



All Saints Benhilton C of E Primary School Collective Worship Policy

Mission Statement

Together, within God's love, we nurture and inspire today's minds for tomorrow's challenges.

Aims

In our daily worship at All Saints Benhilton we:

- Celebrate being part of a wide Christian community where each adult and child is acknowledged and valued.
- Provide an atmosphere in which pupils can gain an awareness of spiritual aspects of life and worship.
- Give children opportunities to pray and reflect, to explore and question our own beliefs and values.
- Lead the children to an awareness of God revealed in the person of Jesus and to help them understand his life and ministry.
- Provide time and opportunity for giving thanks and praise and to enjoy the fellowship which results from sharing love, joy, hope, friendship, acceptance, anxieties, sadness and forgiveness.
- Give children the opportunity to plan and deliver meaningful and relevant worship.

The school has agreed that

- As a Church of England school our worship will reflect some of the essential features within the rich traditions of Anglican prayer and worship and will be planned around the cycle of the Church's year – Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost.
- The themes covered in acts of collective worship will be set in conjunction with the topics set by the PHSE Scheme SEAL, with a different topic being covered each half term. Flexibility will however allow for responding to something immediate.
- Christian Values will be explored as worship themes across the year.
- Sometimes the older pupils and younger pupils will have separate opportunities for worship to allow for their different developmental needs to be more suitably met, but always remembering what we offer to God. Key Stage 1 and 2 collective worship will be led each Wednesday by the vicar or representative of All Saints Church. EYFS collective worship will be led each Wednesday by the R.E. Subject Leader, the EYFS Phase Leader or Year 6 pupils.
- Each class will plan and lead two whole school acts of worship each year, under the guidance of their class teacher. One of these will include an invitation to the parents of that class
- On Fridays we will celebrate birthdays and the achievements of children both in and out of school.
- Staff and children will attend services in church, at least once a term.
- Worship throughout the week will follow this pattern

| Day | Key stage | Worship | Time | Worship led by |
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| Monday | Whole school | Collective Worship | 9:05 am | Headteacher |
| Tuesday | Whole school | Collective Worship | 9:05 am | SLT |

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| Wednesday | EYFS KS1 & KS2 | Collective worship Collective worship | 9:05 am | Staff / Y6 Pupils Incumbent or other |
| Thursday | EYFS, KS1 KS2 | Praise (singing) worship | 9:05 am 2:55pm | Music teacher |
| Friday | EYFS & KS1 KS2 | Celebration worship | 9:05 am 10:10am | Headteacher |

Planning:

In the interest of progression, continuity and coverage the Headteacher plans the term's worship themes in conjunction with the RE Subject leader and the Vicar of All Saints Benhilton.

Monitoring:

Monitoring of the suitability and quality of Collective Worship is undertaken termly as follows -

- Monitoring of Class led Worship – Headteacher and Deputy headteacher
- Monitoring of SLT led Worship – Head teacher, Incumbent, Faith Group (including School Council)
- Monitoring of Head teacher led Worship – *Incumbent* , Faith Group (including School Council), Deputy headteacher, R.E. Subject leader.
- Monitoring of clergy led Worship – Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher, Faith Group (including School Council)

Pupils, Parents and Staff are asked for their views on Collective Worship as part of annual surveys.

Equal Opportunities

As a church school we are committed to the children of faiths other than Christianity. Diversity of religion, race and culture is felt to be of positive benefit, enriching our school community. We are nevertheless aware that collective Christian worship is central to the life of the school, and careful planning ensures that school worship contributes to the spiritual and moral development of all pupils, regardless of their own religious commitment. We strive, at all times, to make our worship sensitive so that everyone present feels they can contribute, and feel valued as a person.

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