

## Harpenden Schools RE Lessons

The three churches which make up the Parish of Harpenden—St Nicholas on Church Green, St Mary’s Kinsbourne Green and All Saints at Batford—are delighted to offer RE lessons in schools and visits to our churches in order to meet your curriculum needs.

We are happy to offer lessons and visits to Harpenden Primary Schools; and we are also happy to visit secondary schools for specific lessons or topics.

All our lessons and visits are led by ministers, priests and members of our churches. Lessons fulfil and complement the requirements of the Herts. Agreed Religious Education syllabus throughout the school year, addressing the 8 Key Areas of Learning.

The 8 Key Areas of Learning:

Beliefs & Practices	Sources of Wisdom	Symbols & Actions	Prayer, Worship & Reflections
Identity & Belonging	Ultimate Questions	Human Responsibility & Values	Justice & fairness

## Suggested Lessons through the school year:

### Autumn Term

- + Some schools come to a weekday Harvest Festival in Church
- + Christian creation story (Year 1)
- + Christmas Experiences (not annually) (KS1 & KS2 appropriate)
- + Christian practices, symbols and signs-backed up by a church visit (Year 2 & 3)
- + Christian religious festivals and the importance of light (Year 4 & 5)

### Spring Term

- + **Church Visit. Baptism and belonging. Looking at how Christians welcome people into church. We include a real interactive baptism ceremony, with a doll, and learners play the part of parents and Godparents. (Year 1)**
- + **Church Visit – Exploring what Christians do in church. How the church is used for worship, prayer, reflection. What is the font, the pulpit? What is the Lord's Prayer? (Year 2)**



+ **Church visit or classroom based lesson on how Christian communities welcome babies and infants (Year 4)**

+ **Easter Experiences (not annually) (KS1 & KS2 appropriate) plus what do Christians believe Jesus did for us. What happens in church in Holy Week and Easter.**



### Summer Term

+ **Examining the roles of religious leaders. Ministers/priests will be delighted to visit schools to talk about the role of religious leader as a leader in the community. (Reception, Year 2 and Year 5).**

+ **Leavers' Assemblies/End of School Year. We like to join in the school celebrations at this time of the year by distributing the transition-to-High school book called 'It's your move'. This book has been funded by Harpenden Churches Together for many years and is a fun age-appropriate interactive intro to High School. (Year 6)**

**Ministers are available to come into school for Harvest, Christmas, Mothers' Day, and other assemblies. Just ask.**

We can offer you a visit to any of the three churches, whichever is most accessible and nearest to you at a time to suit you.

We are always happy to offer our premises for schools events such as Christmas Carol Services, Concerts and guided visits.

All ministers, priests and church volunteers are fully DBS checked, insured and conversant with school and church inclusivity and child protection policies.

Please contact us with your requirements for lessons and to book a visit to a church. We look forward to hearing from you.

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