

St. Mary's School Visit to The Great Meeting

We were really pleased to host a visit by around 100 pupils and teachers from St Mary's School, Hinckley on Friday, April 18th 2008. Our then minister talked briefly about Unitarianism and its history, then Pat Oliver told some anecdotes about the history of the chapel. Then we took advantage of the number of adults who had come with the children to supervise them and let the children just wander round the chapel. Eric, Pat and our minister tried to respond to any questions they came up with. There were long queues to try "preaching" from the pulpit (we clearly have some budding ministers there!), and for the organ. But the longest queues of all were to try to smell the tobacco smoke from the caretaker ghost and to try to see the ghost sitting in the back pew!

Thanks to the Evertons, we were able to give each child one of the new history leaflets to take away; the teachers each took a background book as well. The children were remarkably well-behaved (well apart from stumping us with some complicated questions) – and we were asked whether it would be possible for St Mary's School to visit us on future occasions – so we must have got something right!