

## **St Thomas's, Oakwood (Church of England)**

### **What would you want to achieve from a school visit?**

This is an important place to start, and we recognise that school visits to a church are not the same as church-run activities. We would want to make all our guests welcome, while respecting that they will come from a variety of worldviews. We have devised a School Visits Pack including sample sessions based on the Enfield Agreed Syllabus, but hope that as a visit is planned you will feel free to discuss with us the aspects of the faith you wish to cover with



that group of children, so that we can provide you with an appropriate and helpful educational experience.

### **What would we want to get across in a school visit?**

We see the church as a group of people, rather than a building. Of course the building does have some significance and reflects our beliefs, and the Church of England has a particular role in our society, both locally and nationally. But we would want in addition to this to

emphasise the beliefs we hold and the effect they have on our daily lives, as well as the traditions and festivals we use to mark some of those beliefs. In summary, our faith in what Jesus has done for us impacts three main areas:

- Our worship of God, both together as a church and individually
- Our service of other people, both in the church and in the community
- Our mission to spread the word of God both locally and globally



### **How would we expect to achieve this?**

We would value input before the visit and feedback afterwards, to help us to plan and to improve the experience. We would

expect to devise interactive activities and presentations for the children to explore the main themes you have asked to be covered in this visit.

St Thomas's has a number of staff and volunteers who have been CRB

checked and are experienced in helping children. They might take part in showing groups of children around the building, and answering any questions about what they see or have been told.

### **What next?**

If you would like to arrange to visit St Thomas's, to ask for our School Visits



Pack, or to invite one of our staff to visit your school, please contact Revd.

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