



PRAYING FOR THE SCHOOLS OF BRENTWOOD



***“ To clasp hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising
against the chaos of the world. ”***

(Karl Barth)

*This leaflet aims to help you to pray for the schools of Brentwood
- for the children and young people in the schools; for the decision-makers,
staff and parents; and for the work being done by the Brentwood Schools
Christian Worker Trust as it serves our local schools.*

The schools of Brentwood are:

Secondary:

Anglo European, Brentwood County High, Brentwood School, Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School, Sawyers Hall College (due to close August 2012), Shenfield High School, St Martin's School and Becket Keys School (due to open September 2012).

Primary:

Bentley St Paul's CofE Primary, Blackmore Primary, Brentwood Pre-Prep and Prep, Doddinghurst Infants & Doddinghurst CofE Juniors, Herington House, Hogarth Primary, Holly Trees Primary, Hutton All Saints CofE Primary, Ingatestone Infants and Ingatestone CofE Juniors, Ingrave Johnstone CofE Primary, Kelvedon Hatch County Primary, Larchwood Primary, Long Ridings Primary, Mountnessing CofE Primary, St Helens RC Infants & Juniors, St Joseph the Worker RC Primary, St Mary's CofE Primary, St Peter's CofE Primary, St Thomas of Canterbury CofE Infants & Juniors, Ursuline Prep, Warley Primary, West Horndon Primary, Willowbrook, Woodlands Hutton Manor, Woodlands Warley

And The Endeavour School (4-16's) and Trinity School (2-19's)

Some ideas on praying for schools:

- Pray for children, young people and staff that you know, for their peers and colleagues.
- Adopt a school - perhaps the one nearest your home or one that you pass each day.
- Find someone you know who has links with a specific school - such as a parent, member of staff, governor, visitor in some way. Then ask them for particular issues they know of to pray for.
- Schools are very often in the local newspaper - pray for the ones you read about.

Who to pray for:

• For the children and young people

Pray for the homes that they leave and return to each day—many live very disrupted lives at home.

For their work in school, especially at times of particular pressure (e.g. assessment tests at age 6/7, 10/11 and 13/14; GCSE, age 15/16; A-Levels, age 16/17/18).

For their friends and peers — pray particularly against bullying and threatening behaviour.

Each child and young person is an individual. Try to pray for individuals and for Christian young people, that they will be able to stand strong in their faith in their schools amongst their peers.

- **For Head Teachers and School Staff**

For all Headteachers, teachers, classroom assistants and all who work in schools. That they may be wise, kind and caring in their dealings with children and young people.

For Headteachers and teachers in the pressures and stresses of schools life including teaching, paper and administrative work, marking, caring for both pupils and parents and all the other myriad tasks involved.

That all schools will be places where children are valued as individuals, and where they might be able to discover how precious they are to God.

- **For Governors**

That schools will find suitable people who will give freely of their wise counsel and fair decision making skills.

That there will be a dynamic and servant-hearted Christian presence on all Governing Bodies.

- **For Parents**

As the prime educators, that parents will have time for their children's needs and that homes will be places that are safe, secure and loving for the children and young people to be nurtured in their formative years.

- **For the Government**

That they will have wisdom in all their decisions and rulings regarding schools.

That they will always keep in mind that schools are places where children and young people are influenced and their minds developed for their future.

Pray that Christian values will be honoured in their decisions.



- **For the work of the Brentwood Schools Christian Worker Trust**

As a Trust we are committed to serving the schools of Brentwood by providing Christian learning and support.

Please pray for all who are involved in any way in the work.

- For our four part-time paid staff:
 - Ian Kemble, Director of Schools Work
 - Mary Thomas in Secondary schools
 - Sue Evans in Primary schools
 - Fiona Mason, Administrator

Ian, Mary and Sue are in the schools each week in term time taking assemblies, teaching lessons, running lunch time clubs and supporting children, young people and school staff in a variety of ways.

- For our Associate Workers who are in schools leading assemblies, lessons and clubs and working alongside Mary, Sue and Ian in both Secondary and Primary Schools.
- For Ian Kemble, Director of Schools Work, as he leads the staff and Associate Workers, connects with church leaders and works in schools.
- For Fiona Mason, our Administrator, who works in our office, supporting the workers, as well as the Management and Trustees, in a variety of ways. She is also a key person in communicating with churches and supporters by running the Friends scheme, producing our termly newsletter and other material. Please also pray for our fundraising associate, Ann Drummond.
- For the Trustees and Management Committee, with Christine Drew chairing the Trustees and Sally McMahon chairing the Management Committee—that they will always seek God's will and way forward for the work in our schools and be given wisdom and discernment in all their decision making.



To help you to keep praying...

If you would like to receive more detailed information on a regular basis by email or post, please contact Fiona at the office on 01277 261999 or via email at office@bscwt.org. Our website is www.bscwt.org.