



# Places of Worship

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for

# Portsmouth SACRE



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| <b>Place of worship: City Life Church Portsmouth</b>  |   |                                    |
| <b>Address:</b> 85 Tangier Road, Portsmouth PO3 6JH   |   |                                    |
| <b>Faith Leader:</b><br>Name:<br>Daniel Harman  | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:Office@myclc.org.uk">Office@myclc.org.uk</a>   | <b>Telephone:</b><br>07458 302952  |
| <b>Contact to arrange visit:</b><br>Name:<br>Wynelle Cowdery<br>Executive Pastor  | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:Wynellecowdery@myclc.org.uk">Wynellecowdery@myclc.org.uk</a>   | <b>Telephone:</b><br>07957 975496  |
| <b>Host for visit:</b><br>Name:<br>Sydney Farra or Lucy Swales  | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:sydneyfarra@myclc.org.uk">sydneyfarra@myclc.org.uk</a><br><a href="mailto:Lucyswales@myclc.org.uk">Lucyswales@myclc.org.uk</a> | <b>Telephone:</b><br>023 9266 0844 |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b><br><br>Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays (Friday if need be on a booked basis)<br>Preferred length of visits: depends on the need – happy to be flexible here<br>Cost to school: Free |   |                                    |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b><br><br>200 - all age groups.   |   |                                    |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>   |  |  |
| <b>Expertise of hosts:</b><br><br>Able to focus on festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, family live, prayer, faith in action, Community events.  |  |  |
| <b>Description of venue:</b><br><br>A historic building dated back to the 1600's -sits on a corner. It has been remodelled inside with a modern contemporary feel and to seat our largest audience in the auditorium upstairs. We also have rooms downstairs set up for professional events and rentals as well as a community space for teas and coffees and a tea and roast breakfast on Sunday mornings from 9.30-10.15am. |  |  |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>5 besides offices & main auditorium  | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br><br>None | <b>Special features:</b><br><br>Stage with instruments – cameras for live broadcasting |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a>   |  |  |

| <b>Community</b>   | <b>Special</b> | <b>Love</b>  | <b>Belonging</b>  |
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| <p>We believe that all should have the opportunity to know the truth and that we should reach out and do what we can to bless and help our community</p> |                | <p>Our Bible says we should love the Lord our God with all of our heart &amp; that we should love our neighbours as we love ourselves.</p> | <p>Our aim is for all walks of life to know they are welcome to our church.</p> |

**Structure of Visit:**

We are available to give tours as well as conduct assemblies on how we share our faith, what it means to us and what we do on a typical Sunday. We also share about our upcoming family events, our weekly events and what we have available for youth and children as well as students, the elderly and young adults. We have something for all ages.

We have visited schools in the past and we would love to continue with this by offering follow-up visits to the schools. We don't typically offer any kind of food.

Presentations are also available upon request if it is something specific.

Can you help a school with their Pondering Time? Yes!

**Any pre-teaching desirable/required?**

No materials required to be brought unless required by teacher.

**Facilities available:**

We do have ladies and gents toilets and we can offer cups of water – we also have classrooms if so desired as long as they are requested in advance with timings.

We have a small outside space however no playground equipment.

**Directions and parking information:**

We are located on the corner but we are in the middle of a community so parking is on the street which is free if you locate one. We can reserve a space in the front for a short time if students are arriving by special transport.

**Other essential information that the school may need to know:**

We love our community and we love people. We would love for you to visit us!

**Preferred mode of address:**

First names are fine.

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| <b>Place of worship: Cosham Baptist Church</b>   |   |                           |
| Address: 48 Havant Road, Cosham PO6 2QZ  |   |                           |
| <b>Faith Leader</b><br>Name: Simon Ford  | Email<br><a href="mailto:simon@coshambaptist.org">simon@coshambaptist.org</a> | telephone<br>07900 555097 |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b><br>Most days are potentially suitable - depends on a few other bookings that are monthly.<br>Preferred length of visits: Depends on purpose - can be up to 1 hour<br>Cost to school: No charge |   |                           |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b> 240 pupils<br>All age groups.   |   |                           |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>  |                                     |  |  |
| <b>Expertise of hosts:</b><br>Able to focus on festivals, beliefs, adult baptism, worship and practice, family live, prayer, faith in action.  |                                     |  |  |
| <b>Description of venue:</b><br>Fairly modern building - opportunity to explore and discover and see faith in action.  |                                     |  |  |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>1-3   | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br>N/A | <b>Special features:</b><br>Baptistry  |  |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a>                                    |                                     |  |  |
| <b>Community</b><br>The church is simply a place where the community of God's people gather. The design is to welcome others into the community with open space and genuine welcome. | <b>Special</b>                      | <b>Love</b><br>The church is used for primarily Christian weddings - where the couple deliberately choose to make their promises before God. | <b>Belonging</b><br>Adult Baptism is a sign of belonging and this is demonstrable. |

**Structure of Visit:**

Totally flexible - all things are possible to make the visit as suitable. Simon is also available to visit schools.

Can you help a school with their Pondering Time? Yes

**Facilities available:**

Accessible and standard toilets, refreshments, outside space, rooms for breakout or other activities

**Directions and parking information:**

Plenty of parking in car park.

**Preferred mode of address:**

Simon or Rev Ford if school chooses to be formal.

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| <b>Place of worship: Eastney Evangelical Church</b>   |  |                                   |
| <b>Address:</b> 21 Eastney Road, Portsmouth PO4 9JA   |  |                                   |
| <b>Faith Leader</b><br>Name: Chris Thomas   | <b>Email</b><br><a href="mailto:eastney-pastor@outlook.com">eastney-pastor@outlook.com</a> | <b>Telephone</b><br>075 3189 6204 |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b><br><br>Preferred length of visits: 30-45 mins<br><br>Cost to school - no charge |  |                                   |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b> 33<br><br>All age groups.  |  |                                   |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>  |  |  |   |
| <b>Expertise of hosts:</b><br><br>Able to focus on festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, Church life together, family live, prayer, faith in action. |  |  |   |
| <b>Description of venue:</b><br>Meeting hall with various side rooms, kitchen & toilets  |  |  |   |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>4   | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br>Baptistery, children's room, music and PA facilities etc | <b>Special features:</b>   |   |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a>        |  |  |   |
| <b>Community</b><br><br>Our fellowship life & activities   | <b>Special</b><br><br>Conversion, baptism, Holy communion                                | <b>Love</b><br><br>Worship of God<br>Care for one another,<br>Reaching out to people's needs | <b>Belonging</b><br>To God – His family/people,<br>Christ's body<br>To one another<br>Membership, commitment, service |

**Structure of Visit:**

A walk round, video demonstration of what we do, children's groups.  
And into to a children's club  
Baptism video  
Giving the children a gift

Can you help a school with their Pondering Time?  
Happy to think about it, whatever a teacher may suggest

**Any pre-teaching desirable/required?**

Would be helpful to have a worksheet.

**Facilities available:**

Kitchen, toilets, tables & chairs, outside area

**Directions and parking information:**

21 Eastney Road PO4 9JA  
Parking for 3 minibuses on site

**Other essential information that the school may need to know:**

Just ask!

**Preferred mode of address:**

Pastor Chris



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| <b>Place of worship: Family Church Portsmouth</b>   |   |                                    |
| Address: Empower Centre, 83-87 Kingston Road, Portsmouth, PO2 7DX   |   |                                    |
| <b>Faith Leader</b><br>Name:<br>Rev. Stuart Payne   | <b>Email:</b><br>stuart.payne@family.church | <b>Telephone:</b><br>0300 302 0090 |
| <b>Contact to arrange visit</b><br>Name:<br>Sean Finch  | <b>Email:</b><br>sean.finch@family.church   | <b>Telephone:</b><br>0300 302 0090 |
| <b>Host for the visit</b><br>Name:<br>Sean Finch  | <b>Email:</b><br>sean.finch@family.church   | <b>Telephone:</b><br>0300 302 0090 |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b><br>Length of visits depends on day/time and what is required.<br>Cost to school: No charge. |   |                                    |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b> 15 students at any one time.<br>Any age group.   |   |                                    |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>   |                                      |                                  |
| <b>Expertise of hosts</b><br>Able to focus on Faith in action.  |                                      |                                  |
| <b>Description of venue:</b><br>The Empower Centre is NOT where we hold church services. We hold our services on Sundays at The Portsmouth Academy, St. Mary's Road. The Empower Centre is more of a community centre and is where we operate from - our head office and base for all of the work we do in the community, including parent & toddler group, Messy Church, Baby Basics, Food Bank, youth group, kids clubs (in some of the school holidays). |                                      |                                  |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>Main hall<br>Recording studio<br>Coffee lounge<br>Offices  | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br>None | <b>Special features:</b><br>None |

How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum  
[Living Difference IV](#)

**Structure of Visit:**

We are happy to discuss what might be most beneficial to each specific group.

Can you help a school with their Pondering Time? (*an opportunity to explore in more detail an aspect of faith*)

Probably, depending on when they come in. We would probably relate this to a Bible passage about being a light in this world through good works.

**Facilities available**

Toilets, water, classroom space - no outdoor space or shop.

**Directions and parking information**

There is free and unlimited public car parking behind the Empower Centre (Hanway Road) for cars and minibuses. Coaches should drop off on Kingston Road.

**Preferred mode of address:**

First name is fine.

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| <b>Place of worship: All Saints Church Portsea (A location of Harbour Church)</b>                       |   |                                   |
| <b>Address:</b> Commercial Road, Portsmouth PO1 4BT   |   |                                   |
| <b>Faith Leader:</b><br>Name:<br>Andrew Hargreaves  | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:andrew@harbourchurchuk.org">andrew@harbourchurchuk.org</a> | <b>Telephone:</b><br>07734 349380 |
| <b>Contact to arrange visit:</b><br>Name:<br>Sarah Jeffrey  | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:sara@harbourchurchuk.org">sara@harbourchurchuk.org</a>     | <b>Telephone:</b><br>07525 914126 |
| <b>Host for the visit:</b><br>Name:<br>Andrew or Sarah  | <b>Email:</b>   | <b>Telephone:</b>                 |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b><br><br>Length of visit as required by school.<br><br>Cost to school: None |   |                                   |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b> 200<br><br>All age groups.   |   |                                   |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>  |   |                          |
| <b>Expertise of hosts:</b><br><br>Able to focus on festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage, family live, prayer, faith in action  |   |                          |
| <b>Description of venue:</b><br><br>Foyer, large reception room/café area that can seat 60-70 with a main church space of chancel and nave. There are no pews so flexible seating or no seating as required. Office and work space available upstairs too. |   |                          |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>3 downstairs<br>4 upstairs  | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br>Usual Christian symbols | <b>Special features:</b> |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a><br>All of these aspects of life can be addressed and spoken about/ illustrated from the Christian faith  |   |                          |

**Structure of Visit:**

We are really happy to accommodate schools in a wide variety of group numbers, timings, with or without food and drink and can vary our content according to the needs of the school and their curriculum

Can you help a school with their Pondering Time?

Absolutely. Always happy to. Trained teachers and experienced children's workers available from the staff team.

**Facilities available:**

Toilets, water, garden, kitchen and space for tables and chairs to be easily set up classroom style all available.

**Directions and parking information:**

People can park on the forecourt accessed by Church Street.

If the forecourt is full you can park for free by entering the Council All Saints Car Park (also accessed by Church Street). Once in there look left to a gravelly car park which can take up to 6 cars for free as it is a church car park.

**Other essential information that the school may need to know:**

We would love to see you and all are welcome.

**Preferred mode of address:**

Just first name is fine.

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| <b>Place of worship: St Albans Copnor (A location of Harbour Church)</b>   |   |                                   |
| Address: St Albans Church, 104 Copnor Road, Portsmouth, PO3 5AL  |   |                                   |
| <b>Faith Leader:</b><br>Name:<br>Sarah Jeffery   | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:sarah@harbourchurchuk.org">sarah@harbourchurchuk.org</a> | <b>Telephone:</b><br>07808 163807 |
| <b>Contact to arrange visit (if different)</b><br>Name:<br>Sarah Jeffery   | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:admin@harbourchurchuk.org">admin@harbourchurchuk.org</a> | <b>Telephone:</b><br>07525 914126 |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b><br><br>Monday afternoon, Tuesday all day, and Thursday all day<br><br>Preferred length of visits: As the school requires<br><br>Cost to school: None |   |                                   |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b><br><br>All up to 200 pupils. All ages.  |   |                                   |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>   |  |                          |
| <b>Expertise of hosts:</b><br><br>Able to focus on festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage, family live, prayer, faith in action.  |  |                          |
| <b>Description of venue:</b><br><br>One large space, with Lady Chapel and Chancel. Converted into a space that is used for families throughout the week and is a great venue for performances   |  |                          |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>One large room   | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br>Usual Christian symbols<br>Font where Charles Dickens was baptised | <b>Special features:</b> |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a><br>All of these aspects of life can be addressed and spoken about/ illustrated from the Christian faith |  |                          |

**Structure of Visit:**

We are part of Harbour Church and have hosted a number of schools in our church buildings (also All Saints Church and St George's Church Portsea). We have previously started with a short presentation about the history of the church/ Church of England in general. Then, age depending, young people have had time to explore the building, including a look at the sound desk and tech system. We've found working in groups to plan a service or welcome event has also been really enjoyable.

We are not able to offer food but are very happy for students to eat their own lunch in the building.

**Can you help a school with their Pondering Time?**

Absolutely. Always happy to.

**Any pre-teaching desirable/required?**

In the past it's been helpful when students arrive with a worksheet of questions that we are told about in advance – then we can incorporate the answers in a presentation to encourage active listening.

**Facilities available:**

Toilets, water, space at the front of church, kitchen and space for tables and chairs to be easily set up classroom style all available.

**Directions and parking information:**

Free parking in the roads surrounding the church.

**Other essential information that the school may need to know:**

We would love to see you and all are welcome.

**Preferred mode of address:**

Just first name is fine.

| <b>Place of worship: St George's Portsea (A location of Harbour Church)</b>   |   |                                   |
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| <b>Address:</b> St George's Square, Portsmouth, PO1 3AT   |   |                                   |
| <b>Faith Leader:</b><br>Name:<br>Katherine Message  | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:katherine@harbourchurchuk.org">katherine@harbourchurchuk.org</a> | <b>Telephone:</b><br>07972019654  |
| <b>Contact to arrange visit:</b> (if different)<br>Name:<br>Sarah Jeffery   | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:sara@harbourchurchuk.org">sara@harbourchurchuk.org</a>           | <b>Telephone:</b><br>07525 914126 |
| <b>Host for the visit:</b><br>Name:<br>Katherine or Sarah   | <b>Email:</b><br>As above   | <b>Telephone:</b><br>As above     |
| <b>Availability of venue</b><br><br>Monday-Thursday<br><br>Preferred length of visits: As the school requires<br><br>Cost to school: None |   |                                   |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b><br><br>All age groups up to 200 pupils.  |   |                                   |

| <b>Information about Venue:</b>  |   |                          |
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| <b>Expertise of hosts</b><br><br>Able to focus on festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage, family life, prayer, faith in action.  |   |                          |
| <b>Description of venue:</b><br>Large main church space including balcony, two back halls, two small upstairs rooms  |   |                          |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>3 downstairs<br>2 upstairs  | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br>Usual Christian symbols | <b>Special features:</b> |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a> All of these aspects of life can be addressed and spoken about/ illustrated from the Christian faith |   |                          |

**Structure of Visit:**

We have previously started with a short presentation about the history of the church/ Church of England in general. Then, age depending, young people have had time to explore the building, including a look at the sound desk and tech system. We've found working in groups to plan a service or welcome event has also been really enjoyable.

We are not able to offer food but are very happy for students to eat their own lunch in the building.

Always happy to help a school with their Pondering Time? *(An opportunity to explore in more detail an aspect of faith)*

**Any pre-teaching desirable/required?**

In the past it's been helpful when students arrive with a worksheet of questions that we are told about in advance – then we can incorporate the answers in a presentation to encourage active listening.

**Facilities available:**

Toilets, water, space at the front of church, kitchen and space for tables and chairs to be easily set up classroom style all available.

**Directions and parking information:**

There are lots of one hour slots around the church. Coaches can pull up right in front of the building as the square is not busy.

**Other essential information that the school may need to know:**

We would love to see you and all are welcome

**Preferred mode of address:**

Just first name is fine



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| <b>Place of worship: North End Baptist Church</b>  |   |                                   |
| Address: 195 Powerscourt Road, Portsmouth, Hants. PO2 7JH  |   |                                   |
| <b>Faith Leader:</b><br>Name: Rev Tracey Ansell  | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:minister@northendbaptistchurch.com">minister@northendbaptistchurch.com</a> | <b>Telephone:</b><br>07472 391636 |
| <b>Host for the visit :</b><br>Name: Tracey or Becki   | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:cyfw@northendbaptistchurch.com">cyfw@northendbaptistchurch.com</a>         | <b>Telephone:</b>                 |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b><br><br>Preferred length of visits: any<br><br>Cost to school: none |   |                                   |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b> 0-100<br><br>All age groups.  |   |                                   |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>   |   |                                 |
| <b>Expertise of hosts</b><br><br>Able to focus on festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage, family live, prayer, faith in action.   |   |                                 |
| <b>Description of venue:</b><br><br>Traditional Baptist church built circa 1900, with emphasis on space and worship. There are no icons.  |   |                                 |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>10   | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br><br>Some items from 1700 but only a few | <b>Special features:</b><br>N/A |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a><br><br>Can address all aspects and stages from a Christian point of view. |   |                                 |

**Structure of Visit:**

We can work with the school to help them achieve what they wish to achieve during the visit.

Can you help a school with their Pondering Time?

Yes – we are trained Godly Play leaders.

**Any pre-teaching desirable/required?**

We can help with suggesting materials to bring.

**Facilities available:**

Toilets, water, classroom space for activities, shop etc. There is limited outdoor space.

**Directions and parking information:**

195 Powerscourt Road, North End, Portsmouth PO2 0QD. There is on street Parking.

**Preferred mode of address:**

Tracey

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| <b>Place of worship:</b> Portsmouth Cathedral  |   |                                    |
| <b>Address:</b> High Street, Old Portsmouth PO1 2HA  |   |                                    |
| <b>Faith Leader:</b><br>Name:<br>Canon Kathryn Percival  | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:kathryn.percival@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk">kathryn.percival@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk</a> | <b>Telephone:</b><br>023 9289 2967 |
| <b>Contact to arrange visit:</b><br>Name: Will in due course<br>be Education Officer –<br>hoping to appoint soon!  | <b>Email:</b>   | <b>Telephone:</b>                  |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b><br><br>Very happy to talk about whatever will work – hour / half day / day all available<br><br>Cost to school (donation/fixed costs/ no charge etc.): TBC |   |                                    |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b><br><br>Very happy to have any age groups, and we can accommodate most sizes of group.   |   |                                    |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>  |   |  |
| <b>Expertise of hosts:</b><br><br>We have the capacity to offer workshops and sessions touching on festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage, family live, prayer, faith in action (any or all of these).   |   |  |
| <b>Description of venue:</b><br><br>Beautiful and historic Mother Church of the Diocese of Portsmouth, dating from 12 <sup>th</sup> Century but not finished until 1991. In addition to the Cathedral itself, we also offer the 'Pop-Up Cathedral', a large gazebo printed with windows and artefacts from the Cathedral, which we can take to schools and in which we offer workshops. It can, for example, be popped-up in a playground, either for a day or several days. It is well suited both to educational events, and also to spirituality: we are hoping to use it as a space to help young people process and reflect as we come out of the pandemic. |   |  |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>Main Cathedral, Bishop<br>Kenneth Room (education<br>space), Becket Hall  | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br>Numerous items and windows<br>of historic interest. We can<br>arrange for specific items, eg<br>a relic of St. Thomas Becket,<br>the marriage certificate of<br>Charles II and Catherine of<br>Braganza, to be shown. | <b>Special features:</b><br>The Cathedral of the Sea – a<br>beacon for the city. Very fine<br>musical tradition – tours of<br>organ and talks about music<br>available. Navy Aisle with<br>Mary Rose Memorial & piece<br>of flag from HMS Victory.<br>Many other features! |

How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum

[Living Difference IV](#)

We work with our diocesan education team, and are also working with Justine Ball and others to provide training for teachers on the new RE curriculum.

| <b>Community</b>   | <b>Special</b>  | <b>Love</b>   | <b>Belonging</b>  |
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| Portsmouth Cathedral is part of a network of overlapping communities in our city and diocese, as well as being a community hub itself. | This is a sacred space, with many treasures, rich in symbolism and meaning. | At the heart of all we offer is love – God’s love for us, our love for him and for our neighbour. | This is a place of belonging for many, but also, as a parish church and a Cathedral, a place which exists for the benefit of all – we have many visitors and participants in events who would not identify as being people of faith, and that is a strength for us. |

**Structure of Visit:**

We can be very flexible on this, and are experienced in tailoring workshops to the curriculum needs of the cohort. There is a room available for lunch, and our team are very happy to do school visits.

Can you help a school with their Pondering Time? Yes!

**Any pre-teaching desirable/required?**

We can discuss this in advance of the visit. Materials not usually needed.

**Facilities available:**

Toilets, water, outside space, classroom space for activities, shop etc

**Directions and parking information:**

There is limited parking for a few cars in the Cathedral grounds, otherwise it’s on-street parking, but we regularly have visitors who come in coaches and this can be managed.

**Preferred mode of address:**

For clergy (by children!) Canon xx - eg Canon Kathryn. We are very relaxed about this, though.

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| <b>Place of worship: Sisters of Bethany</b>  |   |                                    |
| <b>Address:</b> House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road, Southsea, Hampshire PO5 2AR   |   |                                    |
| <b>Faith Leader:</b><br><b>Reverend Mother</b><br>Name: Mother Mary Joy<br>SSB   | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk">ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk</a>             | <b>Telephone:</b><br>023 9283 3498 |
| <b>Contact to arrange visit:</b><br>Name: Sister Joanna<br>Elizabeth SSB<br>Guest Sister   | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:guests.sistersofbethany@gmail.com">guests.sistersofbethany@gmail.com</a> | <b>Telephone:</b><br>023 9283 3498 |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b> Not Wednesdays<br><br>Length of visits to be discussed when planning visit.<br><br>Cost to school: No charge |   |                                    |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b> At present – 12 [and that would probably be the best number]<br><br>All age groups.                               |   |                                    |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>  |  |                          |
| <b>Expertise of hosts:</b><br><br>Able to focus on: The Religious Life, Anglican Church Worship, Prayer  |  |                          |
| <b>Description of your venue:</b><br>Convent and Retreat House<br>Has Sitting Room/Conservatory for discussion; Refectory for meals<br>Chapel for Worship; Library<br>Grounds to walk, pray in |  |                          |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>As above, plus Visitors' Rooms<br>Toilets on Ground Floor as well as other floors around house  | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br>Various in Chapel and around the House | <b>Special features:</b> |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a>  |  |                          |

**Structure of Visit:**

To be discussed by leaders of group when requesting a visit.

**Facilities available:**

Toilets in all areas of the building. No Classroom space, unless use the Refectory tables. No shop – cards and some small gifts.

**Directions and parking information:**

Parking is difficult, but have garage parking for 4 cars, but often in use.

Always say “On the crossroads of Merton Road and Nelson Road, opposite the post box”

**Preferred mode of address:**

Easiest to call all the Sisters just ‘Sister’ rather than trying to get individual names.

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| <b>Place of worship: Southsea Sangha</b>   |   |                   |
| <b>Address:</b> The Coastguard Studio, 91 Clarendon Road, Southsea   |   |                   |
| <b>Faith Leader:</b><br>Name:<br>Daniel Sutton-Johanson  | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:southseasangha@gmail.com">southseasangha@gmail.com</a> | <b>Telephone:</b> |
| <b>Contact to arrange visit</b><br>Name:<br>Claire D   | <b>Email:</b><br>southseasangha@gmail.com   | <b>Telephone:</b> |
| <b>Host for the visit:</b><br>Name:<br>Daniel Sutton-Johanson  | <b>Email:</b>   | <b>Telephone:</b> |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b><br><br>Preferred length of visits: Last Sunday of each month, 6pm to 8pm<br><br>Cost to school: donation |   |                   |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b><br><br>Preferred age group 12-16 + Post 16  |   |                   |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>   |   |   |
| <b>Expertise of hosts:</b><br><br>We can focus on social justice + spirituality, practice   |   |   |
| <b>Description of venue:</b><br><br>When it's not being used for community practice, it is also an art gallery and wellbeing space.   |   |   |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br><br>One  | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br><br>Wooden Buddha | <b>Special features:</b><br><br>Only 1 step to access, on one level |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a><br>Would definitely meet the needs of showing and introducing people to looking at, existing leading ones life collectively and individually in a different and more liberating way |   |   |

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| <b>Structure of Visit:</b><br><br>Welcome, guided meditation and discussions.<br><br>Can you help a school with their Pondering Time?<br>Yes, attentiveness, open curiosity and paying attention are skills which can be explored. |
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**Any pre-teaching desirable/required?**

Resources can be sent out before visit.

**Facilities available:**

Two genderless toilets but no outdoor space.

**Directions and parking information:**

Off street parking available



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| <b>Place of worship: Southsea Gurdwara</b>   |   |                                   |
| Address: 3/5 Margate Road Southsea PO5 1EY   |   |                                   |
| <b>Faith Leader: Secretary</b><br>Name: Jaswany Singh  | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:Jasdiggpulg2c@gmail.com">Jasdiggpulg2c@gmail.com</a> | <b>Telephone:</b><br>07850 298167 |
| <b>Contact to arrange visit:</b><br>Name:  | <b>Email:</b>   | <b>Telephone:</b><br>02392 824961 |
| <b>Host for the visit:</b><br>Name: Rajni Kaur   | <b>Email:</b>   | <b>Telephone:</b><br>07444 206919 |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b> weekdays<br><br>Preferred length of visits: 1 hour<br><br>Cost to school: donation |   |                                   |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b> 30<br><br>All age groups.   |   |                                   |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>  |                                     |   |   |
| <b>Description of your venue:</b><br><br>Gurdwara with kitchen and dining area   |                                     |   |   |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>4   | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br>5Ks | <b>Special features:</b><br>Guru Granth Sahib |   |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a><br><br>Guru Granth Sahib regarded as living Guru |                                     |   |   |
| <b>Community</b><br><br>Sikh / Langar  | <b>Special</b>                      | <b>Love</b>                                   | <b>Belonging</b><br><br>Doors open to all |

**Structure of Visit:**

Please contact the Gurdwara for more information.

**Any pre-teaching desirable/required?**

Please bring a head covering.

**Facilities available:**

Head coverings / toilets / refreshments

**Directions and parking information:**

On street parking 3 hours – usually parking available.

**Other essential information that the school may need to know:**

No tobacco to be brought into the Gurdwara.  
Full trousers (knee length skirts – nothing inappropriate)

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| <b>Place of worship:</b> St Jude's Church  |   |   |
| <b>Address:</b> Kent Road, Southsea, PO5 3EL   |   |   |
| <b>Faith Leader:</b><br>Name:<br>Rev Adam Tams (vicar)<br>Rev Neil Smart (associate vicar)   | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:adam.tams@sjs.church">adam.tams@sjs.church</a><br><a href="mailto:neil.smart@sjs.church">neil.smart@sjs.church</a> | <b>Telephone:</b><br>023 9277 7001<br>023 9277 7002 |
| <b>Contact to arrange visit</b><br>Name: Kathy Bacon / Davita Vrolijk / Sonam Langdon (Church Administrators)  | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:office@sjs.church">office@sjs.church</a>   | <b>Telephone:</b><br>023 9277 7000                  |
| <b>Host for the visit:</b><br>Name:<br>To be arranged, could be vicars or potentially our Children Youth and Families Minister Dom Deboo   | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:dom.deboo@sjs.church">dom.deboo@sjs.church</a>   | <b>Telephone:</b>                                   |
| <b>Availability of venue:</b><br><br>Monday-Saturday 9-5 by arrangement<br>Preferred length of visits: to be arranged<br><br>Cost to school: No charge for educational visits or for worship services involving our clergy |   |   |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b> 60 pupils for a visit (can accommodate up to 400 for a service)<br><br>Any age group.   |   |   |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>   |  |                          |
| <b>Expertise of hosts:</b><br><br>Able to focus on any of the following: festivals, beliefs, worship and practice, pilgrimage, family life, prayer, faith in action |  |                          |
| <b>Description of your venue:</b><br><br>We are an Anglican parish church in the middle of Southsea built in 1851.  |  |                          |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>6  | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br>Stained glass windows; cross, lectern, etc | <b>Special features:</b> |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads of found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a>                   |  |                          |

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| <p><b>Community</b><br/>Church community gathers here and also has groups open to local community</p> | <p><b>Special</b><br/>This is a special place where people come to worship; Christians believe each person is special because we are made in God's image</p> | <p><b>Love</b><br/>"Sharing God's Love" is one component of the church's vision</p> | <p><b>Belonging</b><br/>This is the parish church where everyone who wants to can belong</p> |
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| <p><b>Structure of Visit:</b></p> <p>To be arranged.<br/>As a church we have a good relationship with our primary school (St Jude's) and visit there regularly. Visits to other schools could be arranged.</p> <p>Can you help a school with their Pondering Time? Yes</p> |
| <p><b>Facilities available:</b></p> <p>Toilets, kitchen (water available), garden, rooms which could be used as classrooms.</p>  |
| <p><b>Directions and parking information:</b></p> <p>Situated on Kent Road at the top of the pedestrianised part of Palmerston Road. There is no parking available on site. Parking is either on-street or in the Waitrose car park on Marmion Road.</p>                   |
| <p><b>Preferred mode of address:</b></p> <p>Reverend Adam / Reverend Neil / Dom</p>  |

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| <b>Place of worship: St Simon's Church</b>  |   |                                   |
| <b>Address:</b> Waverley Road, Southsea, PO5 2PW  |   |                                   |
| <b>Faith Leader:</b><br>Name:<br>Paul Jenkins<br>(Church warden)<br><br>Fran Sherren<br>(Church warden)   | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:paul@stsimons-southsea.org.uk">paul@stsimons-southsea.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="mailto:francesca@stsimons-southsea.org.uk">francesca@stsimons-southsea.org.uk</a> | <b>Telephone:</b><br>02392 780280 |
| <b>Availability of venue for school visits:</b><br><br>Difficult to say as there are many lettings over the week and some change regularly<br><br>Preferred length of visits: 1-2 hours<br><br>Cost to school: Donation |   |                                   |
| <b>Maximum Capacity:</b><br><br>Any age group. In main church 20-30 maximum.  |   |                                   |

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| <b>Information about Venue:</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Expertise of hosts:</b><br><br>We can describe how we run services and outreach work.<br><br>We are not in a position to host and 'teach' as we currently have no clergy person.  |   |   |
| <b>Description of venue:</b><br><br>Large Anglican church with congregation of about 60-80 every Sunday. We hold activities for children throughout the week. We run a supper club for homeless on Sunday evenings. We have various coffee sessions in the week. |   |   |
| <b>Number of rooms:</b><br>It would depend on numbers, not all rooms are available   | <b>Artefacts on display:</b><br>Commemorative plaques | <b>Special features:</b><br>Stained glass windows |
| How might this place of worship address the Golden Threads found in the Religious Education curriculum<br><a href="#">Living Difference IV</a><br>We are not able to answer this as we have not got the ability to assess.                                       |   |   |

**Any pre-teaching desirable/required?**

All necessary materials would need to be brought with the school.

**Facilities available:**

Toilets available with one disabled but no change facilities for bigger children. Kitchen with water available to access; no outside space; no separate classroom space.

**Directions and parking information:**

At junction of Waverley Road and St Ronan's Road. Limited parking in adjacent car park.

**Other essential information that the school may need to know:**

We currently have no clergy person and the church is managed and run by the church wardens and the Parochial Church Council (PCC).