



Christ Church C.E. Primary School Collective Worship Policy 2014/2015

As a Christian Community, collective worship at Christ Church C E Primary School 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 school aims summarise our vision:

- **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.

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 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.

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- 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 Governors have responsibility to ensure the trust deed of the school is honoured. In conjunction with the Head Teacher, Governing Body, staff and the school community, the worship policy created articulates the management and delivery of this area of the curriculum. Parents are also kept informed through the school brochure, regular newsletters and web site.

The worship co-ordinator 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 co-ordinator 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 co-ordinator will have an annual budget and access to training she feels necessary.

Pupils and staff are involved in the monitoring and evaluating process through the use of easy to complete questionnaires on a regular basis. Current monitoring is also on an informal basis through conversations and meetings with staff, the Parish Priest and the School's RE Advisor. This allows us to constantly review our practice in this very important area of school life.

CURRENT PRACTICE – September 2014

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Grouping</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Leader</u> |
|------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Monday | Reception – Y6 | 9.00am | Hall | PS or NF |
| Tuesday | Reception – Y6 | 9.00am | Hall | Visitor or SLT |
| Wednesday | Reception – Y6 | 9.00am (if whole school) | Hall or classroom | Class led or hymn practice |
| Thursday | Mixed year groups (y6&y4, y5&y3, y1&y2, yn&yr) | 9.00am | Hall or classroom | Key Stage or Classroom based (pupil led in Y5 & Y6) |
| Friday | Whole School | 9.00am | Hall | PS or NF |

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. At times, worship in Church also includes other schools e.g. year 6 leavers and harvest. 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 2014/15

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, Christian values which will promote the Christian ethos and distinctiveness of the school, the Rights Respecting Schools Agenda and the Bible.

Autumn Term 2014

| | Week beginning | Theme |
|------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1 | 1 st September | New beginnings |
| 2 | 8 th September | Respect – Realise your Goals |
| 3 | 15 th September | Holy Cross (symbol of faith) |
| 4 | 22 nd September | Respect (treat others as you would like to be treated) |
| 5 | 29 th September | Hope |
| 6 | 6 th October | Harvest (6 th – 8 th) St Francis 9 th |
| 7 | 13 th October | Respect – Support and Encourage |
| 8 | 20 th October | St Luke |
| Half Term | | |
| 10 | 3 rd November | All Saints |
| 11 | 10 th November | Remembrance |
| 12 | 17 th November | Anti-Bullying |
| 13 | 24 th November | Christ the King, 9.30am at Christ Church |
| 14 | 1 st December | Advent – Hope |
| 15 | 8 th December | Advent – Responsibility |
| 16 | 15 th December | Christmas/Christingle |

Spring Term 2015

| | Week beginning | Theme |
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| 1 | 5 th January | Epiphany |
| 2 | 12 th January | Good to Be Me |
| 3 | 19 th January | Obedience (story of Noah/Isaac) |
| 4 | 26 th January | St Paul |
| 5 | 2 nd February | Candlemas Father David |

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| 6 | 9 th February | Respect – Everyone Matters |
| Half Term | | |
| 7 | 23 rd February | Ash Wednesday and Lent |
| 8 | 2 nd March | Respect - Enjoyment |
| 9 | 9 th March | Mothering Sunday |
| 10 | 16 th March | Trust (story of Job/Psalm 91v2) |
| 11 | 23 rd March | Being listened to – Article 12 |
| 12 | 30 th March | 30 th Palm Sunday; 31 st Last Supper; 1 st April Good Friday at CC |

Summer Term 2015

| | Week beginning | Theme |
|------------------|------------------------|---|
| 1 | 20 th April | Respect – Praise and Worship |
| 2 | 27 th April | Generosity |
| 3 | 4 th May | Tolerance (Article 30 respect others cultural differences – The Good Samaritan) |
| 4 | 11 th May | Ascension |
| 5 | 18 th May | Pentecost |
| Half Term | | |
| 7 | 1 st June | Trinity |
| 8 | 8 th June | Friendships/Relationships |
| 9 | 15 th June | Gratitude (Psalm 103 v5) |
| 10 | 22 nd June | Respect – Communities working together |
| 11 | 29 th June | Peace |
| 12 | 6 th July | Changes |
| 13 | 13 th July | Goodbyes |

Right to Withdrawal from RE/Collective Worship

At Christ Church CE Primary School we wish to be an inclusive community but recognise that parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from religious education or collective worship on the grounds of conscience, without giving a reason. Parents wishing to exercise this right are asked to write to the headteacher who will then invite the parents into school to discuss their concerns, clarify the nature of the RE and worship provided by the school and set out the options open to the parents as set out in education law. However, the right of withdrawal does not extend to other areas of the curriculum when, as may happen on occasion, spontaneous questions on religious matters are raised by pupils or there are issues related to religion that arise in other subjects. Where a pupil is withdrawn from RE and do not take part in alternative religious education they will be supervised by an appropriate

member of staff whilst doing work set by their parents which will seek to further their knowledge and understanding of their parents beliefs and values.

Signed (Chair of Governors) _____

Signed (Head Teacher) _____

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Comments</u> | <u>Review Date</u> |
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| 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 November 2013 | Approved with new worship themes for this current academic year. | Autumn 2014 |
| 7 th November 2014 | Approved with new worship themes for this current academic year and a paragraph taken from the Lichfield Diocese Right to Withdrawal from RE/Collective Worship document. | Autumn 2015 |
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