



Pray for Schools Resource Pack

Helping you to serve your local school

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PRAY FOR SCHOOLS

This resource pack has been put together to help you serve your local school. There is a page on each of our partners, enabling you to get to know them better and find out about how they serve their local schools. We have included some notes on how to start a prayer group and what to pray for.

We also have some information from a couple of our local groups, giving ideas on running a group and how they do things. Please do get in touch to find out if there is a group near you.

At the end of the booklet we have included a section on our Friends, which we hope to add to. These are charities or organizations who work in schools and like our Partners have prayer at the heart of all they do.

Over the years we have covered a range of topics during PFS Fortnight. This year we are looking at the passage in Matthew 19v13-15. "Let the children come to me"

Previous years have included being Rooted in Love from Ephesians 3 and The Servant King looking at various passages including Psalm 116. These can all be downloaded from the website.

We hope you find this pack useful and that it will encourage you as you pray for your local school.





CARE seeks to uphold human dignity and to support the most vulnerable people in society, engaging with politicians in the UK Parliaments & Assemblies and the EU institutions in its advocacy work. CARE encourages Christians to be informed and to engage positively in public life; addressing issues relating to the sanctity of life, human exploitation, marriage and family and many other areas of advocacy.

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Care works alongside politicians to be a Christian voice in all the UK Parliaments and Assemblies regarding the issues that concern us. We also seek to encourage and equip local churches and individual Christians to be involved in the political process.

We facilitate people to think biblically about issues relating to human dignity, marriage and family, human exploitation, protection of children and others who are vulnerable – for example online safety and addiction issues. We monitor and try to affect potential legislation regarding for example, Sex and Relationships Education, Religious Education. We encourage Christian individuals to become School Governors. We include the area of education regularly in our Prayer Diary and Catalyst magazine.

Prayer is given a high priority. We always include prayer points with any information we send out. We circulate a quarterly Prayer Diary to help people wishing to pray about society at large. Pray for Schools was a CARE initiative that we then opened up for other organisations.

'We believe prayer does change things! Our children and young people really need God's protection and blessing so imagine if each one could be covered by a canopy of intercession – every school a 'prayed-for' school!'



Youth for Christ's aim is to take good news relevantly to every young person in Britain

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We currently have 70 local centres working across England, Scotland and Wales. Find out about the work of local centres and where they are based via our main website:<http://www.yfc.co.uk/localcentres/>

We aim to help young people throughout Britain know and make a decision about the person of Jesus. This may be through:

- ◆ Delivering ongoing community based youthwork through our local Youth for Christ centres and projects
- ◆ Providing multi media discipleship material and exciting residential experiences for churches and schools
- ◆ Producing educational material to help children and young people in schools understand more about the Christian faith
- ◆ Deliver lessons and collective worship in primary and secondary schools
- ◆ Writing and facilitating mentoring programmes in Young Offenders Institutes
- ◆ Supporting community mission weeks through our touring teams and artists, and offering professional training for community based youth workers.

Youth for Christ helps young people to live every day for Jesus. Through a range of exciting residential, or leading youth venues at conferences such as New Wine and Spring Harvest, and its weekly discipleship programmes Rock Solid, Lumen and Mettle, Youth for Christ inspires young people to step into all that God has planned for them, equipping and encouraging them to let their 'light shine' in every situation they find themselves in. The majority of our local centre work takes place within a schools context. This may look like leading collective worship, teaching RE lessons, facilitating mentoring programmes, running lunchtime or after school clubs, or being part of a chaplaincy team. Through our work, young people encounter Christians, are able to ask and explore faith based questions and learn about the difference Jesus makes to their every day life.

Our nationally based schools team creates resources to support the teaching and learning of RE across the country.

RE:quest (request.org.uk) provides an online bank of source material to help young people discover more about what Christians do and believe. Our schools residential, Explore and RE:active, provide a unique opportunity to learn about Christian beliefs and ethics, for students aged 8 to 16.

Youth for Christ partners in the Pray for Schools network. We encourage Christians to pray for the young people within their local schools and communities as the first step towards discerning how God might use the church to serve their young people – and then to keep praying! As an organisation we have weekly prayer meetings and updates, and space set aside to pray throughout the week for our work and the young people we encounter through it.

Churches often look at their congregations and wonder, 'Where are all the young people?' The short answer is, in schools. If you seek to love and bless the young people in your communities, seek to love and bless the schools. They are at the forefront of shaping young people's opportunities, values and vision. And it's a tough job. The Church has a lot to offer schools, in terms of support, skills and even staff, but the first and best thing you can do is pray. Then you begin to see things God's way – and His way is always best.

Scripture Union aims:

- a) to make God's Good News known to children, young people and families and
 - b) to encourage people of all ages to meet God daily through the Bible and prayer.
- In all of this our focus is reaching the unreached.

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Scripture Union is an international mission movement that was founded over 140 years ago. We work in over 120 countries making God's good news known to children, young people and families through specialist ministries including: schools ministry, SU Holidays and Missions, working with churches and other organisations, training, publishing and online resources.

We help to inspire churches, organisations and volunteers to reach out to their communities through projects, resources (printed and online), training and support. Schools ministry is very important to SU and we work through a number of ways involving people, providing resources including *Schoolslive*, running projects like *It's Your Move* and training. We have a large number of people: staff, local ministry partners and volunteers who serve local schools. Our work has a lasting impact in schools through the work of our local ministry partners who serve schools on a regular basis through school clubs, assemblies, lessons, prayer spaces, sports ministry, chaplaincy etc. Our regional staff work creatively inspiring and helping churches, organisations and others connect with their local schools.

Prayer is hugely important to SU and we encourage prayer through our printed and online resources and also through our free supporter prayer magazine *Connecting you*.

Why pray for schools? Because the people in schools matter to God and they all continue to undergo huge changes which create pressures, challenges and stress.

Churches Together In England



Churches Together in England seeks to encourage Churches' from different traditions to seek a deepening communion with Christ and with one another, and proclaim the Gospel together by common witness and service.

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CTE works at a national level with 43 member churches in England to support, resource and encourage over 2500 local Churches Together Groups and over 900 Local Ecumenical Partnerships.

Churches Together in England encourages evangelism and other activities in which churches can work together to be an effective witness for the gospel.

Education Sunday is a day set apart for Christians to encourage all who are involved in our schools, colleges and other areas of education. Resources are produced each year linked with the Bible readings for that day to equip churches to mark this important Sunday and highlight areas for prayer and praise. Education Sunday materials always include suggested prayers and ideas.

Schools are where, besides home, children first learn about the world. As they grow in their understanding they need God's help and guidance. As part of our local communities churches and individual Christians have a spiritual responsibility to uphold schools, with their staff and pupils, in prayer.

The Free Churches Group is an ecumenical association of Free Church denominations and Church groups who are engaged in public ministry, enabling member organisations to meet their calling in the public square by providing national chaplaincy support in the fields of healthcare, prisons and education. Their goal is: Promoting faithful witness in the public square.

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The Free Churches Group comprises twenty-four denominations which seek to promote faithful Christian witness in the public square. FCG seeks to express the unity in Christ that is shared by Free Churches in England and Wales by promoting fellowship, shared counsel and working together, where possible, to extend Christ's kingdom in every sphere of society. FCG is actively involved in healthcare and prison chaplaincy, as well as in field of education. This is done whilst recognising that each Group Member remains at liberty to fulfil its own distinctive witness and mission.

The Free Church voice on education finds expression through the Free Church Education Committee (FCEC) whose members all have experience and an active interest in education. Particular focus areas of education include Religious Education, Collective Worship, Education Policy, Further Education and Higher Education: <https://www.freechurches.org.uk/about-education/>

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Association of Christian Teachers



As a Christian membership organisation we aim to provide professional and spiritual support to Christians engaged in pre-school, primary, middle, secondary, special, college and university education in England.

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Press: For many years ACT has been the voice of Christians in education in the media. Regular press releases are issued on a variety of topical educational issues. We have letters published in the TES, (Times Educational Supplement) and give interviews on BBC local radio and Christian radio stations like Premier, Hope FM and UCB.

Professional: ACT provides news and information for busy professionals taken from mainstream and Christian press, including resources, latest updates from the DfE and Ofsted. This is communicated through our regular ACTuality email and termly newsletters.

Advocacy: ACT works to influence policy to ensure that Christians have freedom to live and breathe their faith and safeguard Christian values in education and wider society.

Pastoral: ACT co-ordinates the prayer diary which provides a prayer for every day. ACT's staff and volunteers are on hand to give thoughtful and prayerful advice on professional and spiritual issues to members.

ACT is called to glorify God by serving, supporting, inspiring and equipping Christians working in education; to live out their faith confidently day by day, positively influencing the culture, values and spiritual environment of their place of work and, ultimately, transforming the nation for the Kingdom of God. ACT keeps Christians in education informed about important issues, encourages them in their calling and is a well-recognised source of information and the Christian viewpoint for the media on a range of education issues.

Prayer is at the heart of ACT's work. Our prayer diary is a unique tool for Christians to pray specifically for education issues affecting the UK and also in other parts of the world.

Schools are at the heart of our society. Christian teachers and others working in education have a crucial role professionally, pastorally and personally as they live out the grace and truth of Jesus Christ before students, colleagues and the wider community. We need to pray for them.



Prayer Spaces in Schools aims to inspire and equip churches to serve the spiritual and pastoral life of their local school communities.

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Prayer Spaces in Schools enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way. Taking a broadly Christian perspective as a starting point, prayer spaces give children and young people an opportunity to develop skills of personal reflection and to explore prayer in an open, inclusive and safe environment.

"Our aim is to inspire and equip churches to serve the spiritual and pastoral life of their local school communities. We believe that prayer spaces are a fantastic way to get started." Phil Togwell

Prayer spaces help schools meet a variety of requirements in the national curriculum, covering spiritual development, Religious Education and pastoral care. The approach does not proselytise and purposely allows pupils to make their own meaning and to draw their own conclusions. As part of a growing relationship based on serving and building trust, prayer spaces can be an excellent way for churches to develop their links with schools and to impact the whole school community in a positive and transformational way.

Essentially, prayer spaces give children, young people and staff the space to reflect on their hopes, dreams and prayers. Creative activities encourage people to explore what's most important in their lives; their relationships, their big questions, and give opportunities to reflect and pray as they grow an awareness of themselves, others, and God if they choose. They also present further opportunities for spiritual development such as permanent spaces, chaplaincy and more.

"A prayer space gives students time for reflection in our busy curriculum. Allowing students to interact with the prayer space fills a genuine need for students to reflect on some of the big issues affecting their lives as well as considering their spiritual views on Christianity. This was a very valuable experience for the school for both staff and students."
Pauline Walker (Head teacher)



Open the Book's aim is bringing the Bible to life for every child in every primary school.

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Open the Book is a project which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible from a team of Christians from the local churches, who present the stories during assemblies/acts of Collective Worship. Each presentation takes around 10-15 minutes and can be incorporated into a wider school assembly, or can stand alone. They use a three-year rolling programme of stories and scripted Handbooks with an additional, but optional year of materials based on Christian Values. The teams register their school with the programme which gives them access to the resources area of the website and they use drama, puppets, costumes and props to make the stories fun and interactive.

Open the Book enables the whole church to work together with the school community. It enables everyone to use their gifts and talents – for example, some people will be able to provide prayer support, some may be good at sourcing or making the costumes or props, whilst others will be the Storytellers.

Open the Book helps primary schools to fulfil their statutory obligation to provide a daily act of collective worship that is wholly/broadly of a Christian character. It aligns to the criteria used by OFSTED, ESTYN and SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) when inspecting acts of Collective Worship. It gives primary school children the opportunity to encounter the Bible and it enables churches and schools to build relationships. Each Open the Book scripted assembly/act of collective worship includes an opt-in for children to agree with a prayer by choosing to say 'Amen' at the end of a short prayer.

Some schools also ask the team members to support them with Prayer Spaces, or helping with services at Christmas, Easter, Harvest etc. Schools have a lot of pressure on them to succeed, with everything they do being measured and recorded. Teachers have to keep up to date with all the latest curriculum changes and children face increased pressure from a young age to meet the criteria.

We would encourage all churches and individuals to pray for our schools, educators, children and their families.

Praying for your local school

Starting a Prayer Group



It is possible to pray individually, as a church, maybe as part of the service or house group, or as part of Churches Together in your area, or often a group of parents meet specifically to pray for their local school. Here are some pointers:

- ◆ A time needs to be agreed, and the frequency of meetings decided upon.
- ◆ Register your group with Pray for Schools and receive the latest newsletter and ideas from the website.
- ◆ Talk to the headteacher.
- ◆ Invite like minded people. A couple of people have said the key to a successful prayer evening is a good database.
- ◆ Ask staff and teachers for prayer requests.
- ◆ As a prayer group aim to support, encourage and pray.
- ◆ Remember confidentiality at all times.
- ◆ In a meeting you might like to include a Bible verse and some worship.
- ◆ Give thanks for all the good things in the school and then pray for specific requests and needs.
- ◆ Pray long term and persevere!
- ◆ Topics for prayer could include: pupils, teachers, management, RE lessons, special events, exams, discipline, vandalism - count God in on everything.
- ◆ Pray for Christian teachers, pupils, chaplains and Christian groups in the school.
- ◆ Also pray for opportunities for the pupils to hear and respond to the Gospel, and for biblical values to be honoured and upheld in all areas of school life.
- ◆ It is also good to pray for practical issues affecting the school.
- ◆ Pray for the needs of those working within the school and families connected to it.
- ◆ Pray for wider education issues.

Political prayer points post election:

- ◆ For Secretary of State for Education and for Schools Minister
- ◆ Relationships and Sex Education
- ◆ Reform of OFSTED
- ◆ The Free Schools Programme
- ◆ The inspection of British Values in Faith Schools





Cheltenham Prayer for Schools Network

Interdenominational Christian network supporting Gloucestershire Schools

Praying for all Cheltenham schools
Supporting pupils, parents, staff, governors
Providing a prayer meeting and resources each term
Building a network of Christians involved in schools
Part of Pray for Schools www.prayforschools.org

Listen to the Spirit and work with the churches!

Every school ... a prayed for school! Cheltenham Prayer for Schools Network began in May 2000 when 6 people started meeting each month to pray this vision into being for our town. We began to pray regularly for all the schools with a Cheltenham phone number, the University and our two Colleges. In 2000 there were 12 school prayer groups. Now more than half the 70 schools have prayer groups, some led by parents, others by teachers or governors, varying between 3-20 members. All are ecumenical and meet with the full support of their school's head teacher. The importance of confidentiality is always stressed.

CPFSN covers a changing kaleidoscope of prayer groups as children grow up and those involved in schools move on. Some prayer groups flourish then decline while new ones start. Spring 2015 saw two new groups started, one by a foundation governor minister, the other by a parent with the support of the chair of governors, the minister of the local church. As I write two more groups are in the planning stages.

Behind them all, our Home Intercessors and Cheltenham Prayer Wall are like the unseen part of an iceberg undergirding the whole network. Home Intercessors pray regularly for every school, prayer group leader or School Contact by name, and for Open the Book assemblies. They receive a confidential letter with thanksgiving and prayer points each term. Cheltenham Prayer Wall members receive monthly CPFSN prayer updates, and there is always much answered prayer!

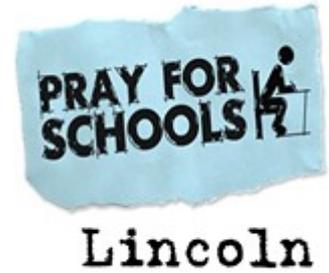
Each term we hold a prayer meeting hosted by a different school with worship, invited speakers introducing the term's prayer focus, refreshments with home made cakes or puddings and time for people to pray for their own schools and educational concerns. The meetings bring together parents, staff, governors, ministers, youth and children's workers, Pray for Schools partners and local Christian charities working in schools. The thanksgiving testimonies are always inspiring: a Sixth former becoming a Christian through her school Alpha; a young teenage boy delighted when Cheltenham YFC gave him his own easy to read version of the bible; primary school children enjoying their Open the Book bible story assemblies; a teacher starting a primary school Christian club, and finding it has led to conversations with children that would never have arisen otherwise. Most Yr 6 children now receive 'It's your Move' booklet published by Scripture Union, giving tips and advice to help them transition smoothly to secondary school. God has been so faithful in guiding, providing and answering prayer.

Open the Book enables teams of people from one or several churches to take weekly assemblies in most of our primary schools. Several churches run Experience Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, or Christmas for their local primary schools. At each church several hundred children and their teachers have an interactive experience of the spiritual meaning of a Christian festival. Messy Church and holiday clubs are also reaching out to children from many different schools. One church youth worker has different roles in four schools: supporting a CU, being an "independent listener", running a group to help yr 7 children with social skills and helping pupils at a Christian Centre for young people at risk of exclusion. The accelerated speed of life and increasing demands on pupils and staff in the past few years has resulted in many CUs now being run by church youth workers and CYFC. Given our current secular society, the fact that they are allowed this access bears testimony to God's blessing and protection over our schools, for which we constantly praise God.

An exciting chain of events began last January when a church member revitalised a dormant C of E primary school prayer group. She invited the Head teacher to the first meeting hosted by the church. The Head was introduced to CPFSN, came to our Spring Meeting, met ISingPop and invited them to the school for a week in June. ISingPop had timetabled sessions with each class to teach them Christian value songs, compiled a CD for every child, and arranged a concert for their families, held where? in the church hall! Subsequently the church started a children's choir. Great results all round!

So we praise God for all that is happening, and keep praying that every child will have the blessing of Christian influence in their life and that many will come to know and trust the Lord.

Sheila Bowden - Retired Chair of Cheltenham Prayer for Schools Network



Lincoln Pray for Schools

Lincoln Pray for Schools arose out of an initiative of St Peter in Eastgate Church to coordinate and build upon its ministry to local schools. Schools are a key place to bear witness to Christ but, in an increasingly secular world, this ministry presents particular challenges. This initiative brought about a desire to pray more and seek the encouragement of others involved in similar ministries. So, we registered on the Pray for Schools website, set a date to pray and two of us pooled our knowledge of Christian teachers, governors and parents in Lincoln and sent out emails and invitations to pray. On what turned out to be a very snowy Monday night in February 2012, about 25 of us gathered to pray. It was a very encouraging evening as we discovered others with a similar burden to pray for and witness in our local schools.

As a result of that evening, a slightly wider team, 4 of us this time, and from different churches, met a few months later to pray about developing Pray for Schools in Lincoln. We contacted local representatives of the Pray for Schools national partners, and also met with Lincoln Christians in Mission to discuss our plans. We received a very warm reception and a strong feeling that a coordinated approach to praying for schools was long overdue. Our contact list began to grow and a second invitation to pray in September saw almost 50 of us gather to pray. It was very encouraging to see many supportive links being formed and the sharing of ideas and opportunities was an important part of the evening too.

There have been many answers to prayer since we began to pray together. There has been a significant increase in the number of schools seeking regular Christian assemblies, and two new schools opening in the city this year already have Christian involvement on the staff and governors.

At heart though, the vision of Pray for Schools is to see "every school a prayed for school". So as we meet together from different churches and schools, as well as encouraging one another and praying strategically for the schools in Lincoln and the surrounding villages, the aim is to encourage ongoing prayer for specific schools. By God's grace some small groups have begun to emerge committed to praying regularly for the school in which they are involved. We would love there to be others!

Initially, we planned central gatherings twice a year, near the beginning of the autumn term in September and again in the summer term during Pray for Schools fortnight in May. For the academic year 2014/15 we have moved to a termly meeting a few weeks into each term in order to keep the momentum going and to ensure that if people have to miss one meeting, it is not too long to the next one!

Liz Bowes-Smith *on behalf of the Lincoln Pray for Schools Team*



Festive is a national Christian charity that works specifically in the often overlooked Sixth Form and Further education sector. We work to inspire and support Christians in Further Education Colleges and Sixth Forms to live for Jesus and to equip them as they share their faith through their words and actions.

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IN, UP AND OUT

We believe that the best people to reach students are students! We long to see a generation of Christ's ambassadors living out the Gospel where they study. That's why we're all about:

IN: Inspiring students that Jesus is the best news this world has to offer, letting His beauty transform their hearts so that they can look...

UP: Seeking God in prayer, asking for His help and power to go...

OUT: Sharing the life transforming message of Christ with their friends through their words and actions!

We produce free resources for students and CUs as well as working to resource, support and set up chaplaincy in colleges. We also have a network of students who we keep in contact with across the country offering them support, advice and prayer.

We send out regular prayer updates and a prayer diary to a network of prayer supporters.

If you are involved or looking to get involved in a college or sixth form we would love to hear from you!



At Kick London it is our mission to transform young peoples lives with God's love through sport and support.

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We are concerned that young people in their droves have stopped coming to church. According to the Evangelical Alliance you are more likely to survive being on the Titanic than you are as a child in church to still be attending into adult hood. Apparently 85% of young people in the UK never step foot inside a church these days. This is a problem we want to counter and I believe working together we can stem the tide.

Our solution to this issue is to go into Schools, where all young people are now a captive audience and deliver sports services laced with Christian values. We deliver PE National Curriculum, Transformational Street Dance, Solutions Focused Mentoring and our new schools based Chaplaincy provision. We look to build strong relationships and work with local churches in the area to equip them to run additional sports provision at the weekend.

We have a very strong Kick Academy model which provides a church with all the tools and resources to deliver high quality football or dance coaching linked to a theme, which we enables them to share a sports ministry slot from the Bible before the kids end with some matches. For example the theme that day may have been 'focus' – so they focus on their passing, heading and shooting. Then in the sports ministry slot the young people are taught about an inspirational story about the theme from the Bible – where Peter focused his eyes on Jesus and got out of the boat to meet Him in faith. This is a seamless switch and one, which engages the young people as we share using sport.

Please see a link to a video of our work with Churches through Kick Academies - <http://kicklondon.org.uk/churches/>

Kick London believe prayer is important. We are committed to prayer in our organisation and we believe God listens to His people and acts as part of His plans for this world. We would love you to pray for our mission to transform young peoples lives, with God's love, through sport and support.

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Our Statement of Purpose

To provide children and young people in education (currently in the north west of England) with knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith as presented in the bible, and to support children and young people who choose to express their faith in their community.

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Our Heritage

NISCU has been working with children and young people for over 50 years, supporting the local church and local communities. We began in Carnforth in the 1960's and since then have grown to cover most of Cumbria, North Lancashire and the Craven Area in Yorkshire.

Our Vision

NISCU works to serve the local church in reaching out to the children and young people in their schools' community. We see ourselves and local churches acting together in encouraging, enabling and envisaging the next generation of church; to not let the baton fall to the ground in our generation but to actively seek God and work together so that this baton may be passed on and taken further than we have done.

Our testimony (Why pray?)

We genuinely believe that one of the main reasons why God is working in our schools today is because of the devotion of prayer to the schools, children and the organisation across our NISCU areas. It still amazes me that 50 years on, so many people ask to receive our regular prayer bulletins, attend monthly prayer meetings and spend time in their churches praying for their school communities.

The second thing that really amazes me is that prayer works! We have so many testimonies of answered prayers for schools, teachers, children and young people that it is incredible. 'Ask and you shall receive' springs to mind!

So, if you would like to see God at work in your school community, the answer to me is simple, in fact Jesus says it right at the end of Matthew 9 '**Ask the Lord of the harvest**, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' NIV. In other words, PRAY!

For further information about how you can join us in prayer or other ways visit our supporter's page

<https://niscu.org.uk/home/supporters/>.



PAISGB



Our vision is to spark a movement where the primary concern of every Christian is to advance the Kingdom of God in their world.

Our aim for schools work is to serve the needs of the local schools and to connect schools with Churches in their community creating a relational bridge between the two.

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We have 13 schools teams in England and one in Northern Ireland as well as teams working in schools in 7 other nations globally. In the UK those locations are;

Burnley	Newton Aycliffe
Clitheroe	Torquay
Blackburn	Weymouth & Portland
Pendle	Rotherham
Bury	Sheffield
Rochdale	Walsall
Coleraine	
Southport	

To find out more about the local teams contact the national base on the details above or search for them on facebook as each team has an individual team page.

We train Pais apprentices to serve schools and Churches in a local community to work with young people particularly focusing on a fresh approach to mission, discipleship and study. This means our teams are regularly in the life of schools leading assemblies, lessons, clubs, serving in the classrooms or the wider school campus mentoring young people. The Pais motto is 'missionaries making missionaries.' Our dream is not just to see young people come to faith and become part of the local Church but to see them apply their faith by living it out in their community. One programme we have for that is called 'because you're loved' this is a simple, kindness based mission tool which can equip a young person to let their light shine! www.becauseyoureloved.com

We work in over 150 schools nationwide and our main commitment to the school is providing positive Christian role models who will be available to be in the life of the schools on a weekly basis. We love Prayer Space in Schools and train and encourage all of our teams to use it.



Spinnaker aims to inspire this generation of primary school children to engage with the Christian faith and explore its values. To envision and equip the Church to see this as a priority.

We aim to do this by:

- Establishing a long term relationship of integrity with each school, respected and valued by all.
- Creating and providing quality resources, appropriate for the teaching of Christianity through RE and Collective worship.
- Building an effective team through quality training and mentoring.
- Encouraging Churches to prayerfully make a positive contribution to their local primary schools.

Contact details

The Spinnaker website is: www.spinnaker.org.uk.

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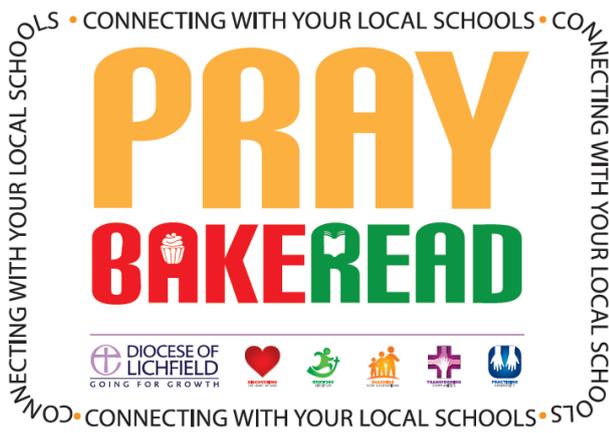
Spinnaker has been running for almost 30 years and now goes into almost 100 schools in 12 different areas (hubs) across London and the South East. We do fortnightly assemblies in primary schools and also get involved in RE lessons, run lunchtime and after school clubs, Easter and Christmas events, organising Church visits, RE days and prayer spaces in schools. We aim to build a relationship with each school we are involved in and provide support where we can. We are fortunate that so many schools want us to go in and do assemblies and RE lessons as well as getting involved in so many other ways. Our aim is to keep churches informed of what we are doing in their local area and encourage the link between churches and schools.

We also provide opportunities for people to get involved in various ways, to pray for their local schools and give financially to support the work that we do. We provide resources, support and training for teachers and those doing assemblies and RE lessons in schools that we hope makes a real difference to pupils and staff, shows that we care and that Christianity and what the Bible has to say is still relevant today and for their lives now.

We are always encouraging individuals and Churches to pray for their local schools and all those who are involved in schools-work. We do this by keeping people updated of what is happening across Spinnaker through our termly review and also producing a hub e-mail for those who wish to be kept informed of what is happening in their locality.

One of the most important events in our calendar is our Prayer Fortnight that is run in partnership with Pray for Schools Fortnight. We aim to have a prayer event in each of our hubs during this time and encourage our supporters, local Churches and individuals to get involved in praying for their local schools and the work going on in the them. Please see our website for a list of prayer events taking place: www.spinnaker.org.uk.

People are not always aware of the amazing opportunity we and others have to go into schools and have RE input. It is essential to pray that every child is inspired to engage with the Christian faith and explore its values – to pray for those who speak to whole classes and schools every day. Who would not want to pray for this generation – that they would find faith and hope for the future?



Pray.Bake.Read aims to encourage whole-church engagement in serving their local schools

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Pray.Bake.Read equips and empowers church congregations to serve their local schools through praying intentionally, baking a cake and leaving it in the staffroom to bless the staff and reading 1:1 with students. This is for any member of church and any school. Pray.Bake. Read offers regular newsletters and sharing stories to inspire churches to make a difference in their schools. It is hoped that Pray.Bake.Read is the catalyst to changing the lives of young people in our schools.

Pray.Bake.Read allows people to serve their local schools in an easy and accessible way. It has been quoted that we are the only Bible that some people will ever read – we can show God’s love through serving our local schools. Schools are in need of members of churches who can come along and support them through prayer, bless them through baking and serve them through reading 1:1. The impact of this is that situations change through prayer, God’s love is demonstrated through blessing and confidence can be built up through improved reading.

Prayer is at the very core of Pray.Bake.Read and encouraging, resourcing and empowering members of the congregation to form prayer groups. Pray.Bake.Read develops links with schools and provides space and opportunities for students and staff to feel supported in prayer and send in prayer requests.

Prayer is important as Christians’ prayer is a vital life line between our lives and God ,who is the creator and sustainer of life. Schools are full of places of happiness, pain, success and disappointment where at times all we can do is pray to God who makes all things possible.