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27<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer.

## Curriculum Visit – St Luke's Church – Harvest 2022

On Wednesday  $19^{h}$  October children from Years 1-6 will be visiting St. Lukes Church to experience and share in a celebration relating to the Christian festival of Harvest. 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 be led by Fr Robin Eastoe who is supporting the church following the departure of Fr. Nick, who moved on to pastures new in the summer.

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 Lukes 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.

In the past we have invited donations of tins/larder supplies that will be passed on to THAT Foodbank on Queensway where they will be shared with people within the community and we are keen to do so again. Given the difficult times being faced by many at the moment it is important that no one feels that they must donate items. If you would like to, and are able to provide something, items should be brought to school on the day of the service where they will be collected in classes and displayed in the school's hub. The, very busy, foodbank tell us that they would welcome any non-perishables eg. tins, dried foods, cartons, packets.

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 Co-Head Teacher