

**Young Faith Matters report**

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| Title  | Caring for God’s Acre  |
| Diocesan Vision objective:  | 1.6 Focus on opportunities for education in our church schools and community schools for transforming lives  |
| Activity:  | A church yard project  |
| Objective:  | To challenge the negative stereotypes of church through engaging activities in church grounds  |
| Comments:  | The church had good outdoor, green spaces with a diverse ecology. The school was geographically close to the church and so transport was not an issue.   |
| Schedule/ plan  |
| Time:  | Activity  | Person responsible  |
| 10:00 – 10:20  | Welcome and introduction H&S briefing  | YFM team Host leaders  |
| 10:20 – 10:30  | Divide children into groups Assign leaders to groups: explain how each group rotates the activities  | Team leader  |
| 10:30 – 11:00  | Picture scavenger hunt of the grounds  | Team leader  |
| 11:00 – 11:30  | Bug finding  | Team leader  |
| 11:30 – 12:00  | Drawing/ creative exercise  | Team leader  |
| 12:00 – 13:00  | Lunch  |
| 13:00 – 14:30  | Organised games  | Team leader  |
| Impact:  |
| Deputy headteacher was grateful as this was the 1st project that had taken place due to Covid and created a lot of excitement as it was outside the school. The church leaders were encouraged as it gave young people the opportunity to explore the church grounds. The team found it an easy programme to deliver and felt that it helped the young people explore the concepts of church and faith whilst also creating a safe place where they could talk about the loss of loved ones.  |