



# Christ Church CofE Primary Academy

Respect: Endurance: Friendship

## Collective Worship Policy 2019/2020

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 values, chosen by the pupils, are **Respect**, **Endurance** and **Friendship**.

### **Respect**

Treat other as you would like to be treated. (Luke 6: 31)

### **Endurance**

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100:5)

### **Friendship**

‘A friend loves at all times.’ (Proverbs 17:17)

Our whole school aims/vision are shown through the value of respect:

- **R**ealise your goals
- **E**njoyment
- **S**upport and encourage each other
- **P**raise and Worship
- **E**veryone Matters
- **C**ommunities working together
- **T**reat others as you would want to be treated

School mission statement

### **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

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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 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**

The Foundation Governor has a responsibility to ensure the trust deed of the school is honoured. In conjunction with the Head Teacher, 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 Edwards, 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?**

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- Introduce a wider range of hymns/music into our collective worship
- Ensure that all classrooms have age appropriate Bibles
- Introduce lighting one candle with three wicks to symbolise the Holy Trinity
- Meet with Fr Tommy each half term to review the collective worship delivered and agree the following half term.

#### **CURRENT PRACTICE – September 2019**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Grouping</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Monday	Theme for the Week	N-Y6	10.25am	Hall	All CTs
Tuesday	Theme for the Week	N-Y6	10.25am	Hall	Clergy or other Visitor/SLT/worship leader
Wednesday	Hymn practice or Class Led Worship	N-Y6	10.25am	Hall or classroom	Variable
Thursday	Bible Story	Mixed year groups pupil led worship (Y6&4, Y5&3, Y1&2, N&R)	Times variable	Classroom	Y6 pupils or Worship Ambassadors
Friday	Praise Worship	Whole School	9.00am	Hall	Member of SLT

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.

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 2019/20**

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 2019**

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Church Calendar</i>	<i>Theme for the Week</i>
1	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	14 Holy Cross	Welcome Back
2	9 <sup>th</sup> September	21 Matthew	Trinity – Respect R
3	16 <sup>th</sup> September	29 Michael and All Angels	Trinity – Respect E
4	23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Harvest	Trinity – Respect S
5	30 <sup>th</sup> September		Trinity – Respect P
6	7 <sup>th</sup> October	18 Luke	Trinity - Respect E
7	14 <sup>th</sup> October		Trinity– Respect C
8	21 <sup>st</sup> October		Trinity– Respect T
HALF TERM			
9	4 <sup>th</sup> November		Endurance
10	11 <sup>th</sup> November		Remembrance
11	18 <sup>th</sup> November		Friendship
12	25 <sup>th</sup> November	26 Christ the King 30 Andrew	Christ the King
13	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Advent 6 Nicholas	Advent
14	9 <sup>th</sup> December		Advent
15	16 <sup>th</sup> December		Advent

**Spring Term 2020**

<i>Wk</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Church Calendar</i>	<i>Theme for the Week</i>
1	6 <sup>th</sup> January	12 baptism	Epiphany
2	13 <sup>th</sup> January		Gifts of the Spirit: Love
3	20 <sup>th</sup> January	25 Conversion of Paul	Gifts of the Spirit: Joy
4	27 <sup>th</sup> January	26 Timothy and Titus	Gifts of the Spirit: Peace
5	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	2 Candlemass	Gifts of the Spirit: Patience
6	10 <sup>th</sup> February		Gifts of the Spirit: Kindness
HALF TERM			
7	24 <sup>th</sup> February	26 Ash Wednesday Lent	Ash Wednesday
8	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	1 David	Gifts of the Spirit: Goodness

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9	9 <sup>th</sup> March		Gifts of the Spirit: Faithfulness
10	16 <sup>th</sup> March	19 Joseph 17 Patrick	Gifts of the Spirit: Humility
11	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	22 Mothering Sunday 25 Annunciation	Gifts of the Spirit: Self-control
12	30 <sup>th</sup> March		Holy Week

### Summer Term 2020

<i>Wk</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Church Calendar</i>	<i>Theme for the Week</i>
1	20 <sup>th</sup> April	23 George 25 Mark	Calming a Storm
2	27 <sup>th</sup> April	1 Philip and James	The Miracle at the Wedding
3	4 <sup>th</sup> May		Jesus Feeds a Huge Crowd
4	11 <sup>th</sup> May	17 Matthias	Jairus' Daughter is Healed
	18 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day (21 <sup>st</sup> May)	Jesus Heals a Blind Man
HALF TERM			
5	1 <sup>st</sup> June	31 Pentecost	tbc by worship ambassadors
6	8 <sup>th</sup> June	7 Trinity 11 <sup>th</sup> June Corpus Christ – Y5 and Y6 11 Barnabus	tbc by worship ambassadors
8	15 <sup>th</sup> June	Corpus Christi – 20 <sup>th</sup> June	tbc by worship ambassadors
9	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	24 John Baptist	tbc by worship ambassadors
10	29 <sup>th</sup> June	29 Peter and Paul	tbc by worship ambassadors
11	6 <sup>th</sup> July	3 Thomas	tbc by worship ambassadors
12	13 <sup>th</sup> July		tbc by worship ambassadors

### Thursday Worship

On a Thursday children/teachers use a worship from one of the Margaret Cooling books. These are organised into 6 continuous themes, one per half term. These are:

Autumn 1 – Faith in Action (People and Charities)

Autumn 2 – Faith in Action (People and Charities)

Spring 1 – Happiness

Spring 2 – Special Places

Summer 1 – Faith and Football

Summer 2 – Virtues and Values

### **Special Services**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Occasion</b>	<b>Location</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Service, 9.30am	Christ Church
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Patronal Service, 9.00am	Christ Church
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas, 9.30am	Christ Church
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Epiphany Eucharist, 9am	School
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Candlemas (Y5 and Y6), 2pm	Christ Church
26 February	Ashing, 11amish	Classrooms
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Faith Day (St Chad)	School
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Eucharist, 2pm	Christ Church
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Ascension Day, 2pm	School
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Corpus Christi (year 5 and 6), 2pm	Church
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers and Anointing, 9.30am	Church

Signed (Chair of Governors) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Head Teacher) \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Comments</u></b>	<b><u>Review Date</u></b>
04/11/11	Approved and issued with amendments	Autumn '12
16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November 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