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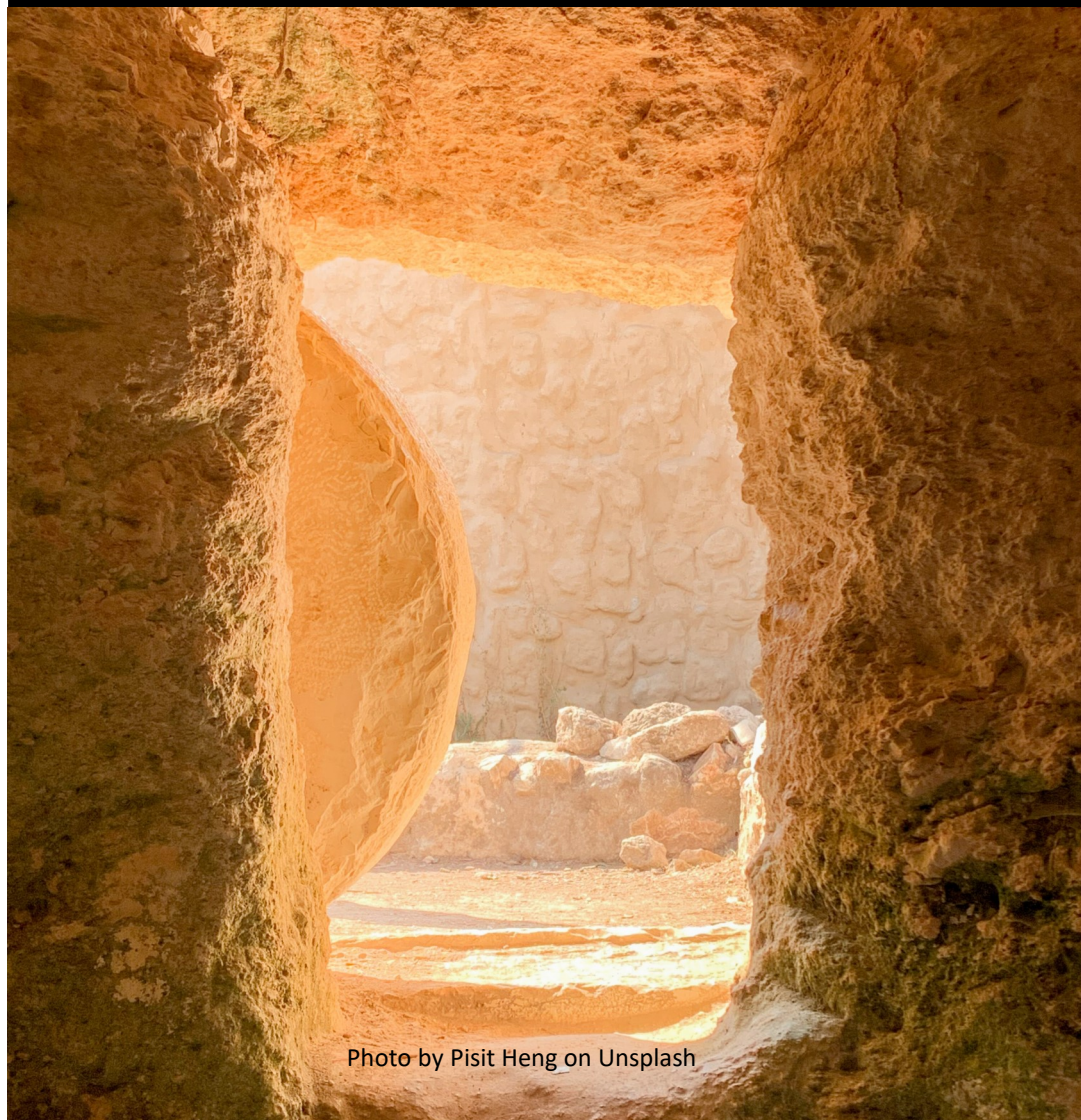


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St Chad's Church Diary – April 2022

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Date	Time	Services & Events
Friday 1 st April	7.30-9pm	Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre
Sunday 3 rd April	8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion Evensong
Thursday 7 th April	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Friday 8 th April	7.30-9pm	Youth Group Easter Labyrinth in Church
Sunday 10 th April Palm Sunday	8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion All-age service & Donkey Rides! - perfect for the whole family: 9.20am Meet at Parish Centre for the Procession of Palms Evensong
Wednesday 13 th April	1.30-3pm & 7.30-9pm 8pm	Poetry Afternoon & Evening: An appreciation and discussion of 6 poems about prayer - Parish Centre Bar Tenebrae Service to be held at St Michael's Church
Maundy Thursday 14 th April	10.30am 7.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Maundy Thursday Supper and Eucharist (Booking Required)
Good Friday 15 th April	2-3pm 7.30pm	An Hour at the Cross Music and Readings for Good Friday with St Chad's choir
Saturday 16 th April	Between 2pm & 4pm	Children's Easter Story Pebble Trail in the churchyard Adult or Family Prayer Labyrinth in church
Sunday 17 th April Easter Day	5.30am 8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Easter Sunrise Service with breakfast to be held at All Hallows Church Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Easter Day Parish Communion Evensong
Wednesday 20 th April	1.45pm & 7.45pm	The Prayer Course
Thursday 21 st April	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Friday 22 nd April	7.30-9pm	Youth Group Social
Sunday 24 th April	8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion – with children's groups Evensong
Wednesday 27 th April	1.45pm & 7.45pm	The Prayer Course
Thursday 28 th April	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Friday 29 th April	7.30-9pm	Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre

St Michael and All Angels' Church Diary for April 2022
Including Holy Week and Easter

Date	Time	Services & Events
Sunday 3 rd April The Fifth Sunday Of Lent	10.00am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist Evensong with Prayer for Healing
Sunday 10 th April Palm Sunday	10.00am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist Followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting Palm Sunday Reflection with readings, hymns, and anthems
Wednesday in Holy Week April 13 th	11.30am 8pm	Holy Communion (said) Tenebrae Service
Maundy Thursday April 14 th	7.30pm	Eucharist for Maundy Thursday with supper at St Chad's Far Headingley
Good Friday April 15 th	2pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Easter Day April 17 th	5.40am 10.00am	Sunrise Service at All Hallows' Church The Eucharist for Easter Day *No service of Evensong today*
Sunday April 24 th The Second Sunday of Easter	10.00am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist Evensong
Tuesdays in April 5 th , 12 th , & 19 th	8pm	Compline
Wednesdays in April 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	11.30am	Holy Communion (said) * Please note that in May the time of this service will revert to 10.30am*

This Month's Editorial Team

*Editor Andy Freeth, supported by Hannah Lievesley
and Angela Birkin*

The Divine Drama of Holy Week.

Immersive theatre, in which the boundaries between actor and audience are blurred, is quite fashionable to the moment. A few years ago, I attended Punchdrunk's immersive version of Macbeth, 'Sleep no More' and found it an exhilarating, if discombobulating, experience.

More recently, during ordination training, I spent Holy Week in Durham and attended every service available at the cathedral from Maundy Thursday to the sunrise service on Easter Day. I found that also to be an exhilarating and discombobulating experience.

There is effectively one service which begins on Maundy Thursday evening, continues on Good Friday and is completed with the glorious celebration of Easter Day. To attend all the parts of this great service is to be immersed in the divine drama of our redemption and salvation as the liturgy takes us from the last supper in the upper room, to the garden of Gethsemane and Jesus' arrest, onto Jesus' trial before Pilate, his crucifixion and burial. The liturgy on Good Friday ends in silence which is not broken for hours on Holy Saturday until the joyful light and noise and music of Easter Day and the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Busy lives with work, family and other commitments make it difficult to attend all the services of Holy Week, but to jump straight from Palm Sunday, April 10th this year, to Easter Day, April 17th, is to miss out a great deal. Do try to come to one of the special services which will take place in our Team churches during Holy Week this year.

Wednesday April 13th Tenebrae Service at 8pm at St Michael’s.

Tenebrae is a meditation on the searing events of Holy Week in which we are invited to reflect on the suffering of Jesus, the greatest proclamation of God’s love for all people, using readings, music and the gradual extinguishing of candles until only the ‘Christ candle’ symbolising the light of Christ remains.

Thursday April 14th Maundy Thursday Service with supper at 7.30pm at St Chad’s.

Good Friday April 15th services at St Michael’s at 2pm and at St Chad’s at 2pm and 7.30pm.

Easter Day sunrise service at All Hallow’s at 5.40am.

Easter Day Eucharist services at St Chad’s at 8am and 9.30am, at St Michael’s at 10am and at All Hallows’ at 10.30am. Even-song at St Chad’s at 6.30pm

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stand open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen (*Common Worship Collect for Easter Day*)

I and all the Headingley and All Hallows’ Team wish you a blessed and very happy Easter. **Revd Angela Birkin**



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The delay in oak bud burst was attributed to the cold and wet weather in May 2021.

On a brighter note, one of our nest boxes designed for starlings was used by a nuthatch. We can’t be sure that eggs were laid in it, but the front which is

Year	Species Seen	Number of Individual Birds	Nests in Bird Boxes
2013	14	25	
2016	13	41	
2019	13	31	5
2020	11	31	6
2021	7	14	7
2022	9	23	

designed to be removed to allow for cleaning out of the used nest in the late summer, was extremely difficult to remove. Books say that nuthatches use mud to seal up draughts and reduce the entrance hole to their minimum size, but the sealant used in our churchyard box had more in common with cement and a mallet had to be used to get the box open!

Helen Cruickshank



Revision of St Chad’s Electoral Roll

Revision of St Chad’s Electoral Roll 2022

The annual revision of the church electoral roll will take place from 27th March for 4 weeks. If you are not on the roll, but are a regular worshipper at St Chad’s please consider filling in a form. Forms are available at the back of church or from the Parish Office. If you are already on the roll, there is no need to re-apply, but please let the parish office know if your entry needs updating.

Being on the roll entitles you to vote at the Annual Church Meeting, which is taking place on **Sunday 15 May.**

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at St Chad's 2022



Peter Henderson kindly counted the birds in the St Chad's churchyard for the 2022 RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch on 28th January. It was a rather cold and windy weekend, which made counting birds rather difficult. Peter reports seeing 2 blackbirds, 2 robins, 2 carrion crows, 4 magpies, 4 bullfinches, 4 blue tits, 1 great tit, 3 wood pigeons and one nuthatch, which was exploring the old oak tree beside to path to Drummond Road. Three of the bullfinches were males, showing off to a single female. In addition, a great spotted woodpecker was heard drumming in Becketts Park, but sadly you have to see the bird in the churchyard for it to count for the RSPB bird count. This is at least a slight increase in the number of birds and species seen since the significant drop last year, which might have been

due to a sparrow hawk lingering in the vicinity and/or the increased human and dog passage through the churchyard during the various lockdowns. There was also a slight increase in the number of occupied nests during 2021, but sadly, in the 8 boxes designed for blue tits, of the 5 boxes containing nests, 2 contained quite a few unhatched eggs and 2 contained unhatched eggs and a dead nestling. This does not mean that no nestlings fledged from those nests, as blue tits typically lay 8 – 10 eggs, but this does fit with the nationally reported situation in 2021, that tit nesting failed to coordinate successfully with the peak time for caterpillar emergence, particularly winter moth caterpillars, which emerge as the leaves open on oak trees. As a result, nests were either abandoned or more of the nestlings starved to death than usual.



Spotlight on the St Chad's Parish Magazine archive *An item from March 2001* From Alfie Johnson, Funeral Director:-

The time is coming nearer for me to retire. The date being 31st March 2001, as that is the date of our year ending. Also, Mrs. B. Dickinson – who has done my book-keeping and accounts, and has been my administrator for many years after the death of her husband Owen, who joined me in business 20 years ago – is having difficulties with her eyesight. I thank her for all that she has done and for her friendship over many years, and hope her treatment is a success.

I started as an apprentice in 1936 with Mr. John Sunley who taught me the joinery trade, and I was soon making coffins. After nearly five years in the Army, I returned to continue work with my employer, and in 1948 was given the opportunity of conducting a funeral whilst Mr. & Mrs. Sunley had a holiday.

It is very hard for me to say that I must give in, but if I can offer any support to anyone, do please contact me. I say 'thank you' to all the very many homes and families in which I have shared when I was called upon to help. I shall miss these opportunities.

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, stand firm and immovable, and work for the Lord always, work without limit, since you know that in the Lord your labour cannot be lost."
(1 Corinthians 15.58)

Alfred Johnson

Turn to page six for a postscript from Alfred's niece Elizabeth....

Postscript to Alfie Johnson's article ...

After Alfie died in August 2003 aged 81, the PCC decided some memorial for Alfie should be put in church. It was agreed that a window in the Lady Chapel would be suitable. It was dedicated on 4th March 2007 on the feast day of St Chad.

The window was designed by Anne Sotheran of York. The design shows a strongly growing tree, symbolising a man's life when he is well rooted in the Spirit of the Lord, as Alfie was. Through the leaves and branches may be glimpsed many items connected with his work for the church and beyond, as a bellringer and vergier, joiner and undertaker, as an allotment holder and a life long cyclist. In the top section is shown Alpha and Omega, bursting into leaf as a verdant growing thing. The text is taken from the George Herbert hymn 'Teach me my God and king in all things thee to see' and the dedication includes a phrase used at Alfie's funeral service.

Next time you are in church can you find a bell rope, bicycle wheel, peas, beans and cabbage, a Yorkshire rose, a St Chad's cross, churchwarden's staff, some wood and an undertaker's hat? All these can be seen in the window.

By Elizabeth Johnson, Alfie's niece

Church Mice



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Many thanks Revd Angela Birkin



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God with us in daily life

Jo is a Leeds Hospital Chaplain currently training to be a vicar and on placement at All Hallows Church. She reflects on how she experiences God with us in daily life.

One of the many gifts of being called to hospital chaplaincy is knowing that I will witness prayers of lament and joy inextricably woven together. It is a ministry that bears witness to both creation and the mysteries of death—sometimes in one single day. There is no way to predict the questions or people that God will place in my path during the day. Perhaps this is the ultimate gift of this calling: learning that the Spirit of God is present in ways that are surprising and unpredictable. It reminds me that we are called to be always present to the Spirit in each other daily.

As I prepare to enter the uncertainties of the hospital, I think about how God accompanies me as I meet people right where they are, in the grittiness of it all. We are called to recognize and affirm that God is in our midst in times of joy, anxiety, fear, happiness, or anger. God is present for all of it—and what a gift to have a Creator who wades into the grit of life alongside us.



Poetry Corner - A poem for Easter Eve

A Song for All Maries

Our Master lies asleep and is at rest;

His Heart has ceased to bleed, His Eye to weep.

The sun ashamed has dropt down in the west;

Our Master lies asleep.

Now we are they who weep, and trembling keep
Vigil, with wrung heart in a sighing breast,
While slow time creeps, and slow the shadows creep.

Renew Thy youth, as eagle from the nest;
O Master, who hast sown, arise to reap:
No cock-crow yet, no flush on eastern crest;
Our Master lies asleep.

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Helen Steele, PCC Secretary

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'May they rest in peace and rise in glory.'

25 March - David Fawcett - Aged 86— St Chad's

Baptisms

'In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.'

27 March - Hallie Mae & Franklin James Marsden – Daughter & Son of Tom &
Megan Marsden – St Chad's

Weddings

'Marriage is a way of life made holy by God'

None this month

Psalms for all seasons.

*An extract from Rev'd Angela Birkin's evensong
sermon exploring the Psalms.*

The Book of Psalms, also called the Psalter, has been at the centre of Jewish and Christian worship, public and private for over 2000 years, and some of the psalms are a great deal older than that.

Bible scholars have identified 5 types of psalms:

Hymns – which are focused on God – who God is and what God has done.

Thanksgiving psalms- which give thanks to God for what God has done to help the psalmist.

Royal psalms – praising God for the king, celebrating the king and praying for the king.

Wisdom psalms – which focus our attention on the importance of wisdom and the fear of the Lord instructing those who sing and hear into a better way of being. For example Psalm 1,

*“Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,...but their
delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they
meditate day and night.”*

And, very importantly,

Laments – which may be communal or individual, and most of which begin and end with a plea to God to hear their cry, with a middle section that lays out the nature of the disaster. Most of these psalms express their faith in God despite the disaster going on around them.

The exception is psalm 88, which is full of despair from beginning to end, and interestingly marks the midpoint of the psalms by word count.

I heard psalm 88 read in a small ancient stone room under the church of St Peter in Gallicantu in Jerusalem thought to be built on the site of the house of Caiaphas, and therefore possibly the site where Jesus was imprisoned for the night after his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane before his trial before Pilate and subsequent crucifixion. Heard in the context of the possible room where Jesus was imprisoned, psalm 88 is heartrending.

The majority of the psalms speak out of and into genuine human experience and resonate as strongly today as when they were written.

The Leeds Together For Ukraine appeal

The council have kickstarted this fundraising appeal with a donation of £50,000. The money raised will be used to provide accommodation support and other forms of assistance – in partnership with a range of refugee charities and other third sector organisations – to Ukrainian refugees as they build new lives in Leeds after fleeing the fighting in their homeland. It will also be used to further develop local support systems to ensure Leeds remains a welcoming and compassionate city for all migrants in the long term.



Donations can be made via www.justgiving.com/campaign/LeedsTogetherForUkraine.

Prayer for Ukraine

One way we can all support Ukraine is through prayer:

*God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.*

Help for Ukraine

The situation in the Ukraine over the last few weeks has shocked the world and prompted an incredible response from people across the globe. Mums and Dads from the St Chad's community leapt into action too, co-ordinating collections from the church and local school community, and filling the Drummond Room in the Parish Centre with donations of bedding, nappies, coats, shoes and other requested items. These items were sorted and transported to a local barn for packaging and then loaded onto some of the first lorries taking aid to the Polish border. Work didn't stop there. Next was a plea for donations of medical aid, which resulted in 28 large boxes filled to the brim.

A brilliant effort from all involved. Thank you!



The need is still enormous—The UN estimates that 12 million people inside Ukraine will need relief and protection, while more than 4 million Ukrainian refugees may need protection and assistance in neighbouring countries in coming months.

Most of those fleeing are women and children, the elderly and the sick.

Most are leaving with the few possessions they can carry.

Those left behind face an uncertain future. People are living with no food, no water, no heat, no electricity. They need urgent respite from violence and humanitarian assistance. Despite the heart wrenching stories and distressing pictures coming out of Ukraine, there are practical ways in which we can all help to show solidarity and support with those most affected.

Homes for Ukraine—If you have space in your home you can register your interest in sponsoring a refugee fleeing Ukraine. Here's how it works:

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They give us permission and a vocabulary to shout and sing for joy before God, to weep and lament before God, to be angry and rail against God and to sit in peace and contemplation with God. Read Psalm 137 if you have ever doubted that you can bring your anger to God.

The Psalms were the core prayer book of, and would have been known by heart by, Jesus and the disciples, and were used in Christian worship from the time of the early church.

Paul writes to the Colossians,

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sings psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God.” (Col. 3.16).

Jesus frequently applied the words of the psalms to his own ministry, and of course used words from Psalm 22 on the cross. A psalm which begins with the cry of dereliction, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” and ends with an affirmation of faith, “Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.”

We don't know who wrote the psalms. Around 2/3rds are attributed to King David, but it may well be that there are multiple authors. We cannot know for sure.

However, these wonderful writings, have been prayed, prayed again and re-prayed over a long period of time, and who first said them or first prayed them is less important than praying them now.

Using the psalms we can bring all of ourselves before God; our anguish, doubt, fear and anger, and our praise and thanks.

I can think of no better place to end than the last verses of the Psalter, Psalm 150 verses 3 to 6:

Praise him with the trumpet sound; praise him with the lute and harp! Praise him with the tambourine and dance; praise him with the strings and pipe! Praise him with the clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Amen.

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Exciting ministry with our local schools.

Much of the ministry that takes place through our churches goes unseen by the many faithful who come to worship on a Sunday and give generously to enable it. Mid-week ministry forms an



important part of our calling to reach out beyond the walls of our churches in order to 'proclaim the gospel afresh in every generation'. Here's a flavour of some of the ministry that has been happening with local schools over the weeks running up to Easter.

Shire Oak C of E Primary School immersed in Holy Week at St Michael's.

Rev Angela and Rev Josh designed and hosted an immersive Holy Week experience at St Michael's, for Shire Oak Primary. One class at a time were invited to re-enact with them the days from Palm Sunday to Easter Morning. They used the whole of the church building (and many of the pantomime resources!) to re-create Jerusalem within the walls of St Michael's. Rev Tony accompanied them with organ music. The way these events relate to and shape our Christian life and worship today was explained and explored as the story unfolded. The re-enactments included a palm parade, a cleansing of the temple, a last supper with foot washing, and a trial leading to the cross, tomb and resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning. Headteacher, Jane Astrid Devane, said "In just half an hour the children were taken back to turn of the millennium Jerusalem and enjoyed the music, palm waving and cheering as well as listening sensitively to the more sombre parts of the story. Thank you to Rev Angela, Rev Josh and Rev Tony for putting this together for us."

Easter in Virtual Reality at St Chad's C of E Primary Academy.

Rev Hannah, our youth worker Ollie, and others from the charity Missional Generation came together to deliver an afternoon of activities exploring Easter and its meaning with pupils of St Chad's Primary School. The children explored the Easter events for themselves using virtual reality headsets. Then, through teaching, quizzes, craft, and visual story-telling, they learned about the meaning and impact of Jesus' resurrection. At the end of the week, the whole school, with parents in tow, came to church for Easter Worship before breaking up for the holidays.



Learning about Christianity alongside other faiths.

Rev Josh has been busy working with a charity to host school visits for pupils exploring similarities and differences between major faiths in the UK. Schools have visited St Michael's Church alongside a local synagogue and mosque. By visiting the church building and understanding the way we worship and enjoy fellowship together the pupils are better able to explore and understand our Christian life and beliefs. The visits promote positive relationships and understanding between people of difference faiths. Five more of these visits will be hosted after Easter.