

Church School Relationship

All Saints' Church and School have a long history and work together in various ways. Each values the relationship with the other and seeks to further strengthen the bonds and find ways to help bring together the life of church and school for the benefit of both communities.

There are currently 5 foundation governors including the vicar who is part of the Governing Body as an ex-officio member. The foundation governors are practising Christians who are fully committed to both school and church with some having their children in school and the church choir. Governors visit the school regularly, have their areas of responsibility and support and act as a critical friend to the staff. Governors will undertake monitoring visits and report back to the Governing Body.

Three members of the All-Saints' congregation visit the school regularly and act as reading buddies, support the relationship between church and school and the ministry of the chaplain such as when the young people are preparing to be Admitted to Holy Communion whether at All Saints' Church or other churches.

During the year classes will visit the church building as part of their studies on places of worship. The children hear about how the building and its various parts are used whether for baptisms, weddings and the Eucharist. The school attends, usually by Key Stage, for services at Christmas, Harvest and Easter. Parents are invited to these services and the chaplain and vicar work together to lead and give an address. The vicar also contributes, with other staff, to the rota for leading Collective Worship in the school and observes RE lessons. During 2019 the vicar spoke and responded to questions on faith, creation, evolution and science with the KS2 children.

Another regular feature of the year is Unity Day in June where many visitors of different faiths are invited to talk to the children about how we can work together to create a fairer and united world that helps those in need. Each year representatives from the governing body, along with senior leaders and children, attend the Schools' Thanksgiving service at Peterborough Cathedral.

All Saints' Day is celebrated every November with the children in each year group creatively exploring saints of old and modern-day saints. The children enjoy finding out information about different saints and reflecting on the values of being a saint and whether we can all walk in their footsteps.

The school is seen as an important place for Christian ministry, so the decision was taken to employ a p/t chaplain to support this. The chaplain and vicar work together for services in church and Collective Worship in school. The chaplain has been a visible presence at All Saints' Church through being a visiting preacher and attending events. Being in school the chaplain provides pastoral support and leads clubs for the children such as Bible Club and has developed prayer across the school for children and staff.

Church and School have supported common projects such as the Winter Night Shelter for the homeless and Peterborough Foodbank. Information is shared through

Newsletters and displays in each location though there is scope for development and increased involvement of both church and school members.