

Aims & Objectives:

To introduce the children to new environments

To stimulate senses within the context of new experiences

To raise the theme of light in worship using the children's christingles

Preparation:

Make photo-cards of things to find

Label parts of church

Move book of remembrance from Welcome Area & stabilise heavy screens in N.Sanctuary

Set up series of sensory encounters round church, staffed where possible

Knitted nativity out

Instruments for children to play in last song

Sand box, candle & spill, candle snuffer

Cushions for sitting

Bells operational?

AV & microphones on; organ & piano unlocked

Plan:

Children enter up ramp to main doors - bells ringing

- quick word of welcome & reassurance - RP

- coats left in Welcome Area

Meet in circle in front of stage:

Song? (Hallelu.....welcome today/let's explore/let's be quiet)

Quiet?

Activities:

- *What is it?:* sounds (cups, organ, jingle bells.....)
- *Exploring the church:* feeling stone carvings, fabrics; flowers; find the.....
- *Being big* - use microphone in pulpit

Gathering:

Return to circle

Light christingles from large candle (with spill)

while singing "Candles burning" as a round*

Stillness & prayer

"This little light of mine" - adults sing, children use instruments

Collect coats, bells ring as leave