

Randwick CofE School



Randwick Anglican/ Methodist Church



Connections



SIAMS INTRODUCTION

– THE LINK BETWEEN ANGLICANS AND METHODISTS IN RANDWICK

RANDWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL is a an **ANGLICAN (CofE) VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOL**, founded in 1857, with the Randwick Church (St John the Baptist) Parochial Church Council as its trustees.

However, since **1987** the ANGLICAN AND METHODIST CHURCHES in Randwick Village have combined in a **LOCAL ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP** (Covenanted) with a joint Council – The Randwick Church Council (R.C.C.) - as its controlling body – owing allegiance to both the Diocese of Gloucester and the Stroud/ later Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit

- with the stated aim of **“not doing anything separately we can do together.”**

Earlier school religious inspections associated with Ofsted have been solely under SIAS (Anglican only) auspices. Now the same process and standards are applied to both Anglican and Methodist Schools.

The ecumenical nature of Randwick Church has been reflected in its active link with the School in two particular ways:-

(i)The exclusively Anglican tradition has been less emphasised within the Church (though many aspects of Church worship are virtually the same for both denominations -- lectionary, communion, hymns, prayers...). Most of the fabric and fittings of the church building have remained since before the partnership, and two or three Methodist elements added – eg. The William Knee memorial; the Wesley window; Hymns and Psalms hymn book.. We have continued to celebrate the usual festivals (including the Anglican Mothering Sunday) and added other occasions like Christingle (ex-Moravian), the Covenant Service, and discovered that George Whitefield and John Wesley preached here in 1739 and 1742 respectively.

(ii) Methodist ministers have taken occasional School Worship sessions (eg Rev. John Thompson) as well as the Vicar of course. And they (as well as local preachers) have naturally also taken services in Church to which some school children have come.

The emphasis for the Church, as for the School, has been on CHRISTIAN values and beliefs. As a village **parish** church we have retained our parochial role with its responsibility for everyone within its boundaries, not just church members. (The Church notice-board says **‘Randwick Church welcomes people of all denominations’**- just as the School rightly has an open entry policy for all the neighbourhood children.

Some recent examples of Church – School Connections

2018 THE SCHOOL AND CHURCH HARVEST GIFTS ARRIVING AT THE FOOD BANK.

The seven year group reps on the Randwick School Council put their muscles to the test on Tuesday 8th November helping to convey all the Harvest gifts to the Food Bank. There they were given a brief tour and armed with a few facts and figures to report back about the 10 tons of goods stored there, and the needs of those who might get a selection of them to provide three days' supply from one of the several distribution centres across the area.



School and Church Harvest Gifts For Marah and the Food Bank



Presentation of a book on the Bible to each School Leaver over many years



Rev. Brian Woollaston taking a worship session



Rev. Brian Woollaston with Margaret Smith , Churchwarden

That sheep got everywhere

The Diocesan SHEEP links Church & Randwick School last day of Christmas term 2018

8.50am Line Up and 5 minutes dance



Then the walk through the Churchyard to The Church for the Worship Session



'George' takes a rest half-way

Then faces front, with the others for registration



First up, the many certificates for behaviour, effort, kindness, support, & skill are awarded.



Then 'George' takes pride of place while Head explains how the sheep is there to inspire everyone to follow the Christian Values, and to remind the pupils that there many other Church School doing the same. In the right hand photo, the Head explains what Class 2 have written on each feather in George's wings.



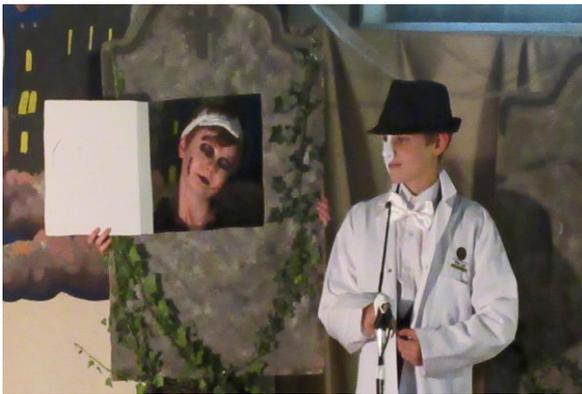
.And George looks on while Class 2 act out a story about Searching for a Bee-Tree, and looks on approvingly while the Class explain their anti-plastic waste campaign.

SCHOOL DRAMA IN CHURCH-

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THE CLASS 3 PLAY WAS FIRST CLASS

As the end of term draws nearer so the pace of life in School increases, especially for those in Year 6 who are in their last few days before leaving for secondary school. Among their many diversions is the play – this year “*The Rocky Monster Show*” – an imaginative and amusing take on the Frankenstein story and the Rock music scene. Plenty of alarming sound effects and singing opportunities. How can these youngsters do it? Word-perfect and enthusiastically rendered, the characters were well understood and projected. The whole production at the Church was very effectively staged and slickly sequenced. Scenery and props, from castle walls to laboratory equipment enhanced the effect. But overall it was the confidence and exuberance of the performers, especially in the solo and chorus work, which gave the show its star quality. No names. All deserve a prize. Congratulations! B.S.



Also in the weekly ‘Randwick Runner’

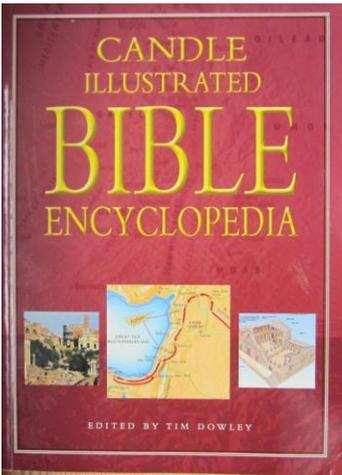
THE CLASS 1 NATIVITY

“LIGHTS, CAMELS, ACTION”

Randwick School’s youngest presented a Nativity with a difference last Tuesday/Wednesday. Loosely based on game shows like *Britain’s Got Talent* or *the X factor*, the various groups involved in the Christmas story were paraded to demonstrate their worth, with marks awarded by good judges (like the donkey) – cheers- and a bad judge (the innkeeper) – boos. Plenty of songs sung with their usual precision, and actions too, including a mini-Morris dance with shepherds and sheep, rightly provided the audience with the opportunity to applaud enthusiastically. The whole was held together by three excellent narrators. What a joy it was to witness, and to be reminded of the amazing work done by school staff under pressure as a long term moves to its climax. B.S.



RANDWICK SCHOOL – CHURCH PICTURES FROM EARLIER DAYS



Leavers book



Harvest craft



Harvest gifts for Marah and the Food Bank



DIY Christingles



Made in School by Class 2



Another School Play



Christingles and Junior music group.



Hands Round the Lake. A Whitsun-tide tradition in Randwick



At the Cathedral for the Leavers Service



The Community links with the School: Mid-August Fun with a Bun, and at Brownies, dedicating the new seat



The youngsters continue to play a large part in the annual Springtime Celebrations



Both at the Randwick Wap in early May



and the St George's Day service in April



At the Remembrance Service the uniformed groups play their part. Isabel Stanley helps the young planters