

School/Church Project or Event



Sew Beautiful– Church and School Working Together to Celebrate their Faith

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What is it?

St Chad's Catholic and Church of England High School Runcorn recently ran a textile workshop in school for local churches. Called **Sew Beautiful** church members and school students spent the day creating textile hangings for the school chapel. A call to all the local churches to be involved alongside students to work with a textile artist to create textile hangings. The planning had been done in advance and basic instructions written but there was still freedom to make changes and make the designs even better. Anything not finished on the day was completed by the home church/school after the event. The Workshop ran from 10 -4pm using the school textile facilities.



Suitable for age group: anybody aged 12 plus, families and adults were welcome

Resources needed: Chaplains Jenny Owen and Niall Hammond said you would need clear designs, fabric colour sorted in advance, loads of bits of fabric, access to a big space

and big tables, 2 folk confident enough to lead the workshop, a school who will share their resources and lot and lots of cake!!!

Good things and things you would change: Chaplain Jenny says, "Thirty people came and six churches were represented. There was lots of laughter and faith conversations happened. The textiles are stunning! Many new friends were found.

"Next time I would be just a little less ambitious – the finishing off took ages. Also, I would find an easier way of sharing photos. I wish we had had a celebration event." And she added, "We would be happy to help churches make banners for display in their church."

