

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL



Community Outreach

FEBRUARY REPORT 2021

No workshops took place in February as schools were still partially closed. With the recent announcement we are hopeful that as schools and colleges re-open on 08 March, interest will resume in our virtual workshops.

Christian Nurture for Young People

Making Music

During the half term holiday we posted activity sheets on our social media, inspired by the angels in one of our stained-glass windows. The angels are playing a variety of musical instruments. Using different angels we produced five activity sheets which gave information about each instruments including how it was played and the history of it. We then linked it to a reference to music in the bible. Finally we gave instructions for making a similar instrument at home. Over the week there were 925 interactions with these social media posts.

Making Music: wind instruments



The angel in this stained glass window is playing a double flute or aulos, this was an ancient Greek wind instrument made up of two pipes. To play a wind instrument you need to blow air into a mouthpiece or across a hole. This vibrates the air inside the instrument which makes the sound.



People have been playing wind instruments for thousands of years. In China bone flutes have been found dating back 7,000 years and a wind instrument made from a conch shell, found in a cave in France, is thought to be over 17,000 years old. In the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem trumpets and shofars, made from rams' horns, were used in worship.

Make your own Kazoo

A kazoo is an instrument that makes a buzzing sound. You don't blow into it but rather create an eem sound which vibrates the tracing paper and makes the buzzing noise.


You will need: a short cardboard tube (you could cut a kitchen roll tube in half), felt tip pens, tracing paper or greaseproof paper, scissors, an elastic band.

1. Decorate the tube using the felt tip pens.
2. Cut a circle of greaseproof or tracing paper larger than the end of the tube.
3. Cover one end of the tube with the paper circle and fix it in place with the elastic band.



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Making Music: cymbals



The angel in this stained glass window is playing a pair of cymbals. These are percussion instruments made from metal. When they are clashed together the metal vibrates and makes the sound.



Images have been found of cymbals in painting and sculptures from the Near and Middle East dating back over 2,500 years. There are lots of references to cymbals in the Bible. When the Ark of the Lord was being taken to Jerusalem the Israelites celebrated with music including cymbals and castanets (2 Samuel 6 v5).

Make your own castanets

Castanets are another percussion instrument. Like small cymbals, that are held in one hand and clicked together to make a sound.


You will need: thick card (you could use some from an old cardboard box), scissors, felt tip pens or coloured pencils, two metal or plastic bottle tops, glue.

1. Cut a strip of card the same width as your bottle tops but about four times as long.
2. Decorate one side and fold the strip in half.
3. Glue the bottle tops to each end of the strip.



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Making Music: drums





This angel is playing a drum. Drums are percussion instruments. They normally have a circular frame. One end is stretched a drumhead which is usually made from this animal skin or an artificial film. When the drumhead is hit with hands or sticks it vibrates and makes the sound.

Drums are probably some of the oldest musical instruments in the world. Archaeologists have found drums made from clay and alligator skin in China that are over 7,000 years old. There are many references to drums in the Bible especially timbrels which were like tambourines but without the metal angles. After the Israelites crossed the red sea to escape from Egypt, Miriam, the sister of Moses, along with the other women, sang danced and played timbrels.

Make your own drum

You will need: a clean empty food can, a 400g baked bean tin size is best, **make sure it has no sharp edges that you can cut yourself on**, a balloon, scissors, you may also need some strong sticky tape.

1. Cut the long end off the balloon.
2. Carefully stretch the balloon over the open end of your can, you may need to tape around it to keep it in place.
3. Use your fingers or a 'beater' such as a spoon to play your drum.



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Making Music: harp



In this stained glass window the angel is playing a lyre, which is similar to a harp. These are stringed instruments. When a string is plucked it vibrates and makes a sound. The more the string has been stretched the higher the sound will be.

Harp, over 5,000 years old, have been found in royal tombs in the ancient city of Ur, now in modern day Iraq. The Book of Genesis tells us that Abraham was born in Ur. There are lots of references to harps and lyres in the Bible. David played the lyre to soothe King Saul and in Psalm 33 'Praise the Lord with the harp; make music on the ten-stringed lyre.'

Make your own harp

You will need: a cardboard box such as a shoe box, scissors, glue, elastic bands.

1. Cut a rectangle of card from the box lid, cut one edge of it so that it slopes.
2. Cut enough small notches in the card on the front and back edges for each of your elastic bands.
3. Stretch your elastic bands around the box through the notches.
4. Play your harp by plucking the elastic bands.



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Making Music: triangle



The angel is playing a triangle. Triangles are percussion instruments made from metal. The sound is made when the triangle is struck by a metal beater causing it to vibrate.

Triangles, like the one in this stained glass window, are quite modern instruments that have developed from an Ancient Egyptian instrument called a sistram. This was a metal triangle frame with a handle and bass across the frame. When it was shaken, rings on those bass would clash on the frame making the sound. When the Ark of the Lord was being taken to Jerusalem the Israelites celebrated with musical instruments including sistrams (2 Samuel 6 v5).

Make your own metal percussion instruments

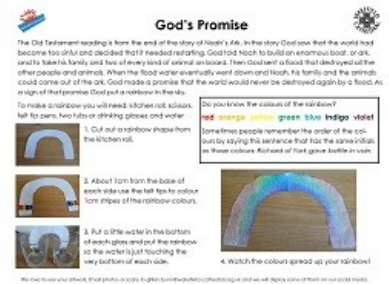
It is important that a triangle can vibrate freely to make a long ringing sound. If the metal is touched by the player's hand it will make a dull noise. To make your metal percussion instruments you will need to find some household objects made from metal such as spoons, forks and spoons. To make sure around each of them. You can either hold the thread or hang the metal objects up. Using a teaspoon, strike each hanging object in turn.

What do they sound like? Which object continues ringing for the longest? Can you play a tune using them?



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We continue to produce weekly activity and craft sheets linked with the bible readings for each Sunday. For the First Sunday of Lent our craft, inspired by the Old Testament reading, was to make a rainbow. As well as the instructions on the craft sheet we produced a short video of the process which was viewed by over 500 people.



Activity Monitoring

February 2021

PRE-SCHOOL
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
CHRISTIAN NURTURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
ADULT EDUCATION
WORK WITH VOLUNTEERS

DATE	ACTIVITY/PLATFORM	ONLINE	INTERACTIONS WITH SOCIAL MEDIA	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
7 Feb	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities Cathedral Website	✓	0 link clicks Facebook 6 link clicks Twitter 11 link clicks Cathedral Catch-Up *	N/A
14 Feb	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities Cathedral Website	✓	2 link clicks Facebook 5 link clicks Twitter 14 link clicks Cathedral Catch-Up *	N/A
14 Feb	Half Term Making Music – introduction	✓	39 engagements Facebook 21 engagements Twitter 153 reached Instagram	N/A
15 Feb	Half Term Making Music – wind instruments	✓	19 engagements Facebook 6 engagements Twitter 125 reached Instagram	N/A
16 Feb	Half Term Making Music – cymbals	✓	6 engagements Facebook 9 engagements Twitter 138 reached Instagram	N/A
17 Feb	Half Term Making Music – harp	✓	8 engagements Facebook 6 engagements Twitter 112 reached Instagram	N/A
18 Feb	Half Term Making Music – triangle	✓	9 engagements Facebook 17 engagements Twitter 110 reached Instagram	N/A
19 Feb	Half Term Making Music – drum	✓	15 engagements Facebook 20 engagements Twitter 112 reached Instagram	N/A
21 Feb	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities Cathedral Website	✓	5 link clicks Facebook 14 link clicks Twitter 7 link clicks Cathedral Catch-Up *	N/A
21 Feb	Messy Cathedral Rainbow craft video	✓	275 views Facebook 88 views Twitter 175 views Instagram	N/A
28 Feb	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities Cathedral Website	✓	0 link clicks Facebook 1 link clicks Twitter 6 link clicks Cathedral Catch-Up *	N/A

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