

# William Cassidi Church of England Primary School

## Collective Worship Policy Statement

*'Life in all Fullness'  
(John 10:10)*



As a school, we want to provide learners with the very best education. To let them experience life in all its fullness and living with all their heart. Our main core value of love underpins all that we do. Our school is Christ-centred and our core Christian values of love, respect, courage, service and resilience flow through every aspect of school life. It is on this bedrock that we provide an excellent education for our whole school family. We want our entire school community to be the very best that they can be and to recognise that they are precious, loved and valued.

## Introduction

William Cassidi Church of England Primary School is a voluntary aided community school. Worship is therefore an integral part of the school day as it provides the opportunity to come together as a community. Our time of collective worship provides a clear focus/theme for the week as we consider different aspects of Christianity. Our collective workshops are distinctively Christian. They are attended by all pupils and staff. Visitors, students, and volunteers in school are very welcome to join us for daily collective worship.

At William Cassidi Church of England Primary School we recognise that Collective Worship is an important opportunity to enhance Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development and for embedding the school's vision, values and motto. Through collective worship our vision becomes 'lived' and 'a way of being'.

## Aims

It is our aim at William Cassidi Church of England Primary School that worship should:

- Enable children to appreciate their worth and value to God and to the community and to respect the integrity of each individual as a child of God.
- Help children discover their place in the world.
- Contribute to the spiritual, social, moral and cultural development of each child.
- Support the social and emotional development of the pupils.
- Provide an opportunity to bring before God in prayer, personal needs and the needs of others.
- Establish, explore and reinforce the common Christian values of the school community such as: love, service, respect, resilience and courage.
- Celebrate and give thanks for the gifts, talents and achievements within the school, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals.
- Foster and enable a concern for the needs of others, a recognition of the vulnerability of self and of others.

- Provide members of the school community with the opportunity to experience stillness and quiet.
- Foster a feeling of community and belonging in the school through a sharing of experiences and feelings.
- Provide members of the school community with the opportunity to respond to Christian language and symbolism.
- Foster feelings such as awe, wonder, thankfulness and joy.

Above all, school's approach to Collective Worship will be sensitive to the needs and backgrounds of our community.

### Legal Status of Collective Worship

The 1988 Education Reform Act requires that 'all pupils in attendance at a maintained school shall on each day take part in an act of Collective Worship'. We seek to do our best to keep the spirit of this legislation; seeking to provide as many high quality acts of worship as is practically possible.

Collective worship takes the form of a whole school act of worship each and every day in the school hall. Collective worship occurs each morning Monday – Wednesday and on an afternoon each Thursday and Friday during the school day. The responsibility for arranging school worship in our school rests with the Headteacher - Mrs Joanne Campbell. All acts of worship are in accordance with the guidance issued in circular 1/94 which states that worship should be of a 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character' and not distinctive of any particular Christian denomination.

By broadly Christian in this school we mean that:

- Worship contains some elements that accord special status to Jesus, His teachings and actions, e.g. The Sermon on the Mount.
- Sharing with children the Christian belief that all Christians are called to continue Jesus' work of love and for their fellow human beings through the exploration of key Christian values such as love, courage, resilience, service, respect, trust, forgiveness, mercy, humility, integrity, diligence, value of an individual, justice, co-operation, honesty and truthfulness.

Acts of Collective Worship at William Cassidi Church of England Primary School take into account the child's age, aptitude and family background. The school recognises that there is a difference between Acts of Collective Worship and the assembly of pupils. On some occasions assembly may proceed or follow an Act of Collective Worship. When this happens the transition from Assembly to Worship will be marked in some suitable way. E.g. The lighting of a candle, reflecting on an image, a moment of silence and reflection, etc...

### Rights of Withdrawal

At William Cassidi Church of England Primary School we seek to be an inclusive community however we respect the right of parents to withdraw their children for Collective Worship. This school expects that withdrawal will only be made following parental discussion with the Headteacher followed by written confirmation of withdrawal. The school has a system of suitable supervision for students withdrawn from Acts of Collective Worship. However, no additional work is set or followed in this time. All teachers, including the Headteacher, have the right of withdrawal from the Act of Collective Worship, but the Headteacher, should she wish to exercise this right, will maintain statutory accountability for Acts of Collective Worship in William Cassidi Church of England Primary School. This right of withdrawal does not extend to assemblies.

### Collective Worship Organisation

Monday: Whole school collective worship in the hall from 10:30am. Led by Mrs Campbell.

Tuesday: Whole school collective worship in the hall from 10:30am. Led by Mrs Campbell and/or Rev Ian Crofts and/or invited external speakers.

Wednesday: Whole school collective worship in the hall from 10:30am led by a member of staff (weekly rotation)

### Thursday:

1. Whole school collective worship in the hall from 2:45pm.  
Led by Mrs Campbell - hymn focus.
2. For 7 weeks of the year this collective worship time is also used for family worships. Each class will deliver a worship to their parents and carers. This is led by the children and facilitated by class teachers.

Friday: Whole school collective worship in the hall from 2:45pm.  
Led by a member of SLT - celebration focus.

### 2025 - 2026 Collective Worship Themes

Date	Staff Member and Weekly Theme
1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Campbell all week School Vision and Core Values Biblical Link: John 10:10
8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> September	10 <sup>th</sup> September - Miss Raper Theme: Belonging Biblical link: Luke 2 39 - 52. The Boy Jesus at the Temple Core Value - Love Assembly link - Roald Dahl Day (13 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> September	17 <sup>th</sup> September - Miss Hill Theme: Belonging Biblical link: The Baptism of Jesus Core Value - Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> September	24 <sup>th</sup> September - Mrs Harland Theme: Belonging Biblical link: Matthew 7 - ask, seek, knock Core Value - Courage
29 <sup>th</sup> September - 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	1 <sup>st</sup> October - Mrs Heasman Theme: Community Biblical link: Exodus 20 - the ten commandments Core Value - Respect Assembly link - Black History Month Assembly link - National Poetry Day - 2 <sup>nd</sup> October

6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> October	8 <sup>th</sup> October - Mrs S Hall Theme: Community Biblical Link: Joshua as Leader - Joshua 1 Core Value - Resilience
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> October	15 <sup>th</sup> October - Mrs Durance Theme: Community (Jigsaw - Acceptance) Biblical Link: Gideon and the Midianites - Judges 7 Core Value - Service
20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> October	22 <sup>nd</sup> October - Mr Proud Theme: Harvest Biblical Link: Leviticus 23 10 - 11 Core Value - Service Harvest Festival at St John's Church Assembly link - Diwali (21 <sup>st</sup> October)
October Half Term	October Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> November	5 <sup>th</sup> November - Mrs S Hall Theme: Acceptance Biblical Link: Psalm 139 Core Value - Respect Assembly link (10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> November) anti-bullying week, Safety during bonfire night (5 <sup>th</sup> November)
10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> November	12 <sup>th</sup> November - Mrs Heasman Theme: Remembrance Biblical Link: Romans 12:1 - A Living Sacrifice Core Value - Service Assembly link - Remembrance - (11 <sup>th</sup> November)
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> November	19 <sup>th</sup> November - Miss Hill Theme: Courageous Advocacy Biblical Link: Core Value - Respect Assembly link - National recycling week 10 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> November
24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> November	26 <sup>th</sup> November - Miss Raper Theme: Advent Biblical Link: Luke 21 - 21, Matthew 24 Core Value - Love

	Advent service at St John's Church
1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> December	3 <sup>rd</sup> December - Mr A Hakes Theme: Christmas - The Nativity Story Biblical Link: Luke 2 1 - 21, Matthew 2 Core Value - Love Assembly link - nativity performances
8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10 <sup>th</sup> December - Mrs Harland Theme: Christmas - The Nativity Story Biblical Link: Luke 2 1 - 21, Matthew 2 Core Value - Love Assembly link - nativity performances
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> December	17 <sup>th</sup> December - Mrs Campbell Theme: Christmas in other lands Biblical Link: Luke 2 1 - 21, Matthew 2 Core Value - Love Christingle Service at St John's Church Assembly Link - Hanukkah (15 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> December)
Christmas Holidays	Christmas Holidays
5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> January	7 <sup>th</sup> January - Mrs Campbell Theme: Resolutions Biblical link Psalm 139 Core Value - Love
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> January	14 <sup>th</sup> January - Mrs Campbell Theme: Vision and Values Biblical Link: John 10:10 Core Value - Love
19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	22 <sup>nd</sup> January - Mrs S Hall Theme: Y1 Family Worship Biblical Link: John 10:10 Core Value - Courage
26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> January	29 <sup>th</sup> January - Miss Hill Theme: Y2 Family Worship Biblical Link: John 10:10

2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> February	5 <sup>th</sup> February - Mrs Harland and Mrs J Hall Theme: Y3 Family Worship Biblical link: John 10:10 Core Value - Courage Assembly Link: Childrens' Mental Health Week
9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> February	11 <sup>th</sup> February - Mr Proud Theme: The Trinity Biblical Link: Matthew 28:19 Core Value - Love Assembly Link - Safer Internet Day (10 <sup>th</sup> February)
16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> February	18 <sup>th</sup> February - Mrs Heasman Theme: Achieving our Goals Biblical Link: Proverbs 16:19 Core Value - Resilience Assembly Link: Chinese New Year (17 <sup>th</sup> February) Prayer Space Day - (20 <sup>th</sup> February) Assembly Link: Ramadan (17 <sup>th</sup> February)
February Half-Term	February Half-Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> March	4 <sup>th</sup> March - Mrs Campbell Theme: Community Biblical Link: Corinthians 12: 12-27 Core Value - Service Assembly Link: World Book Day and Lent (5 <sup>th</sup> March) Holi Festival - (3 <sup>rd</sup> March)
9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> March	12 <sup>th</sup> March - Miss Raper Theme: Y4 Family Worship Biblical Link: John 10:10 Assembly Link: British Science Week (6 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> March)
16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> March	19 <sup>th</sup> March - Mrs Heasman Theme: Y5 Family Worship Biblical Link: John 10:10 Core Value - Courage Assembly Link: Eid al-Fitr (20 <sup>th</sup> March)
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> March	26 <sup>th</sup> March - Mrs Campbell Theme: Easter Biblical Link: Corinthians 3:8



	Core Value - Love
30 <sup>th</sup> March - 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> April - Mrs Campbell Theme: Easter Biblical Link: Corinthians 3:8 Core Value - Love Easter Service at St John's Church
Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays
20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> April	22 <sup>nd</sup> April - Miss Hill Theme: Creation - caring for Earth Biblical Link: Genesis 1:4 Core Value - Service Assembly Link: Earth Day 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
27 <sup>th</sup> April - 1 <sup>st</sup> May	29 <sup>th</sup> April - Mrs S Hall Theme: Courageous Advocacy Biblical Link: Joshua 1:9 Core Value - Courage
4 <sup>th</sup> May - 8 <sup>th</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> May - Miss Raper Theme: Community Biblical Link: Galatians 6:2 Core Value - Service
11 <sup>th</sup> May - 15 <sup>th</sup> May	13 <sup>th</sup> May - Mr Proud Theme: Thankfulness Biblical Link: Luke 17 Core Value - Service Ascension Day - 14 <sup>th</sup> May
18 <sup>th</sup> May - 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	21 <sup>st</sup> May - K Howell Reception Family Worship Biblical Link: John 10:10 Core Value - Courage Pentecost - 24 <sup>th</sup> May
May Half Term	May Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> June - Mrs Durance Theme: Trust and Promises Biblical Link: Daniel 6:22 Core Value - Resilience
8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> June	10 <sup>th</sup> June - Miss Dicken Theme: Worries and Courage Biblical Link: Genesis 6:9 Core Value - Courage
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> June	17 <sup>th</sup> June - Mr Hakes Theme: Aspiration Biblical Link: Timothy 3:1 Core Value - Respect

22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> June	24 <sup>th</sup> June - Miss Raper Theme: Give it all you got.. Biblical Link: Colossians 3: 23 - 24 Core Value - Respect
29 <sup>th</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> July - Miss Hill Theme: Serving others Biblical Link: Mark 12: 41- 44 Core Value - Service
6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> July	8 <sup>th</sup> July - Mrs Campbell Theme: Transition - new class, new school Biblical Link: John 10:10 Core Value - Courage Assembly Link - Sports and Fitness Week
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> July	15 <sup>th</sup> July - Mrs Campbell Theme: Transition - new class, new school Biblical Link: John 10:10 Core Value - Courage Leavers' Service at St John's Church
Summer Holidays	Summer Holidays

### Worship Council

Children take an active role in worships. They meet regularly with Mrs Campbell and Mrs S Hall (student council leader) to discuss and action their ideas.

### Additional Worships / Services

Additional collective worships and services take place in St John's Church, Stillington. The Headteacher and Rev Ian Crofts plan the additional services together and invite the local community. Harvest, Advent, Christingle, Easter and Leavers' services take place throughout the academic year.

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