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ON THE RECEIVING END!

I was recently reminded just how encouraging a CIE backstage visit can be. After driving over 2,000 miles during the festive season visiting various Pantomimes, I arrived in Gloucestershire where my wife, Katherine was appearing as Wicked Queen in Snow White. We met on opening night where Dave Berry, one of CIE's associates is based. We were both thrilled when Dave offered us a quick backstage prayer. He prayed for our safety, energy, good health and opportunities to share God's love at such a busy and often professionally stressful time of year. It was a very special snatched moment, and within minutes Katherine was back on stage and I was back on the Motorway, but we both felt a real sense of heavenly blessing upon us. This has always been the aim of Christians in Entertainment- to break the spiritual isolation and bring hope and a sense of spiritual purpose to those in the profession. Like Katherine and I, so many professionals are grateful for the support and prayers you give in what is an ever-changing business. **Thank You!**

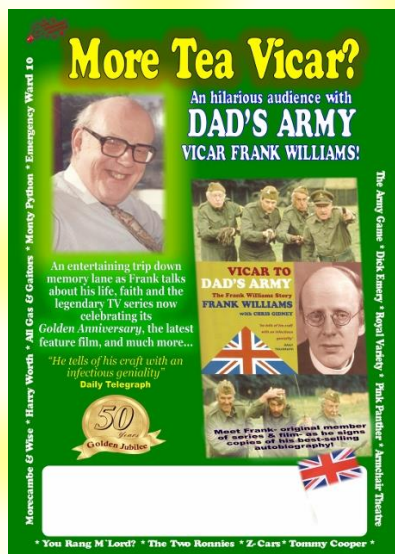


ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAY EARLY THIS YEAR!

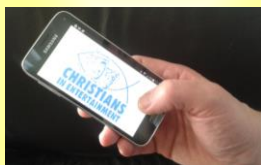


Our annual opportunity to celebrate and pray for the creative gifts, with the Arts Centre Group as our partner, is on Sunday February 10th. This co-incides with the annual BAFTA's to act as a reminder of the creative work around us. Perhaps you can encourage your church or family and

friends to join with many others on this nationwide day of prayer. You can use the prayer overleaf or download ideas from our web site to join the nation's day of prayer for the arts and entertainment. Please spare a prayer for an industry that has an increasingly influential effect on our society.



SPECIAL CIE DADS ARMY EVENT at NORTH HARROW METHODIST CHURCH - SATURDAY APRIL 6th 3.30pm - Join us for a hilarious celebration of the classic TV series now celebrating 50 years as Dads Army Vicar, Frank Williams talks to CIE Director Chris Gidney about his life, career and faith in TV, Film and Stage. Tickets £10 can be purchased from 020 8427 7758 email nhmcweb@nhmc.org.uk or from North Harrow Methodist Church Pinner Road HA2 6EQ. A contribution goes towards the work of CIE. More details on our Facebook Page and Website.



LOVE IT OR HATE IT – but there is no escaping the fact that for a new generation Social Media is the main way of communication. CIE is keen to embrace any technology that will enable us to



reach out with those working often for long periods away from family, friends and church. Alongside our personal

visits, text prayer service and on-going pastoral support, Social Media is an excellent way for those working in the profession to stay in touch. We are thrilled that Rev. Cindy Kent has agreed to offer regular postings on our Facebook page to inspire and encourage faith within the world of the Arts and Entertainment. Please visit our Facebook page and `Like Us` so that we can continue to build a strong network of support for those who need our care and support and at the same time enable you to stay in touch with all the latest CIE news.



Your support & every gift- no matter how small- is invaluable. Please use the pink form with information on how to stay in touch, donate, or alternatively, you can go on line to our webpage. Thanks again for helping us reach into showbiz with the love of Christ!

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Prayers Please!

Rev. Rosemary – CIE's Prayer Chaplain says "I've never doubted the power of prayer because we see our prayers answered all the time- perhaps not always in the way that we would like- but it does bring assurance that our God is listening and understands us more than anybody we know! If you are in the business, I can receive requests for prayer either named or anonymously by phone, text or Email prayer@cieweb.org.uk and by Social Media including Facebook Messenger. If you have an interest in the work of CIE I am grateful that you can join me as we offer these monthly intercessions for the year ahead:

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

FEBRUARY Thank God for all modern communication methods and for the media. At this time of awards for performers and all in the arts, let us give thanks to God for the skills and gifts of ourselves and others as we celebrate Arts & Entertainment Sunday on February 10th.

MARCH The world of nature awakens to the call of spring. Pray for new beginnings and opportunities for all involved in the arts and entertainment. Pray for many to find a new hope and to have their faith renewed this year.

APRIL Easter - the celebration of resurrection and new life. Bring your petitions in the name of the risen Christ for a resurrection of Christian faith and witness in us, in our time and throughout the world.

MAY Give thanks to God for the work of support and prayer. Pray for Chris and the Trustees, seek God given guidance and wisdom for them in decision making. Pray for Rosemary and the prayer support.

JUNE Remember all who perform at resorts and on cruise ships. Pray about the families left behind as well as the performers and associates.

JULY A time for college leavers to seek agents and opportunities. Pray for young people seeking work. Pray for the protection of the faith of young Christians.

AUGUST Pray for the parents of child performers for wisdom in choices of performance and for a protective and caring working environment for the children.

SEPTEMBER As Harvest is celebrated in the churches pray, that God's harvest of souls will increase and our witness in life and work be faithful.

OCTOBER As preparation is finalised for Christmas and New Year broadcasting, pray that those who have responsibility in planning and producing will make much room for the 'reason for the season.'

NOVEMBER Remember in prayer all scriptwriters, composers and technicians. Pray for preparation for Panto and for wholesome family fun.

DECEMBER Rejoice this Christmas in the greatest gift of love of all time, Jesus. Pray for a time of peace and joy and hope. Pray for those in the business who are lonely amidst the busyness of Panto.

JANUARY 2020 As days are short and nights long and dark, remember in prayer those who health or circumstances are difficult. Pray that God will draw near to comfort and to bring wholeness and peace at the point of need.

A PRAYER FOR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAY February 10th 2019

Lord, we praise you, the Creator God, for all your good gifts, generously given. We thank you for the diversity of the talents and skills offered by so many artistes in all the disciplines of the industry. Thank you that we can receive pleasure, information, thoughtful challenges and spiritual uplift through the medium of Art and Entertainment. Strengthen the faith of those involved who believe and trust in you, Lord Jesus, and may they be used as witnesses for you through their work, words and lives. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.