Wakefield Cathedral

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

October 2026

# School Age Children

**St John's CE (VA) J&I School**

The Y3 class from St John's School came for a Signs and Symbols workshop. For many of the children this was their first visit to the cathedral. During the workshop they found out how the cathedral is used as a Christian place of worship. They role played a baptism at the font and found out about the eucharist at the high altar and prayer at the candle tree.

The Y4 class came for a bespoke workshop about the importance of the Trinity to Christians. They explored how the Trinity are depicted in art, including in the cathedral's stained glass windows. They found out about the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan and learnt how and why people are baptised now. They thought about prayer and read The Grace in St Mark's Chapel.

**Heather Garth Primary Academy**

We were asked by Heather Garth School to lead a bible story based collective worship for the whole school. The chosen story was the Good Samaritan. During the session a group of pupils dressed up and helped tell the story.

**Sandal Magna Community Academy**

The Y5 class from Sandal Magna came for a bespoke workshop to support their learning about Christianity in RE lessons. They wanted to find out how the cathedral reflects the Christian beliefs in God as holy and loving and of Jesus as the Messiah. During the workshop they thought about what the word holy means and learnt the

hymn *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord*. They looked at the rood screen and thought about the bible verse, John 3 v16, that is written on. They found out about the idea that the Messiah would save the people and linked this to the Christian belief that Jesus died to save people from their sins.

**Mount Junior, Infant and Nursery School**

The Y5 class from Mount School came for a Stories in Light, Stone and Wood workshop. They found out how the cathedral building had changed since Saxon times and made a timeline of plans of the cathedral. They looked at the stained glass windows and designed their own window using an acetate sheet and marker pens. They took part in drama activities about the life of St Oswald, who is depicted in some of our windows. They looked at wood carvings in the quire and did the Angel Trail.

**Honley High School**

The Y10 RE group came for a visit to support the Christian practices section of their GCSE syllabus. During the workshop we looked at how the cathedral is used by Christians for liturgical and non-liturgical worship. We explored the dominical sacraments of baptism and eucharist. The students had an opportunity to walk the labyrinth and think about spiritual journeys and pilgrimage.

# Christian Nurture for Young People

**Half Term Family Fun**



The theme for our Family Fun was St Cuthbert inspired by depictions of him in our stained glass windows. Activities included making a sheep mask as Cuthbert had been a shepherd before he was a monk and also decorating crosses inspired by the cross found in his tomb.

# Adult Education

**Tower Tours**

On the first Saturday in October we offered people the chance to climb Wakefield Cathedral's tower. As well as having the opportunity to see the city from a different

vantage point the participants were able to visit the bell chamber where they could see the bells.

# Activity Monitoring October 2026

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

| DATE | ACTIVIY | ONLINE | WEBSITE INTERACTIONS | NO. OF PARTICIPANTS | AGE RANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 Oct | Tower Tours | | | 20 + 2 volunteers | 12-60+ |
| 4 Oct | Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website | ✓ | 8 website page visits | N/A | |
| 6 Oct | Cathedral Crafts | | | 7 | 38-70+ |
| 7 Oct | Signs and Symbols workshop St John's CE (VA) J&I School Y3 | | | 34 | 7-8/3 adults |
| 11 Oct | Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website | ✓ | 7 website page visits | N/A | |
| 12 Oct | Bespoke workshop: Trinity St John's CE (VA) J&I School Y4 | | | 34 | 8-9/4 adults |
| 15 Oct | School Outreach: Collective Worship Heather Garth Primary Academy - The Good Samaritan | | | 170 | 5-11/9 adults |
| 16 Oct | Bespoke workshop: Christian belief that God is holy and loving/that Jesus is the Messiah Sandal Magna Community Academy Y5 | | | 30 | 9-10/4 adults |
| 18 Oct | Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website | ✓ | 11 website page visits | N/A | |
| 20 Oct | Cathedral Crafts | | | 7 | 38-70+ |
| 22 Oct | Stories in Light, Stone and Wood Mount Junior, Infant and Nursery School Y5 | | | 32 | 9-10/4 adults |
| 23 Oct | Bespoke workshop: Christian Practises Honley High School Y10 | | | 27 | 14-15/3 adults |
| 25 Oct | Messy Cathedral Sunday activities cathedral website | ✓ | 7 website page visits | N/A | |
| 29 Oct | Half Term Family Fun – St Cuthbert | | | 49 | <1-15/23 adults |