

Christ Church CofE Primary Academy

Respect: Endurance: Friendship

Collective Worship Policy 2021/2022



Due to Covid-19 any worship classed as whole school may be delivered via Teams.

As a Christian Community, collective worship at Christ Church C E Primary Academy plays an important part in the life of our school. It offers the whole school community opportunities to experience and reflect on the work, worth and worship of our school. This is set within the context of the corporate community of our school which values the uniqueness of the individual, the rights and responsibilities of all children, in accordance with UNCRC, the principle of forgiveness and affirms every individual's unique contribution, regardless of age, sex, ability, background or religion.

Our school motto summarises our purpose:

"Learning with God and Each Other to Be the Best We Can Be"

Our whole school Christian vision statement:

We are one Christ-like family seeking to achieve our school aims by showing endurance, friendship, dignity and respect:

Realise your goals – hope, aspirations, and courageous advocacy

Enjoy each day – community. Living well together

Support and encourage each other – as above

Praise and Worship – hope, aspirations, dignity and respect, all

Everyone Matters – dignity and respect

Communities working together - community

Treat others as you would want to be treated – dignity and respect

Luke 6: 31

Overarching – Wisdom, knowledge and skills

Our whole school Christian values, chosen by the pupils, are **Respect**, **Endurance** and **Friendship**.

The following bible stories are used to help our children understand these values.

- **Respect:** The Good Samaritan – Luke 10 v25-37
- **Endurance:** Noah's Ark – Genesis 6-9
- **Friendship:** Zacchaeus the Tax Collector – Luke 19 v1-10

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The legal basis for worship is the school's Trust Deed which requires worship to be "consistent with the principles and practice of the Church of England". Current legislation is taken into account which allows for the withdrawal of pupils at the request of parents. Currently we enjoy the full support of the whole community. We will ensure that worship will

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be appropriate to the age, aptitude and family background of pupils and will be provided in a variety of settings, groupings and timings with a variety of leaders.

AIMS OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP:

- to enhance the spiritual development and response of pupils
- to foster reflection, meditation, prayer and silence
- to create an atmosphere in which God is part of their everyday life
- to foster empathy and imagination, enabling pupils to participate in a variety of ways.
- to explore and enjoy praise, prayer, and the rituals of Christianity (the Anglican tradition in particular)
- to affirm the Christian faith and the Christian status of Jesus as Son of God.
- to enable pupils to reflect on the experience of Christian believers.
- to foster and value a search for faith to live by.
- to learn about and reflect upon Christian teaching, Biblical material and Christian festivals, in a way that relates to each pupil's experience.
- to worship together and strengthen our school community.
- to provide an evocative setting for worship, with comfort for staff and pupils and appropriate resources.

Occasionally we hold whole school or key stage assemblies which are not collective worship.

AIMS OF ASSEMBLIES:

- to develop a sense of community and shared values
- to consider the needs of others and to foster charitable works
- to be challenging and inspiring
- to celebrate the highest achievements of every individual
- to celebrate achievements of members of the school that are held to be of worth
- to foster a thought –provoking atmosphere allowing for spiritual reflection and response

MANAGEMENT OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In conjunction with the Principal, Local Academy Committee, staff and the school community, the worship policy created articulates the management and delivery of this area of the curriculum. Worship Ambassadors discuss the policy with the Principal and the Vicar of Christ Church. Parents are also kept informed through regular newsletters and our web site.

The worship leader, supported by the Vicar of Christ Church Fr Tommy Merry, has responsibility for leading this area of the curriculum on a day to day basis, ensuring all legal requirements are complied with. This involves the production of a coherent programme for Collective Worship, which has continuity of Christian teaching and experience, and such breadth and balance as is appropriate to the school community.

The worship leader is responsible for ordering and managing resources and ensuring their availability. Such resources are located either in the locked cupboard, the head's office or via

the internet. The worship leader will have an annual budget and access to training as necessary.

Pupils and staff are involved in the monitoring and evaluating process through the use of easy to complete questionnaires on a regular basis. Governors will also be involved in the monitoring of worship through invitations to participate in acts of collective worship and through our termly Local Academy Committee Meetings. Current monitoring is also on an informal basis through conversations and meetings with staff, the Parish Priest and the School's Diocesan Advisor. This allows us to constantly review our practice in this very important area of school life.

WORSHIP AMBASSADORS

Worship ambassadors are children from Year 1 – Year 6 who work with Mrs Scattergood, Mrs Hemmings and Fr Tommy to ensure that Collective Worship is effective across the school.

What is our role?

- Ensuring that collective worship is as good as it can be
- Agreeing the Worship Policy
- Contributing to the writing of the policy – adding Bible story suggestions
- Making sure the classroom/hall is ready for worship
- Choosing relevant hymns
- Finding out about the views of pupils and parents
- Sharing prayers written by pupils in their own class every Friday afternoon. Year 6 to share reception, year 5 to share nursery
- Playing a major part in planning and delivering worship with staff and other children
- To be good role models during worship.
- To be actively involved during whole school worship – choosing relevant music, saying prayers

What are we going to achieve this year?

- Introduce a wider range of hymns/music into our collective worship
- Meet with Fr Tommy each half term to review the collective worship delivered and agree the following half term.

CURRENT PRACTICE – September 2020

<u>Day</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Grouping</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Monday	Mental Health/ Well-being/ On-going Covid-19	N-Y6	9.00am	Classroom via Teams	Vice Principal

	Situation				
Tuesday	Theme for the Week	N-Y6	9.00am	Classroom via Teams	Clergy or other Visitor/SLT/Principal
Wednesday	Class Led Worship based upon Picture News	N-Y6	Times variable	Classroom	Class Teachers
Thursday	Bible Story	Mixed year groups pupil led worship (Y6&4, Y5&3, Y1&2, N&R)	Times variable	Classroom via Teams	Y6 pupils or Worship Ambassadors
Friday	Praise Worship	Whole School	9.00am	Classroom via Teams	Principal or Vice Principal

NB. If worship is taking place in the classroom, it will be performed at an appropriate time, decided by the class teacher, during the day.

In addition, the school worships in church by arrangement between the school and parish. This usually happens during key events in the Christian calendar including Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Parents are welcome at all acts of worship. Visitors and outside speakers are invited into school to lead worship.

When Covid-19 allows, a Eucharist is held at appropriate times during each term, with our year 6 pupils actively leading/participating in a Eucharist in the summer term following whole class teaching and learning of this particular aspect of Anglican worship.

OUTLINE COLLECTIVE WORSHIP PROGRAMME 2021/22

No worship programme can ever be entirely pre-planned. There will always be spontaneous moments when it may be important to focus on the immediate. This year's themes include Christian festivals, school Christian values which will promote the Christian ethos and distinctiveness of the school, the Rights Respecting Schools Agenda and the Bible.

Autumn Term 2021

<i>Wk</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Church Calendar</i>	<i>Theme for the week</i>
1	6 th September		Respect R (Realise your Goals – hope, aspirations and courageous advocacy)
2	13 th September	14 Holy Cross	Respect E (Enjoy each Day – community, living well together)
3	20 th September	21 Matthew	Respect S (Support and Encourage Each Other – community, living well together)
4	27 th September	29 Michael	Harvest – Respect E (everyone Matters – dignity and respect)
5	4 th October	1 Harvest	Respect P (Praise and Worship – hope, aspirations, dignity and respect)
6	11 th October		Respect C (communities working together – community)
7	18 th October	18 Luke	Respect T (treat others as you would want to be treated – dignity and respect)
8	1 st November	1 Saints, 2 Souls	Respect (The Good Samaritan Luke 10 v25-37)
9	8 th November	11 Remembrance	Endurance (Noah's Ark Genesis 6-9)
10	15 th November		Friendship (Zacchaeus the Tax Collector – Luke 19 v1-10)
11	22 nd November	21 Christ the King	Christ the King, Patronal
12	29 th November	30 Andrew	Advent!
13	6 th December	6 Nicholas	Advent – St Nicholas
14	13 th December		Christmas

Spring Term 2022

1	3 rd January	6 Epiphany	Epiphany
2	10 th January	9 Baptism	Global Christianity – Australia
3	17 th January		Global Christianity – China
4	24 th January	25 Conversion of Paul, 26 Timothy	Global Christianity – Latin America
5	31 st January	2 Candlemas	Global Christianity – Africa

6	7 th February		Global Christianity – South Korea
7	14 th February		Global Christianity - England
8	28 th February	2 Ash Wed	Ash Wednesday/Lent
9	7 th March		Lent – Gospels Matthew
10	14 th March	17 Patrick 19 Joseph	Lent – Gospels Mark
11	21 st March	27 Mothering	Lent - Gospels Luke
12	28 th March		Passiontide - Gospels John
	4 th April	10 April	Palm Sunday

Summer Term 2022

1	25 th April	23 George, 25 Mark	Gifts of the Spirit: Love
2	2 nd May	1 Philip/James	Gifts of the Spirit: Joy
3	9 th May		Gifts of the Spirit: Peace
4	16 th May	14 Matthias	Gifts of the Spirit: Patience
5	23 rd May	26 Ascension	Gifts of the Spirit: Kindness
7	6 th June	5 Pentecost	Pentecost and the Holy Spirit
8	13 th June	11 Barnabas 12 Trinity 16 Corpus Christi	Trinity
9	20 th June	24 Sacred Heart	Gifts of the Spirit: Goodness
10	27 th June	24 John Baptist 29 Peter/Paul	Gifts of the Spirit: Faithfulness
11	4 th July	3 Thomas	Gifts of the Spirit: Humility
12	11 th July		Gifts of the Spirit: Self-control
13	18 th July		Moving on/change, Goodbye

Thursday Worship

On a Thursday, worship ambassadors will use a set Bible reading from an appropriate Bible to lead their class worship. These are organised into 6 continuous themes, one per half term. These are:

Autumn 1 – Creation
 Autumn 2 – Prophets
 Spring 1 – The Parables of Jesus
 Spring 2 – Moses and the Exodus
 Summer 1 – Friends of Jesus
 Summer 2 – The Miracles of Jesus

Special Services:

- Harvest
- Patronal service
- Christmas
- Epiphany
- Candlemass
- Ash Wednesday
- Easter
- Ascension Day
- Corpus Christi

Signed (Chair of Local Academy Committee) _____

Signed (Principal) _____

<u>Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Review Date</u>
04/11/11	Approved and issued with amendments	Autumn '12
16 th Nov '12	Approved with new worship themes for this current academic year and the addition of As a Christian Community at the very beginning of the policy.	Autumn 2013
8 th Nov 2013	Approved with new worship themes for this current academic year.	Autumn 2014
07/11/14	Approved with new worship themes for this current academic year.	Autumn 2015
13/11/15	Updated, and new worship themes included for current academic year	Autumn 2016
09/09/16	Updated with new worship themes for the current academic year, updated school values (the addition of friendship and endurance) and the addition of worship ambassadors	Autumn 2017
04/09/17	Updated with new worship themes for the current academic year	Autumn 2018
13/09/18	Updated with new worship themes for the current academic year	Autumn 2019

05/09/19	Updated with new worship themes for the current academic year and changes to who delivers worship	Autumn 2020
01/09/2020	Updated with new themes and arrangements for the delivery of worship due to Covid-19.	Autumn 2021
01/09/21	Updated with new themes and arrangements for the delivery of worship during the ongoing pandemic.	Autumn 2022