

What is "Pray, Bake, Read"?

It is simple concept that is used by churches that want to show practical support to their local schools.

From our congregation, we have put together small teams, each one dedicated to a particular school in our parish. Being guided by me, this team will offer the following to your school;

Pray – they will commit to regularly praying for the staff, the Governors, the pupils and their families. This is something that they will do without any input from yourselves, although if there is a particular issue that you would like us to pray for, please do let me know. Any information that you share with us will of course be kept confidential and only shared with the individuals in your team.

Bake – from time to time, they will deliver cakes to your staff. This is for no other reason than to show that we recognise you are all doing a difficult but important job and we want you to feel supported and appreciated. After all, who doesn't like to eat cake!

Read – your team members have committed to offering their time as volunteers within your school community. Initially they will be supporting children learning to read, but over time this could develop to using their skills in other ways that most benefit you. Each of your team members have been DBS checked as volunteers and undergone safeguarding training but they should remain under the direct supervision of a member of staff.

Why do we want to do this?

As Christians, the Bible teaches us to love our neighbour. Our church and your school are close neighbours in our community and we want to show God's love to you by serving you. It really is that simple.

St John's Church, Hartford, serving our local schools to show them God's love

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