



School Learning Workshops

Churches are unique spaces which inspire creativity and learning at every age.

Every one of our 350+ historic churches has a unique story to tell. Bring the curriculum alive for your students with our **FREE*** interactive and cross-curricular workshops.

These can be delivered in your local CCT church, or in the classroom. School workshops usually last 45 - 90 minutes. We can also provide teachers with everything they need for self-led, informal visits.

Our churches are free to enter and open to all.

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Look inside

Discover what our Learning Team can offer you...

A Different View **All Key Stages**

Learn how artists use sketches and drawings to develop ideas. Explore the building, draw different viewpoints and angles, and experiment with a range of materials.

Curriculum Links: Art, History

Changing Places **KS2**

Requires three months notice

Discover how your local area has changed using a bespoke pack, developed by Historic England, consisting of archive maps and aerial photographs from the past to the present day.

Curriculum Links: Geography, History

Creatures in Clay **KS1-3**

Suitable for churches with stone carving

Hunt for hidden creatures and grotesques to inspire your own creation, experimenting with air-dry clay to produce a sculpture.

Curriculum Links: Art, Design & Technology, History

Discover the Past **KS1-3**

Discover, explore, and gather evidence from your local historic church. How was it built, how has it changed and what can we learn about the people who have been part of its story?

Curriculum Links: History, RE, Geography, English

Features of Faith: Christianity **KS1-3**

Explore the typical characteristics of a church and learn their significance for Christians. Find out about features including the altar, font, and stained glass.

Curriculum Links: RE

Map Your Visit **KS1-3**

Navigate your local church, identify key features and plot them on your own floorplan. Identify cardinal points and find out why they are important to church buildings. Cartography in action!

Curriculum Links: Geography, History, RE, Art & Design



Poetry from the Pulpit **KS1-3**

Compose poetry inspired by your local church building, its decoration and atmosphere. Be inspired by a multi-sensory exploration of the church, use your imagination and get creative!

Curriculum Links: English, History, RE

Conservation Champions **KS2-3**

Put STEM into practice. Take measurements and calculate area, read and compare temperature in and outside, and consider how these readings help with building conservation.

Curriculum Links - Maths, Science, History

Stories in Stained Glass **KS1-2**

Suitable for churches with stained glass

Examine stained glass windows in your local church. Why are they there, what stories and hidden symbols do they hold? Create a stained glass window using your stories and memories.

Curriculum Links: Art, RE, English, History

Early Years Workshops **EYFS**

In suitable churches

Play and learn. Workshops on various topics are available including Christmas, Noah's Ark, and Pattern and Shape. Story time and self-led learning in inspiring surroundings.

Curriculum Links: Links to numerous Early Learning Goals

Seasonal Workshops **All ages**

Inspired by the stories, traditions, and memories your local church has witnessed participate in a creative, seasonal workshop exploring Remembrance, Christmas, or Easter.

Curriculum Links: Art & Design, RE, English and History

Bespoke Workshops **All ages**

Unique, engaging activities can be tailored to your class' needs by our team of heritage learning specialists. Cross-curricular learning possibilities in your local church are exciting and endless!

Curriculum Links: All

Learning at Churches Conservation Trust

We are the national charity caring for historic churches and their heritage.

With over 350 beautiful church buildings in our care, our collection includes irreplaceable examples of art, architecture and archaeology from over 1,000 years of history.

Our churches are unique spaces which inspire creativity and learning for all. For centuries, these special buildings have witnessed the personal moments and collective histories of the local community they sit in.

Today, we work with diverse communities across England to encourage the use, enjoyment, and appreciation of these important places; a fundamental part of our shared heritage.

We welcome people of all faiths and none to engage with the stories and investigate the questions contained in these historic places.

As a charity we rely heavily on donations, please consider whether you are able to make a contribution to support our learning work.

*Funded workshop places are available, for state schools only, on a first come, first served basis. Where schools fall outside of this description, or funded places have been fully allocated, we request a donation towards workshop costs.



Getting in Touch

Our team of Heritage Learning Officers are here to offer a rich variety of learning opportunities for schools and families throughout the year.

Contact your local Heritage Learning Officer directly, or email: learning@thecct.org.uk

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