

A Visit from Mandeville School



On Thursday 25th May, the new ramps and accessibility of the New Church were put through their paces by a class from Mandeville School who came with their teacher Eileen Mant and their class assistants.

It was a very successful visit! Mrs Kehely brought along 14 pupils from Edward Betham School and they provided a lovely programme of music to entertain everyone. In the selection were hymns which the Mandeville children new from their own assemblies and they joined in well with actions. Then the Betham children sang songs from their projected end-of-term production of Robin Hood. They were so good that Eileen wondered if the Mandeville pupils could come and see the show in July. Mrs Kehely said yes!

Marion Richardson was having a day off work so she attended the visit and kindly made tea for the staff and soft drinks for the children.

Then we introduced the Mandeville pupils to the Old Church and they were fascinated by the candelabra and the musty smell!

It was agreed that the accessibility of the building is now not a problem with the exception of getting the school minibus closer to the ramp. We do need to sort out the car park situation before we claim success in full for our access project.

After the visit, the Mandeville pupils had lunch in the Rectory garden and played there for quite some time. All in all, it was a very good visit which pleased everyone. The school knows that they are not just welcome, but now, thanks to the Access project's many supporters, there are no barriers to them visiting our church.

Neil Richardson