



Wakefield Cathedral

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

FEBRUARY REPORT 2025

School Age Children

Wakefield Girls' High School

The second Y6 class from Wakefield Girls' High School came to the cathedral for their bespoke workshop about life events. Canon Philip and I were joined by Canon Erik. The students made a timeline of the life of Jesus using pictures. They looked at how Christians celebrate various life events including baptism, confirmation, weddings and funerals. They also found different memorials in the cathedral and designed a baptism stained glass window.



Stanley Grove Primary Academy



The FS2 pupils from Stanley Grove Primary Academy came for a workshop looking at the cathedral as a special place. They thought about places that were special for them and then found out how Wakefield Cathedral was a special place for Christians. They learnt how crosses were a special Christian symbol, they looked at the stained glass and the candles.



Pinders Primary School

Both FS2 classes from Pinders Primary School also came for a special places workshop. This was the first time many of the children had been to Wakefield Cathedral. During the workshop they made stained glass window using tracing paper and candle collages. They also had to find crosses around the cathedral.

Bank End Primary Academy

The Y4 class from Bank End School came to Wakefield Cathedral for a bespoke workshop about Christian choices to support the work they are doing in their RE curriculum. They started by thinking about the concepts of rules, values and choices. They discovered why Jesus is important to Christians and how his teaching would influence choices a Christian might make. They heard some of the parables of Jesus and thought about what Jesus was teaching through the stories. They made their own updated versions of the Good Samaritan and draw designs for stained glass windows to illustrate the story.

Christian Nurture for Young People

Candlemas Messy Cathedral

For this month's Messy Cathedral session we explored the story of Candlemas. Through stories, songs, crafts and activities we investigated the concept of Jesus being the Light of the World. We also discovered that snowdrops are sometimes called *Candlemas bells*. Activities included making paper snowdrops and candle collages. We finished the session by sharing a simple meal.



icing biscuits



paper snowdrops



candle collages

Rhubarb Festival Family Fun



During the February half term holiday Wakefield holds its annual Rhubarb Festival. We joined in the celebrations on Saturday with a Family Fun session. Our activities included making rhubarb flags and rhubarb bookmarks. People also had an opportunity to find the picture of the rhubarb painted on our processional cross by following the trail using our Rhubarb Quest.

Adult Education

Mothers' Union Labyrinth Talk

I was asked by the Mothers' Union to give a talk about the Wakefield Cathedral labyrinth. After talking about the history of labyrinths and the design of our labyrinth, we talked about how Christians may use labyrinths for prayer. The Mothers' Union members were then given an opportunity to walk the labyrinth.

Activity Monitoring February 2025

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

DATE	ACTIVITY/PLATFORM	ONLINE	WEBSITE INTERACTIONS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	AGE RANGE
1 Feb	Messy Cathedral: Candlemas			13 + 5 volunteers	4-14/4 adults
2 Feb	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	8 website page visits	N/A	
3 Feb	Bespoke workshop: Life Events Wakefield Girls' High School Y6			23	10-11/2 adults
4 Feb	Board Games			5	36-60+
4 Feb	Cathedral Crafts			11	36-92
5 Feb	Bespoke workshop: Special Places Stanley Grove FS2			39	4-5/11 adults
9 Feb	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	9 website page visits	N/A	
10 Feb	Bespoke workshop: Christian Choices Bank End Primary Academy Y4			32	8-9/2 adults
10 Feb	Mothers' Union Labyrinth talk			11	60+
11 Feb	Cathedral Crafts			12	36-92
13 Feb	Bespoke workshop: Special Places Pinders Primary School FS2			64	4-5/23 adults
16 Feb	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	10 website page visits	N/A	
22 Feb	Rhubarb Family Fun			413	<1-75+
23 Feb	Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website	✓	10 website page visits	N/A	
25 Feb	Cathedral Crafts			14	36-92
25 Feb	Board Games			5	1-75+