



The Federation of Antrobus St Marks and Great Budworth CE (A) Primary School

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A letter from the Vicar

The association with, and connections between, the two schools and their respective parish churches go back for some considerable time and, since the Federation of the two schools, these relationships have been strengthened and deepened.

Both schools are regular visitors to the churches, not just for formal occasions such as Easter and Christmas Services and end of year services, but also for more informal visits in classes and so on. In Great Budworth the younger pupils have over the last few years been regular attenders at the bi-monthly "Play and Praise" Services, and of course collective acts of worship are held regularly in each school during term time. They are led by members of the Ministry Teams of both churches and also by members of the Governing Body. Regular all age services are held at both churches and school families are warmly encouraged to attend.

There is a strong Christian ethos in each school, and this is at the core of the values and vision of each school. Each of the schools has in addition a very strong link with the local community, including other local churches, and this is part and parcel of that ethos and vision.

The last year has of course been extremely challenging, but new and innovative ways of engaging with the schools, mostly through online resources, have been undertaken, and the contact between schools and churches has been maintained, albeit in a slightly different form.

The mottos of the two schools sum things up rather well:
"By God's grace, we learn to love and love to learn" and
"Hand in hand with God, we live, love and learn together."

The Revd Alec Brown

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