

Our work as a Christian school aims to teach our children to cherish their local community and environment.

KS2 Christmas Carol Service

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! Reverend Neil and our Key Stage 2 children took the lead during our service on Wednesday morning. It was wonderful to be able to gather together to worship in church with parents, carers, grandparents and friends whilst taking time out to reflect on the deep meaning of Christmas. The children sang beautifully and spoke very clearly. Thank you to all involved, especially the Year 3 children who enthusiastically performed the carol 'Jesus the Saviour,' the Year 4 children who eloquently shared their thoughts about the true meaning of Christmas via poetry and metaphors for Jesus and the talented Year 5s who performed a wonderful group poem. Our Year 6 pupils were excellent role models throughout the service and they read the story of Christmas from the Bible whilst others shared their own seasonal prayers.

Have a look on social media <https://www.facebook.com/Grimsargh-St-Michaels-C-of-E-Primary-School-482128518626303/>, <https://www.instagram.com/grimsarghstmichaels/> and the school website <https://www.grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk/faith-in-action/> for fantastic photographs and more.



Reverend Neil used Scottish author Robert Louis Stephenson's quote about, 'making holes in the dark,' referring to a lamp lighter, to illustrate his Christmas message to our school community. Reverend Neil linked this to the Advent candle. As we lit the candles on the Advent wreath, the children sang, 'Light four candles, see them burning bright, Jesus will be coming soon, He will be our light.'

The children were reminded of the significance of the four Advent candles in the Church of England and how the candles help us understand how characters from the Bible made 'holes in the dark'.

Candle one reminds us of Abraham and the patriarchs. He was the father of the nation of Israel. He praised God and prepared the way for Jesus and our faith as Christians.

Candle two remind us of the prophets, including Isaiah, Amos and Moses. The prophets help to bring us closer to God's heart.

The third candle, reminds us of John the Baptist. John was a special prophet. The Year 6 pupils shared learning from their RE lessons with Mrs Slattery and explained how 'wildman' John baptised Jesus, wore clothes made from camel hair and ate insects with wild honey. John had one purpose, to make people ready to welcome Jesus. He made a 'way in the dark'.

Candle four reminds us about Mary. Her faith illustrated how she made a hole in the dark. She brought our light, Jesus, into the world.

Reverend Neil referred to a song about Mary:
'Mary did you know when you kissed your baby's face, you kissed the face of God.'

Mary made a massive hole in the dark.

At the end of the service, we lit the candle for Christmas Day. The candle represents Jesus. He brings light into the world. Reverend Neil asked us how we bring light into the world?

How do you let your light shine in your family?
How do you let your light shine in our community?

Remember to take time out to be with God this Christmas.

Our Church services at St Michaels Church are as follows:

Sunday 19th December 8:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd December 11am Holy Communion

Christmas Eve 4pm Christmas Crib Service

Christmas Day 10am Christmas Morning Communion Service

Sunday 26th December St Stephens Day Boxing Day 8:30am Holy Communion and 10am Service

30th December 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd January 8:30am Holy Communion and 10am Service

Please note Reverend Neil has restarted the 8:30am Sunday service after Covid interruption to facilitate those with sports and other commitments in their busy schedules.

Confirmation Dates for our pupils working towards the service with Bishop of Blackburn (Jill) on 13th March 2022 are January 16th, January 30th, February 13th and 27th. (all at 4pm in Church)



We would love the children to take a walk around the Grimsargh Wetlands and appreciate the beauty of our local community, God's wonderful creation.

Feel free to post a picture of you and your family enjoying a walk round the Wetlands and look out for exciting wildlife and the Wetlands inspired nativity, designed by Mrs Coulston and our creative Art club.

Faith in Action

We are delighted to announce that our school community has supported a range of charities in the wider community. We have raised a grand total of £796.45. Thank you for your contributions.