Wakefield Cathedral

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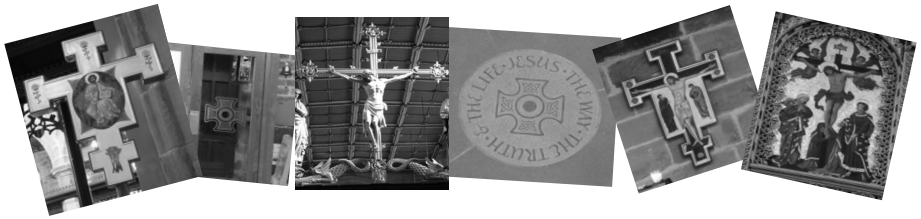
Take up Your Cross

The cross is a very important symbol for Christians as Jesus died on a cross on Good Friday but rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. In this week's gospel reading Jesus tells his disciples that they will need to take up their own cross if they wanted to follow him. Christians today may still wear a cross to remind themselves of Jesus.

There are lots of crosses in Wakefield Cathedral. Some are very large, like the one on the rood screen, and some are tiny, like ones carved into some of the stones on the floor.



Your Task:

Make a spray and spread cross

What you will need:

Kitchen roll, scissors, felt tip pens, spray bottle with water and something to cover the table.

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The Activity:

1. Cut a cross shape from the kitchen paper.

2. Put some colour on the cross using the felt tip pens - you can experiment with different colours and different patterns.

3. Gently spray water over your cross - you don't need to soak the paper.

4. The felt tip pen colours will spread and run into each other. Leave the paper to dry.

We love to see your artwork. Email photos or scans to gillian.bunn@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk