...Every day



... all the **children** who attend – that they will have a really good day. with wonderful memories to take home and to talk about with their families and friends.

... all the **staff** who bring the children – that they too will enjoy the day.

... all the volunteers – that everyone will work well together, with infectious enthusiasm, energy and stamina (especially for those on the team every day).

... those **leading** the event, upfront and behind the scenes.

... good health and safety for **everyone** involved in Lifepath



"Lord, You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy" Psalm 16:11

## PRAYING FOR LIFEPATH



## **Great Malvern Priory**

20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Lifepath gives primary school children a unique opportunity to explore Malvern's Christian heritage, through the story of Aldwyn and the Benedictine monks who established the Priory here in 1085. The day includes 12 different Activity Groups, of which each child will experience 4. There are times of collective worship, with action songs and stories, and space for everyone to reflect on their own "lifepath".

Lifepath is a local church and school project, initiated by Scripture Union. There are now many "Lifepath"s all over the country. Over the past 14 years thousands of schoolchildren in Malvern and the surrounding area have enjoyed Lifepath. This year we welcome 500 more, after two years of being "online-only".



**Great Malvern Priory** 

all for Jesus

## **The Activity Groups**

As well as times of Collective Worship each child will experience a selection of 4 activities, which this year include:

**Architecture** – "trying-out" the techniques of those who built the Priory.

**Brass-rubbing** – "hands-on" exploration of some of the art that fills buildings like the Priory.

**Calligraphy** – inspiration from the colourful artwork and lettering of illuminated sacred manuscripts.

**Church Bells** – visiting the ringing chamber to discover how bells call us to worship God.

**Hand Bells** – ringing simple tunes and learning about the importance of bells in the monks' daily routine.

**Medieval Medicine** – learning about methods of treatment used by the monks for the sick.

**Medieval Monasteries** – dressing up as monks, and experiencing something of their daily rhythm of work and prayer.

**Medieval Tiles** – finding out about the skills involved in creating the Priory's medieval tiles and designing one of their own.

**Monastery Kitchen** – hands on experience of preparing, cooking and sampling the monks' daily meal.

**Prayer Journey** - everyone will have some space for reflection on their own inner journey, using a variety of interactive 'prayer stations'.

**Stained Glass** – exploring the Priory's famous windows, and designing their own.

**Spinning Shepherds** – the children spin fleece as in medieval times, and come away with their designer sheep.

## Please pray for Malvern Lifepath, for the schools and the team...

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Norton Juxta Kempsey; Lucton; Northleigh; St Mathias.

- Please pray for all the practical and administrative details, especially on this our first day and after a three year gap.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** St Josephs; Hanley Swan; Upton-upon-Severn.

- Please pray for the Activity Group leaders, and for the Pilgrim Guides.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Malvern Parish; Madresfield; Somers Park.

- Please pray for those serving refreshments, and those stewarding in the Priory grounds.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Eastnor; The Grove; Callow End; Colwall.

- Please pray for those operating the audio-visual equipment, and those leading collective worship times.

**Friday 24**<sup>th</sup> **June:** Eldersfield Lawn; Powick; St James West Malvern; Castlemorton.

- Please pray that all the children, staff and volunteers will take away good memories.

