish guts! Before going to Japan I studied Theology at the University of Manchester and Kings College London. I have a passion for music, especially

Introducing Josh and Jill!

rock and post hardcore. I enjoy playing guitar and singing in my free time as well as leading worship at my church. When I'm not playing music I am drawing and using my mac to create art or watching / reading Alan Partridge!

I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone and creating lots of fun opportunities for people to get involved with Gods work!

A little bit about Jill....

My name is Jill Elston and I live in Bramhall. For a number of years I have been working with my local parish church as their Schools Coordinator. This has involved using my teaching skills to design and deliver lessons, discovery sessions, church visits and much more. A great passion of mine is trying to find interesting ways to discover Bible stories and the Christian way of life alongside children. I am very excited to be a new member of the CIST team. I am really looking forward to meeting lots of new people in the schools and churches all over Stockport and hearing about all the things they are working on this term and how CIST can support them.



Dates to pray for:

We have lots of exciting things coming up! Here are just some dates to watch out for and to pray for:

- 4th of September : Induction day for new workers. **Please pray that we can bond well as a team.**
- 2nd – 3rd of October: The team are going away for a Local Mission Partners time away with Scripture Union. **Please pray that it is a helpful, edifying time.**
- 15th of October: Jill's Commissioning Service is taking place at St Thomas' C of E Church in Heaton Chapel. The service will start at 6pm. We will be pleased to see as many supporters there as possible, to help celebrate Jill's new role. **Please pray that Jill is encouraged and empowered by the service.**
- 16th of October: SU Local Mission Partners Event. This is a chance for our community to come and see exactly what we do as a Trust and how it fits into Scripture Union. It is taking place at Emmanuel Community Church, Green lane, Heaton Moor Stockport SK4 3LH, at 19:00. **Please pray this event opens us up to new financial and prayer supporters!**

Back to School!

September is a time of new beginnings and that is something we definitely celebrate at Christians in Schools Trust.. Here are just some of things coming up for us this half term:

- Our start of term Assembly with the new year 7's at Stockport Academy. This is happening on the **5th of September** and we are so pleased to have this opportunity to see all of the new year seven's together.
- R.E lessons with new schools: Broadstone Hall, Abigdon Primary, MeadowBank Primary, and Cheadle Village Primary. Please pray that we are able to build strong relationships.
- A "Christianity Day" with Dial Park Primary. For this, we are taking the whole school off curriculum for a whole day and introducing them to Christianity in fun and vibrant ways. Please pray that we get the support we need, and can work within a budget that is

appropriate for the school. This takes place on the **13th of October.**

As always, thank you all for your prayers and support. Our work is not made possible without your loyal and powerful love and care.

With blessings,
Emma

