



Wakefield Cathedral

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

MARCH REPORT 2026

School Age Children

St Mary's Primary School

The Y1 class came for a bespoke creation workshop. They listened to the creation story from the start of Genesis, and made a timeline of the days. They heard the story of Adam and Eve and looked at the Garden of Eden stained glass window. They then used marker pens and acetates to make their own Eden themed stained glass windows.



The Y2 class also came for an Easter workshop. They began by making happy and sad puppets which they used, during the workshop, to show which parts of Holy Week and Easter were happy events and which were sad. They acted out Palm Sunday and the Last Supper and explored the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The Y6 class from St Mary's came for a workshop to support the learning they are doing in their RE lessons about the Christian belief in salvation. The workshop began with them thinking about the meaning of the word salvation. They acted out the Stations of the Cross and found out why Christians believe in salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. They looked at the symbols on the Easter Candle and found different memorials around the cathedral.

Flushdyke Junior and Infant School

The Y3/4 class from Flushdyke School visited the cathedral for a Signs and Symbols workshop. During the workshop, they found out about the cathedral as a Christian place of worship. They role played baptism and Holy Communion services, found out about prayer and had an opportunity to walk the labyrinth. They used pastels to make cross pictures to take back to school.

Sandal Magna Community School

As we were unable to find an appropriate time for the Y5 class from Sandal Magna School to come to the cathedral they had a virtual visit over Zoom instead. Using photographs of the building they found out how it is used by Christians. They explored baptism and eucharist and wrote their own prayers on candle shapes.

St John's Junior and Infant School

The Y6 class from St John's School also came for a workshop about salvation. They thought about the meaning of the word salvation and sorted synonyms and antonyms of the word. They explored the idea of Jesus dying on the cross to save Christians from sin. They found out about the Easter story through the Stations of the Cross. They designed their own Easter candles.

Wakefield Grammar School Foundation Pre-preparatory School

All the Y2 classes from Wakefield Grammar School came for Easter workshops. They began by making happy and sad lolly stick puppets. They used these during the workshop to identify the happy and sad parts of the story. After acting out the events of Palm Sunday and the Last Supper they listened to the story of Good Friday and searched for crosses in the cathedral. They finished the workshop with the story of Easter Day.

Pinders Primary School

All the KS1 children came for Signs and Symbols workshops to find out how Christians use the cathedral for worship. At the font they found out about baptism and role played a simple baptism service. They thought about prayers at the candle tree and learnt about Holy Communion at the High Altar. They made pastel cross pictures and walked the labyrinth.

Heather Garth Primary Academy

We were invited into Heather Garth Academy to deliver an Easter collective worship. Through four short stories about Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday they discovered the significance of Easter to Christians.

Christian Nurture for Young People

Messy Cathedral

The theme for this month's Messy cathedral was *God so loves the world*, which we explored through crafts and activities. The activities included decorating biscuits to look like the world and posters with God's hands around the world. We finished the session by sharing a simple meal.



Adult Education

Ilkley U3A Guided Tour

Members of the U3A from Ilkley came for a guided tour of the cathedral. I joined with Richard York to help deliver the tour as this was a large group.



Artwalk

For the March Artwalk we had a talk, in the Treacy Hall, by Sarah Connell, a local author. The talk focused on stories that have inspired her books including working with refugees through the City of Sanctuary.



Activity Monitoring March 2026

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

| DATE | ACTIVITY | ONLINE | WEBSITE INTERACTIONS | NO. OF PARTICIPANTS | AGE RANGE |
|--------|---|--------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 Mar | Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website | ✓ | 10 website page visits | N/A | |
| 1 Mar | Messy Cathedral: God loves the world | | | 18 + 5 volunteers | 5-11/8 adults |
| 3 Mar | Cathedral Crafts | | | 7 | 38-70+ |
| | Board Games | | | 6 | 60+ |
| 8 Mar | Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website | ✓ | 8 website page visits | N/A | |
| 10 Mar | Cathedral Crafts | | | 7 | 38-70+ |
| 12 Mar | Bespoke workshop: Creation St Mary's Primary School Y1 | | | 29 | 5-6/5 adults |
| 12 Mar | Easter Story Workshop St Mary's Primary School Y2 | | | 36 | 6-7/8 adults |
| 15 Mar | Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website | ✓ | 5 website page visits | N/A | |
| 16 Mar | Signs and Symbols workshop Flushdyke Junior and Infant School Y3/Y4 | | | 30 | 7-9/4 adults |
| 17 Mar | Signs and Symbols virtual visit Sandal Magna Community Academy Y5 | P | | 29 | 9-10/1 adult |
| 17 Mar | Cathedral Crafts | | | 8 | 38-70+ |

| DATE | ACTIVITY | ONLINE | WEBSITE INTERACTIONS | NO. OF PARTICIPANTS | AGE RANGE |
|--------|--|--------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 18 Mar | Bespoke workshop: Salvation St Mary's Primary School Y6 | | | 28 | 10-11/2 adults |
| 19 Mar | Bespoke workshop: Salvation St John's J&I School Y6 | | | 31 | 10-11/2 adults |
| 22 Mar | Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website | ✓ | 3 website page visits | N/A | |
| 23 Mar | Easter Story Workshop Wakefield Grammar School Foundation Y2 | | | 40 | 6-7/6 adults |
| 24 Mar | Cathedral Crafts | | | 11 | 7-70+ |
| 24 Mar | Ilkley U3A Voyagers guided tour with Richard York | | | 47 | 60+ |
| 25 Mar | School Outreach: Collective Worship Heather Garth Primary Academy – Easter | | | 176 | 4-11/8 adults |
| 25 Mar | Artwalk: Sarah Connell – Behind the Headlines: Neighbours not Numbers | | | 10 | 40+ |
| 26 Mar | Signs and Symbols workshop Pinders Primary School Y2 | | | 34 | 6-7/4 adults |
| 26 Mar | Signs and Symbols workshop Pinders Primary School Y1/2 | | | 33 | 5-7/6 adults |
| 27 Mar | Signs and Symbols workshop Pinders Primary School Y1 | | | 28 | 5-6/5 adults |
| 29 Mar | Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website | ✓ | 6 website page visits | N/A | |
| 31 Mar | Cathedral Crafts | | | 7 | 38-70+ |