

St Michael's CE Aided Primary School

Collective Worship

St Michael's is a Church of England Aided School and responsibility for Collective Worship rests with the Governing Body in consultation with the Headteacher.

Collective Worship at St Michael's is rooted in the Christian faith. It is conducted inclusively and is an occasion for members of the school community to gather, be still, reflect and refresh themselves. We respect and value the faith position of each child.

Our Aim is to give the children opportunities to:

- reflect Christian values and on their own beliefs
- broaden their experiences of spirituality through a combination of words, images, music and silence
- have a balance within the school day
- consider religious writings, beliefs, teachings and practices
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- learn about, appreciate and celebrate the reasons behind the religious festivals of both Christianity and other major world faiths
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- encourage respect and value for the faith stances and beliefs of others
- participate in occasions where everyone can share at a deep level

There is an act of whole school or class worship every day. Class worship is linked to the termly theme, the value of the month and the SEALs themes.

The Vicar, Elaine Bardwell, (and/or members of her team) leads collective worship on a Wednesday and Thursday on a weekly basis.

We welcome representatives from other churches and faith communities, as appropriate.

Other whole school acts of worship are led by the Headteacher and may include a visiting speaker.

Each Friday morning we have a Sharing Assembly when parents/families and members of the local community are invited to join and share Collective Worship with us. Parents and families are also invited to 'Open Assemblies' during the course of the school year.

Major Christian festivals are marked by the whole school celebrating Collective Worship in the local parish church at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and at the end of the school year. The children produce and present the content for these occasions and every pupil is included in these contributions. Parents, carers, governors and supporters of our school are invited along to these occasions, which celebrate our life as a Church School in an inclusive way.

Although we plan our Collective worship to be wholly inclusive, we respect the right of parents to withdraw their child should they wish to do so. Before making this decision, parents are requested to discuss their concerns with the Headteacher.

	Staff	Curriculum Committee	Governing Body
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