

Capel Capers: ST MARY AND ST JOHN'S CHURCHES January 2024



At the end of last term at Capel Primary School I had the fun day of a day out with years 5 and 6. As a church of England school, Capel Primary is connected to St Mary's church and we are always delighted to welcome everyone.

We went on a long trip to London to a Temple in Neasden, called the 'BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir' Mandir means Temple. The Temple took three years to complete, largely because of the number of volunteers. Their Faith demands devotion, dedication and supporting

others. It made me think of all the volunteers at St Mary's and St John's who keep our churches and places of worship so ready to receive anyone who crosses its threshold.

It was a fascinating day; the children were absolutely brilliant. They were quiet and respectful and asked interesting questions. One student said to their teacher, 'it is brilliant to see what we have learned for real'.

They learn all about world religions and are able to draw comparisons and have an understanding of spirituality and Faith in all its forms. I love that they are not afraid to ask me questions about my Faith and to reflect on Faith in their own lives.

The school bible verse they use is about, 'if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing is impossible for you'

God wants our children to do incredible things. Capel School is preparing your children to do just that and we thank the Head and the staff for their Faith in them.

What a privilege it was and absolutely exhausting. I snored all the way home!

Amen

Rev Sally