



*Dorchester Abbey*  
**Education**



## **Lent & Easter Themed Visits**

Bring Key Stage 1 and/or 2 pupils to Dorchester Abbey to experience an imaginative, interactive and engaging investigation of the important Christian celebrations of Lent and Easter.

- ❖ **The Journey of Life:** This theme is an investigation of key Christian life events: birth/baptism, marriage and death/funeral. These can be examined in context with Christ's own journey, for example starting with his Entry into Jerusalem. Other areas can be considered such as the role of procession and pilgrimage, or an examination of Christian signs and symbols in the Abbey (e.g. cross, dove, font, water, wheat/bread, grapes/wine, etc). Pupils can also have the opportunity to create a pilgrim's badge to bring on life's journey.
- ❖ **The Jesse Tree and the Easter Message:** Examine our outstanding 14<sup>th</sup> C sculpted and stained glass Jesse Tree window. Investigate the prophecy of Christ's coming and this family tree of Jesus, symbolising his role in offering new life and new hope through his birth, death and resurrection. Consider the symbolism of trees in Christian stories and teaching and their relevance to the Crucifixion.
- ❖ **The Easter Message: Medieval sculpture, stained glass and a Passion Play:** A sensitive study of Christ's death and resurrection through an examination of our medieval sculpture and stained glass from the Entry into Jerusalem to the Resurrection. Students get an opportunity to develop their understanding further by re-enacting a scripted version of the Passion story, just like a medieval Passion Play.

**Places are limited.** For further information or to make a booking please contact the Dorchester Abbey Education Officer on (01865) 343164 or [education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk](mailto:education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk).