

## **Children Of Light Festival**

Next month, the Diocese of York is launching a year long event called the 'Children of Light Festival'. It is a time to celebrate and encourage young people in their faith and an opportunity for members of the church to consider how young people fit into the life of the church. There are going to be resources and events for schools and churches to engage with over the year, so expect to hear more about it in the coming months!

Due to current restrictions, the opening service, with the Archbishop of York, is going to be a videoed service which will be available for churches to share and use within their parishes. Those organising the service would very much like to include some prayers written by children and are inviting young people across the diocese to contribute to this. It will not be possible to use all prayers submitted in the service, but all prayers will be published on the 'Children of Light' pages on the diocesan website.

Would your child like to write a prayer for the service and the festival? Prayers do not have to be long and wordy, but just reflect your child's true thoughts, feelings, thanks, praise and questions for God. It might be about hopes and fears for the coming year, what it means to be a light in darkness, what being a beacon of light for Jesus might mean.

Prayers should be emailed to Mr Pynn ([headteacher@hshafed.uk](mailto:headteacher@hshafed.uk)) by half term – they can be typed up on Word or photographed. It would be great if you could include your child's first name, age and location. Thank you.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes,

Lucy Willshaw (Foundation Governor)