

As I reported last October, we have offered a Harvest assembly via Zoom to YouTube to all our First schools.

Christmas 2020 proved to be exciting as various families in the congregation filmed themselves acting out parts of the story of Jesus birth under the title of 'A Christmas Cracker', and it was all skilfully put together as one by John Sturgeon. The virtual Package sent to schools also included Carolyn doing actions for a new song, Christingle lighting direction and singing Away in a manger, links to suitable YouTube songs to accompany celebrations, and Matthew and Jo demonstrating how to make Christingles and to explain their significance. 'A Christmas Cracker' was also used as part of the service on the Sunday before Christmas.

We helped Alexander school with their RE week in January 2021 by loaning out our 6 artefact boxes for the 6 main religions. They were greatly appreciated.

A virtual assembly on the theme of Love was produced in February, around St Valentine's day, and another on Water of Life with just Carolyn and Ruth in March. (Matthew is working hard on his finals.) They were circulated to all First schools. At this time, they may well have been viewed at home with their parents as home schooling was still in place.

A virtual Easter assembly was also sent to our schools, thanks to John again. This incorporated a film of children telling the story and acting it out on a farm in Kent. It was clear and straight forward and we hope it was well received.

The Children, Youth and Schools Teams continue to meet for monthly Bible study and prayer on Zoom.

Looking to the future, we are no making specific plans for various reasons, not least because we are hopeful that Rev Paul would like to be fully involved when he joins us in the summer.

Many thanks to Carolyn and Matthew for their help and support this year without whom none of this would have been possible.

The total impact of what we have done in God's name and to his glory will not always be clear to us, we are aware, but we are happy and feel blessed to have had the opportunity and to have been given the support we needed.

Thank you Lord.