



Holy Trinity CE (VA) Primary School

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Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of our collective worship are:

1. **To offer opportunities for worship and reflection:**
 - Create space for children and staff to engage in moments of stillness, prayer, and reflection.
 - Encourage a personal response to faith and spirituality.
2. **To foster a sense of community and belonging:**
 - Build unity within the school by bringing everyone together regularly.
 - Promote shared values and a collective identity grounded in Christian ethos, to reinforce positive attitudes.
3. **To explore the teachings of Christianity:**
 - Introduce stories, values, and traditions of the Christian faith.
 - Deepen understanding of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.
4. **To encourage respect and tolerance:**
 - Develop an appreciation of diversity, including other faiths and worldviews.
 - Support the development of moral and ethical understanding.
5. **To celebrate the school's Christian foundation:**
 - Reflect the Anglican heritage and the church calendar (e.g., Advent, Easter, Pentecost).
 - Reinforce the school's Christian vision and values.

Collective Worship

We understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose is to show reverence to God. Collective worship involves all members of the school coming together and participating in an assembly. We invite everyone to take an active part in the assembly.

In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act, which states that collective worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character', we normally base our assemblies on the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Christian Church. However, we conduct our assemblies in a manner that is sensitive to the faiths and beliefs of all members of the school.



While most acts of worship in our school are Christian, we also hold worship that reflects the traditions of other religions that are represented in the school and the wider community.

Organisation of Collective Worship

We hold a daily act of collective worship, which can be either be whole-school or a class based. Below is the organisation of worships throughout the week.

Day	Format
Monday	Whole school in the hall Usually values based led by HT/DHT <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candle 2. Liturgy 3. Learning 4. Link to faith 5. Challenge 6. Hymn 7. Prayer 8. Reflection
Tuesday	Whole school in the hall Anglican practise and gospel based led by Rev Andrew <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candle 2. Liturgy 3. Learning 4. Link to faith 5. Prayer 6. Reflection
Wednesday	Class based <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candle 2. Liturgy 3. Reflect on weekly challenge 4. Recommend a friend 5. The Big Question discussion and reflection 6. Prayer 7. Reflection
Thursday	Whole school in the hall Singing worship led by AB <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candle 2. Liturgy 3. Singing 4. Prayer 5. Reflection
Friday	Whole school in the hall Celebration of week's achievements led by member of SLT <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candle 2. Liturgy 3. Singing 4. Prayer 5. Reflection

We conduct worship in a dignified and respectful way; children know that assembly time is a period of calm reflection. We regard it as a special time, and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. We ask them to be quiet and thoughtful, to listen carefully to the teachings, to reflect and to participate. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and candles to focus the attention of the children.

Collective worship is conducted by the headteacher, teaching staff or led by local reverend from Trinity Church.

We take the themes of our collective worship from the traditions of the Christian faith, our school vision and we observe the festivals and mark the events of the Christian calendar. Sometimes the themes of our assemblies are related to topics that we teach as part of the school curriculum. We plan collective worship well in advance of the day they take place.



Our collective worship also reflects the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate in the assemblies by showing their work to the other children. They provide an opportunity to reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. They also play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued, and all achievements are recognised.

Attendance by Others to our Worship

Parents are invited every year to their child's class assembly. They are also part of the year 6 Leavers' service. At Harvest, Christmas and Easter all the children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 participate in a special service at Trinity Church where many parents, grandparents and friends join us. All the children are involved collectively in singing, but also as members of the choir or as readers. Wherever we can we encourage parents' attendance, as this promotes community spirit, and shows the school and the homes working together in support of the children's achievements.

Governors' attendance at our assemblies and services are always welcome.

Right of Withdrawal

We expect all children to attend collective worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from worship, and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during that part of the assembly. Parents and carers do not have to explain or give reasons for their request. This right of withdrawal complies with the 1944 Education Act, and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act.

The headteacher keeps a record of all children who have been withdrawn from collective worship.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- observation of children's reaction and participation during worship;
- feedback from children in class;
- observation of children's behaviour
- reference to children's views including through the school council
- discussion with nominated Governors.

This policy will be reviewed at least every two years.