



Wakefield Cathedral

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2024

School Age Children

Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School



The Y5 and Y6 classes from Halfpenny Lane School requested a virtual workshop to find out about the history of Wakefield Cathedral. This is the first time we have worked with the school. During the workshop they had to sequence a series of plans of the cathedral to make a time line. They also found out about our stained glass and our wooden choir stalls.

Christian Nurture for Young People

Messy Cathedral Backpack Blessing

To mark the start of the new academic year we held our Messy Cathedral Backpack Blessing. Children were encouraged to bring their school backpacks to the session to be blessed. The theme of food for the journey was explored through the story of the Israelites in the wilderness. Crafts included making labels for their backpacks, mixed media manna pictures and collage meals on paper plates. The participants also made their own sandwiches and the session finished with a picnic lunch in the cathedral.



making sandwiches



collage pizza



label making



playdough food

Adult Education

Tower Tours

As part of the national Heritage Open Days Festival 2024 we offered visitors the chance to explore our historic bell tower. We ran three well attended tours during the day. The participants were able to visit the ringing room where the bell ringers gave them a demonstration of bell ringing. They then went into the bell chamber where they could see the actual bells. They continued to the top of the tower for a magnificent view over Wakefield.

We also offered the same tower tour to our cathedral patrons.

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

Activity Monitoring September 2024

DATE	ACTIVITY/PLATFORM	ONLINE	WEBSITE INTERACTIONS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	AGE RANGE
1 Sept	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	8 website page visits	N/A	
3 Sept	Cathedral Crafts			7	36-92
4 Sept	Patrons' Tower Tour			3	25-60+
7 Sept	Messy Cathedral Backpack Blessing			22 + 7 volunteers	1-14/8 adults
8 Sept	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	7 website page visits	N/A	
10 Sept	Board Games			2	36-50+
10 Sept	Cathedral Crafts			6	36-92
14 Sept	Heritage Open Day Tower Tours			40	10-50+
15 Sept	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	6 website page visits	N/A	
17 Sept	Board Games			4	36-50+
17 Sept	Cathedral Crafts			9	36-92
22 Sept	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	4 website page visits	N/A	
23 Sept	Stories in Light, Stone and Wood Virtual Visit Y5 Wakefield Methodist Junior and Infant School	✓		64	9-10/ 2 adults
24 Sept	Board Games			2	36-50+
24 Sept	Cathedral Crafts			8	36-92
26 Sept	Stories in Light, Stone and Wood Virtual Visit Y6 Wakefield Methodist Junior and Infant School	✓		40	10-11/ 2 adults
29 Sept	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	6 website page visits	N/A	