

Finding out about Churches on the Web

Many churches now run their own websites which should give you the up to date information you need about services and other activities, as well as an indication of the groups the church community supports. Rather than surf the net aimlessly (!) here are some gateway sites which should be of use:

1. Firstly, of course, does your own local church have a website? The Diocesan website – www.ely.anglican.org – carries links to all those parishes which have notified us of their sites.
2. Would you like to find out what city centre churches are like? The Archdeaconry of London site covers churches in the very centre of London, and this site also carries links through to individual church websites – www.cityevents.co.uk
3. There is a huge database of over 8000 churches on www.churchuk.net with links to websites.
4. A top site for an interactive tour of a church is www.theway2go.org from the Diocese of Gloucester. Click on the centre of “The Hub” and then onto the pale blue databank ball for material on the church building and Christian rites of passage. The dark blue ball will take you to materials on the Lord’s Prayer and Creed etc, the yellow ball to stories about Jesus and... and... Well really you need to explore it for yourself! It’s a visually appealing site, written at exactly the right level for primary aged children – of course some of the materials are more appropriate in the faith context than for school, but at least half of what is on the site could be happily used within RE.
5. There are virtual tours of churches which can be accessed through “the RE site” at www.placesofworship.org.uk/virtual_tours.php and on the Educhurch site at www.educhurch.org.uk/index.html - there are links to both of these sites on the Diocesan RE page at www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools

Do you or the children have a question?

If you have a question about the Church (or anything at all to do with RE) you’ll find a new facility on the Diocesan site at www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools where children can “e-mail a vicar” with their questions. Please allow a couple of days for a response, but we do promise to find out the answer for you if we can!

