



Bixley Farm || St John's || St Andrew's

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**St John's**  
Link schools:  
St John's VA Primary  
Sidegate Primary

Messy Church  
Sunday morning  
children's work

**St Andrew's**  
Link school:  
Britannia Primary

**Sidegate**  
In school:  
Open The Book every two weeks  
In church:  
Special visits eg 'Easter Experience' and 'Lord's Prayer Project'  
Classroom visits eg. 'Question a Christian' (Y4), Carol Service, Christmas Journey & Easter Journey (attended by all Reception children)

Rationale, approaches and Priorities  
Mission, outreach and engagement with the local community is critical and the absolute priority  
A very strong emphasis on Evangelism.  
This is the top priority

In school:  
School authorises the church to publicise its work via the school /school advertises Messy Church, holiday club, Cruisers and online activities which allows church to reach out to the families of the schools  
Open The Book  
Vicar speaks for 5 minutes at the end of Christmas shows about the true meaning of Christmas and to invite children to Alpha Course and 'Epic Explorer' classes. These opportunities are used to make clear the importance of Jesus and the support the church offers for the local community  
In church:  
Themed workshops held at the church  
Alpha Course Buildings made available e.g. to Britannia for rehearsing and end of year performances etc.  
licensed Lay Evangelist included in speaking at end of Christmas shows, etc.  
'One-off' opportunities provided to speak to classes about the Christian faith

The church's work with its church school: St John's VA School  
In school:  
Vicar: Rev Mark Prentice is Chair of Governors. This role is used to be involved with and actively engage with the school. All Foundation Governors are guided by the Vicar and some were approached directly by the Vicar to become Governors.  
The Christian Vision of the school was recently developed. The Vicar led CPD for staff on the biblical basis of the vision as well as ethos and how this should shape what happens in class.  
Vicar leads whole-school CW regularly (current focus: The Christian Vision of the school)  
Vicar leads class lessons, where appropriate, for example, on 'Incarnation.'  
Governors monitor the school as a church school, eg through pupil perceptions that are fed back to the Chair  
Vicar as Chair addresses problems, eg recent parental complaints re the teaching of 'evolution' within the curriculum.  
Alpha course is held at the school. Open The Book -Every 2 weeks  
In church:  
Classes visit the church linked with the curriculum  
Termly school service at St John's Church  
Annual prayer space event hosted at St John's Church. This is organised and led by the Families Workers and involves pupils and staff  
'Special days' eg Lord's Prayer Day and Communion are held in St John's Church

**Special initiatives**  
Prayer Space  
Messy Messiah  
Lord's Prayer Day  
Communion  
Open The Book  
Inspiring Classrooms  
Life Exhibition

Key personnel:  
1 x stipend Clergy who is very focused on mission  
1 x SSM  
Team of 'Readers' and Elders  
2 x Families Workers (employed by the church) who are members of the congregation  
Chaplain (1 day-per-week at St John's VA Primary)

**Bixley Farm**  
Link school:  
Broke Hall Primary  
St Augustines have pre-existing relationship

'Little Lambs' Toddler outreach initiative  
Talks to establish links with local youth club

Noah's Ark pre-school  
(now becoming more independent)