






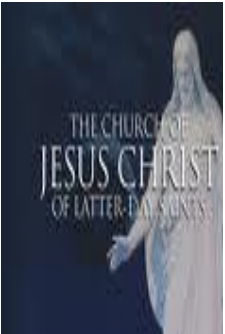


Wiltshire Council
School Visits to Religious Places and
School Visits from Religious Representatives






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	<p>The UK Church Directory – for churches who claim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. <i>(Depending on which church you select you will need to ring them direct to confirm school or church visit)</i></p>	<p>http://www.findachurch.co.uk/home/home.php</p>
	<p>The Church of England (Directory). ‘A church near you’ for events, visits etc. <i>(Depending on which church you select you will need to ring them direct to confirm school or church visits)</i></p>	<p>http://www.achurchnearyou.com/</p>
	<p>(Directory for) The Catholic Church is the largest Christian denomination in the world. It has more than one billion members worldwide. Around five million live in England. Catholics believe in Jesus Christ and his message of love for all, peace and forgiveness. <i>(Depending on which church you select you will need to ring them direct to confirm school or church visit)</i></p>	<p>http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/ http://www.cliftondiocese.com/Trowbridge/</p>
	<p>(Directory for) The United Reformed Church has brought together English Presbyterians, English, Welsh and Scottish Congregationalists, and members of the Churches of Christ, through unions in 1972, 1981 and 2000. Sixty-eight thousand people make up 1500 congregations. It combines its commitment to the Reformed tradition with a passionate belief that all God’s people should be one. It seeks to work with Christians of all traditions. <i>(Depending on which church you select you will need to ring them direct to confirm school or church visit)</i></p>	<p>http://www.urc.org.uk/church/search</p>
	<p>(Directory for) The Baptist church is independent and autonomous so beliefs may vary but common Baptist beliefs are (there are more from the website) - 'Jesus is Lord'. As a symbol of Jesus' claim on our lives, baptism by immersion is practised, representing a desire to die to self and to live for Christ. There is no set Baptist liturgy - each local church and community is free to determine its own pattern, though prayer and praise, listening and reflecting on scripture, and sharing Holy Communion will always be central. Final authority does not rest with the ministers, deacons or any other local, national or international body, but with the members meeting together under God's guidance. 46 million Baptists belong to churches cooperating with the Baptist World Alliance. <i>(Depending on which church you select you will need to ring them direct to confirm school or church visit)</i></p>	<p>http://www.baptist.org.uk/index.html http://www.baptist.org.uk/baptist_life/baptist_family/local/churchfinder.html</p>

Please note for all visits to schools and religious places : It is the Headteacher’s responsibility to ensure that all Safeguarding Children in Education procedures have been followed.


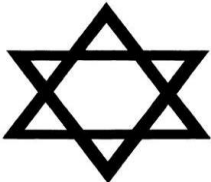


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	<p>(Directory for) The Methodist church. A Methodist is a person who is a member of the evangelical Protestant Church formed according to the principles of Charles and John Wesley in England in the early 18th century. Methodists believe in the social responsibility of Christians for the good of public welfare. In the US, the Methodist group is second in the Protestant group, second to Baptists. Methodists receive communion once a month. They go by the doctrine that if you believe in Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour, and pray for forgiveness of sins, you are blessed with eternal life. The link www.confessingumc.org gives a comprehensive set of information on Methodist beliefs with regards to topics like resurrection of Christ, Heaven and Hell, Holy Communion and the Bible. <i>(Depending on which church you select you will need to ring them direct to confirm school or church visit)</i></p>	<p>http://www.methodist.org.uk/ http://www.methodist.org.uk/index.cfm?fuseaction=opentogod.content&cmid=1097</p>
	<p>(Directory for) Assemblies of God (AoG) “Give every man, woman and child the opportunity of understanding the gospel and to provide a church where they can grow in ministry for the glory of God.” AoG believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, the infallible, all sufficient rule for faith and practice - for further details http://www.aog.org.uk/pages/12-core-values/content AoG in Great Britain is a Pentecostal denomination and the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, the world's largest Pentecostal denomination with a global adherence of 52.5 million people. Today the Assemblies of God has over 1,000 leaders and more than 600 churches. <i>(Depending on which church you select you will need to ring them direct to confirm school or church visit)</i></p>	<p>http://www.aog.org.uk/pages/1-home-/content http://www.aog.org.uk/locations</p>
	<p>(Directory for) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (members sometimes known as “Mormons”) mirrors the original Church Christ founded during His earthly ministry in beliefs, teachings, authority and structure. It was founded in 19th century America and has over 13.5 million members worldwide (LDS 2008 Statistical Report). Mormonism has been present in the UK since 1837 and has 190,000 members (LDS 2008 figures). Mormons are strongly focused on traditional family life and values and oppose premarital sex, pornography, gambling, tobacco, consuming alcohol, tea, coffee, and the use of drugs. One of the more common misconceptions is that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints advocates polygamy. However, this was discontinued over a century ago; the Church excommunicates anyone who practices it. <i>(Depending on which church you select you will need to ring them direct to confirm school or church visit)</i></p>	<p>http://www.lds.org.uk/contact-us/ward-locator/search-by-map/ For more information please ring Sarah Turvey Trowbridge Ward Brook Road BA149DL Trowbridge 01225 777097 (Sunday mornings) 01225 767691 (other times) www.lds.org.uk</p>






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	<p>Directory of Salisbury Churches - a directory site for churches and christian organisations in Salisbury. You can go straight to the entry for a particular church or organisation by selecting the name of the church you are looking for from the menu on the left.</p> <p>Or, you can look for a church near you on a map of Salisbury</p> <p><i>(Depending on which church you select you will need to ring them direct to confirm school or church visit)</i></p>	<p>http://www.salisburychurch.net/</p>
	<p>Salvation Army - School visits</p> <p>A protestant church formed by William Booth to help the poor. It works to help people's physical needs as well as their spiritual ones.</p> <p>Salvation Army Centres in Trowbridge, Chippenham and Bath.</p>	<p>http://www1.salvationarmy.org.uk</p> <p>Website for children activities www.salvationarmy.org.uk/kids</p>
	<p>The West Wiltshire Interfaith Group can organize speakers from different faiths to visit schools. We can organise talks for the whole class or a combined assembly. Speakers can be asked to answer questions, or to give a talk on their respective faiths followed by questions. Since we has not been able to secure long term funding we ask schools to pay the travel expenses of our speakers. School visits</p>	<p>http://www.wwifg.org.uk/</p>
 	<p>Hinduism is the religion of the majority of people in India and Nepal. It also exists among significant populations outside of the sub continent and has over 900 million adherents worldwide. Unlike most other religions, Hinduism has no single founder, no single scripture, and no commonly agreed set of teachings.</p> <p>School visits - Dr Yuktेशwar Kumar</p> <p>School tours of the Bristol Hindu Temple</p> <p>Two tours – One about 45 minutes talking about the deities, Hindu festivals and Hindu religion in general or a workshop (about 2 hours long) doing activities like rangoli, dancing and drawing as well as the talk. We are open for school visits on weekdays between 10 am - 5 pm.</p> <p>School Visits by Bristol Hindu Temple's Panditjii (Priest)</p> <p>Our Panditjii would be delighted to visit your school for a workshop in Indian Art Rangoli, Stick Dance and Circle Dance (Ras Garba) or assembly Story Telling. It can be tailor made for your requirements.</p>	<p>Dr Yuktेशwar Kumar (Member of Wiltshire SACRE) yukt123@gmail.com</p> <p>THE BRISTOL HINDU TEMPLE 163b Church Road, Redfield, Bristol, BS5 9LA 0117 935 1007 info@bristolhindutemple.co.uk Panditji will get in touch with you by phone to confirm the details of your booking.</p>





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	<p>The word Islam means 'submission to the will of God'. Islam is the second largest religion in the world with over 1 billion followers. The 2001 census recorded 1,591,000 Muslims in the UK, around 2.7% of the population. According to Muslims, God sent a number of prophets to mankind to teach them how to live according to His law. Jesus, Moses and Abraham are respected as prophets of God. They believe that the final Prophet was Muhammad.</p> <p>School visits & visits to Wiltshire Islamic Cultural Centre (WICC) in Trowbridge – has links to Mosque in Bath Mosque – Wali Rahman</p> <p>School visits & visits to Bath Mosque (Bath Islamic Society)</p> <p>School visits - Muslim lady (mother), Radia Choudry who runs Café India in Chippenham is happy to visit schools to talk about what it is like being a Muslim in Britain today. For ½ a day £90 and full day £120 but this is negotiable.</p>	<p>Wali Rahman (Member of Wiltshire SACRE) waliurrahman@yahoo.com</p> <p>Bath Islamic Society 8 Pierrepont Street, Bath, BA11LA - 01225 460922 http://www.bathislamicsociety.org/activities.html</p> <p>Radia Choudhury - 01249 660330. Email abs24@live.co.uk</p>
  	<p>Judaism has about 13 million followers throughout the world, mostly in USA and Israel. 267,000 people in the UK said that their religious identity was Jewish (2001 census). Judaism originated in the Middle East over 3500 years ago. Moses was the main founder of Judaism, but Jews can trace their history back as far as Abraham. Jews believe that there is only one God.</p> <p>School visits (Swindon area only) – Martin Vandervelde</p> <p>School visits Jewish ex teacher, Lynda Fordhorne offers to undertake RE class in Judaism and presented at Primary Conference 2009.</p> <p>Visits to the Bournemouth Reform Synagogue Welcomes visits from schools to tour our synagogue and to learn about Judaism. Our dedicated team of teachers will happily spend an hour with a class of any age-group and any size. We also occasionally visit schools to run assemblies or to explain festivals. If you would be like to arrange a visit, please contact Tammy who will be happy to help.</p> <p>Visits to the Bournemouth Synagogue for the Orthodox Jewish community. We hope you will find something here to entertain, enlighten, surprise, intrigue and maybe even educate, but especially to capture your interest in the Jewish community here in Bournemouth. We would be delighted to welcome school groups. Please contact either the Synagogue office 01202 557433, or email Barry Skanlany</p>	<p>Martin Vandervelde (Member of Wiltshire SACRE) 01793 521910</p> <p>Lynda Fordhorne living.judaism@ntlworld.com 01202 761555 or 07876653761 www.livingjudaism.co.uk</p> <p>Tammy - Bournemouth Reform Synagogue PO Box 8 Bournemouth BH1 3PN 01202 55 77 36 www.bournejewish.org</p> <p>Barry Sklan Assistant Minister Synagogue Chambers Wootton Gardens Bournemouth BH1 1PW T: 01202 557433</p>



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		Barry Sklan - ffc1966@ntlworld.com or info@bournejewish.org Online Map & Directions
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 	<p>Buddhism - The Aukana Trust in Bradford on Avon comprises of two monasteries and a meditation centre for those in search of a practical approach to the Buddha's teaching. The instruction offered is the traditional training in the three aspects of the Buddhist way: sila or control of personal conduct, samadhi or control of mind, and panna, the development of wisdom. The key to the growth of understanding is the practice of insight meditation (vipassana). We also stress the importance of loving-kindness (metta), generosity and service, as well as establishing a sound theoretical grasp of the teachings through study of the Pali Canon (the collection of the Buddha's original discourses).</p> <p>No School visits.</p> <p>Visits to the centre - A two hour visit (to show students around and answer their questions) in the afternoon has worked well in the past. However, generally this is recommended to older (6th form) students who have taken up Buddhism for serious study -as we do not have rituals, chanting or exotic robes etc, there is not so much to interest younger students - Paul Harris</p>	<p>Paul Harris Assistant Spiritual Director Aukana Trust 9 Masons Lane Bradford on Avon Wiltshire BA15 1QN</p> <p>01225 866821 e-mail: info@aukana.org.uk</p>
 	<p>Sikhism, the youngest of the world religions, is barely five hundred years old. Today there are about 20 million Sikhs in the world, most of whom live in the Punjab province of India. There are about half a million Sikhs in the UK. Sikhism was founded in the 16th century in the Punjab district of what is now India and Pakistan. It was founded by Guru Nanak and is based on his teachings, and those of the 9 Sikh gurus who followed him.</p> <p>Visits to Sikh Temple, Swindon (Tuesday afternoon only) School visits to the Temple by Mr Dhillon for Tuesday afternoons.</p>	<p>Mr Dhillon. Sikh Temple Kembrey Street Swindon SN2 8AZ. 07989376963. khalsa@sgng.org.uk. www.sgng.org.uk Mr Dhillon available on either Monday or Tuesday between 1.30 pm and 3.00 pm.</p>
	<p>Church Network for Gypsies and Travellers offers teaching on the history, legal matters, social issues and cultural differences concerning Gypsies and Travellers and help in providing talks, study days, presentations and other resources for Church groups, leaders and students. School visits</p>	<p>Rev Roger Redding http://www.cngt.org.uk/services.htm</p>

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	<p>The British Humanist Association (BHA) - is the national charity supporting and representing non-religious people who seek to lead ethical lives without supernatural or superstitious beliefs. Committed to human rights, democracy, equality and mutual respect, the BHA works for an open and inclusive society with freedom of belief and speech, and for an end to the privileged position of religion – the established church in particular – in law, education, broadcasting and wherever else it occurs</p> <p>Information on the BHA website (under the Education section) for teachers offering a number of easy to use online toolkits when wishing to teach the background to Humanism and its core values.</p> <p>For visits to BHA (meetings)- contact Margaret Dearnaley.</p> <p>School visits - for queries about assemblies and RE lessons please contact James Gray.</p>	<p>http://www.humanism.org.uk/home For School Visits Margaret Dearnaley, Top Floor Flat, 12 Southfield Road, Cotham, Bristol BS6 6AY. 0117 904 9490 Email: mdcotham@googlemail.com</p> <p>James Gray on james@humanism.org.uk. British Humanist Association 1 Gower Street, London WC1E 6HD. 020 7462 4993</p>
	<p>The Council of British Druid Orders (CoBDO)- The overriding principle which unites the various druid orders that make up the Council of British Druid Orders, is the belief and determination that we are all part of the process of the rekindling, in the 21st Century, of an ancient national nature religion. We in CoBDO believe that it is time to take druidry out of its private cult status, and its "invitation only" ethos, and put it back where it truly belongs, as free and open participation for all at our ancient national shrines. No school visits or visits to the CoBDO but website for information.</p>	<p>http://www.cobdo.org.uk/index.html</p>
	<p>Visits to Stonehenge and Avebury - Sun worship temple? Healing centre? Huge calendar? Lesson plans, learning resources and guided tours are available for school groups. <u>Contact us</u> for more information. You can also request an English Heritage and National Trust Discovery Visit. For more information, visit the <u>English Heritage website</u>.</p> <p>English Heritage provides free entry to the Stonehenge stone circle for education groups, but please note booking is essential, with or without National Trust Education Group Membership. Visit the <u>English Heritage website</u> for more information.</p>	<p>http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/cymraeg/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-stonehengelandscap/w-stonehengelandscap-facilities.htm</p>
	<p>Visits to Salisbury Cathedral is an Anglican cathedral in Salisbury. It has the tallest church spire in the United Kingdom and visitors can take the "Tower Tour". The Cathedral contains the world's oldest working clock (from AD 1386) and has one of the four surviving original copies of the Magna Carta (all four original copies are in England). All school visits are handled by the Cathedral's Education Centre. Situated at Wren Hall they will help you arrange special programmes to meet the National Curriculum, or other educational needs.</p>	<p>Tel: 01722 555 180 or email: education@salcath.co.uk. <u>For more information click here</u></p>

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	<p>Visits to Bath Abbey is an active Christian church situated at the heart of the city. Founded in 1499, it stands on the site of an earlier Norman Cathedral and the original Abbey Church built in the 8th century. Whether you visit for a service, a concert, or an exhibition; to admire the building, to study the Abbey's story of faith, or simply to spend time in quiet, we pray that you will experience something of God's grace - of earth and heaven meeting in this place. There is a booking form for schools to visit on the website.</p>	<p>http://www.bathabbey.org/index.htm Bath Abbey, 12 Kingston Buildings, Bath BA1 1LT Tel: 01225 422462 Fax: 01225 429990 email: - office@bathabbey.org</p>
 <p>History</p>	<p>Visits to Malmesbury Abbey The existing structure of the Abbey is about one third the size of the building at its greatest extent. First established around 676 but the present building dates from the 12th century, and was consecrated about 1180. The south porch with its magnificent Norman arch contains carvings depicting Bible stories. There is also a fine vaulted roof to the nave. During the next 2 centuries the building was expanded, including the addition of a spire which was even taller than that on Salisbury Cathedral. Unfortunately it fell down, probably during a storm, some time around the turn of the 16th century. In 1539 Henry VIII dissolved the monastery for which this building was the centre of worship.</p>	<p>http://malmesburyabbey.info/ Sandie is available Mondays and Tuesdays 9:30am – 12am, and Wednesday to Friday 9:30am – 2:30pm on 01666 826 666. The Abbey Office, Holloway, Malmesbury, Wilts. SN16 9BA</p>