



6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Curriculum Visit – St Luke's Church – Christmas 2023

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December children from Years 1 – 6 will be visiting St. Lukes Church to experience and share in a celebration relating to the Christian festival of Christmas. The visit, which sits within the school's curriculum, will provide an experience supporting the children's awareness of the background relating to this festival and see them sharing in related songs, stories and poetry.

This year the celebration will again be led by Fr Robin Eastoe – it may well be Fr. Robin's final event with us as the church is close to appointing a permanent replacement for Fr. Nick Debney. We are really grateful for all Fr. Robin has brought us during the past year or so.

It is a legal curriculum requirement that the school provide opportunities for children to be engaged with acts of worship of a broadly Christian nature reflecting the traditions of Christian belief. The aims of the visit to St. Luke's are to:

- provide our children with an opportunity for stillness and reflection;
- promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development;
- celebrate the values and worth of the school community and all who belong in it;
- help children develop an understanding both of the nature and language of worship;
- help children develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others.

We will be walking to the church at 1pm and parents are welcome to join their child's class for the journey if they wish. Alternatively parents can make their own way to the church to enjoy the performance taking place at 1.30pm.

To enable us to travel to the church with your child it would be appreciated if you could sign and return the permission slip that your child will bring home today.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Hampton  
Acting Head Teacher