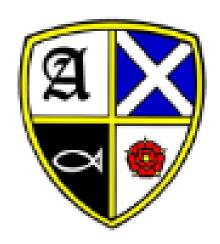
# Collective Worship Policy Handbook

# St. Andrew's CE Infant School



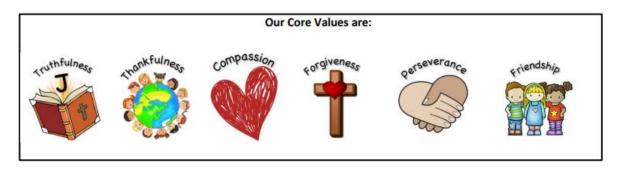
# **Our School Motto**

# 'Learning, Caring and Growing together in Faith'

#### **Our Vision**

St Andrew's Infant School is a Christian school where children are happy, nurtured and love learning. Through an inspiring and aspirational curriculum, we strive to ensure our children flourish spiritually, academically, and creatively to become confident, resilient learners. Everyone here learns, cares and grows together in faith.

# **Our Values**



#### **Our Christian Narrative:**

'God is my strength in whom I trust.' Psalm 18

#### Our Bible story:

The parable of the two builders - Matthew 7

# **Collective Worship**

Collective Worship at St. Andrew's C of E School provides a vital opportunity for both pupils and adults to encounter faith by engaging in conversations about God. It provides them with a rich experience and understanding of Christianity and offers them an encounter with Jesus Christ and with Christian faith and practice in a way that enhances their lives. Our Worship is truly welcoming, meeting the needs of all, wherever they may be on their journey of faith. It helps to enable all pupils and adults to flourish.

We have used the Church of England document 'Inclusive Invitational Inspiring' to guide us.

#### The aims of worship are:

- 1. To explore the school's vision and how that underpins shared values and virtues.
- 2. Help pupils and adults to appreciate the relevance of faith in today's world by encountering the teachings of Jesus and the Bible and developing understanding of the Christian belief in the trinitarian nature of God.
- 3. To offer the opportunity, without compulsion, to all pupils and adults to grow spiritually through experiences of prayer, stillness, worship and reflection.
- 4. To enable all pupils and adults to appreciate that Christians worship in different ways.
- 5. To enable pupils to develop skills through engaging in the planning, leading and evaluation of collective worship in ways that lead to improving practice.

#### Our worship is:

**Inclusive** – We understand that our pupils and staff are at different stages of their spiritual journey. They come from homes of different backgrounds as well as of no faith background. Worship involves gathering together to explore, think, question and respond. Pupils are involved in the planning, leading and evaluation of worship.

**Invitational** – All are welcome to engage in worship. Pupils and adults are invited to pray if they wish to do so and in their own way. Prayer is accompanied by the option to reflect. It allows all to be present and to engage with integrity.

**Inspiring** – It enables pupils and adults to ask big questions about who we are and why we do what we do. We aim to motivate pupils and adults to reflect on their own and the wider community's behaviour and actions. Our collective worship encourages our children to be courageous advocates.

Worship is planned and delivered by different members of our school community throughout the week. We also welcome additional visitors into our school to deliver and share worship with us.

#### **Organisation of Collective Worship**

We hold a daily act of collective worship. Both children and adults are invited to join in this special time to think about and reflect on Christian messages and values.

This is either a whole school (4 times a week) or a class based worship (once a week) and is a special time of calm and reflection. We ask children to be quiet and thoughtful and to listen carefully and participate. We create this atmosphere by using music and lighting candles or using other objects that act as a focal point for the attention of the children. A range of media is used to enhance worship including video clips and pictures. There is time to listen, observe, participate, reflect, be still and be thankful. Children have opportunities to reflect on their understanding and prayer is a central part of worship.

Over the year worship is led by various people, usually following the format below:

**Monday** - Our worship is led by the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher. Please see the Worship Overview for more detailed information.

**Tuesday** - We have time to worship in our classes. We use Picture News to explore big questions and learn about current significant events and issues in the wider world that help us to question, reflect and wonder.

**Wednesday** - Katy leads our Worship. Katy is the Children's Ministry Coordinator at St. Andrew's Church. Please see the Worship Overview for more detailed information.

**Thursday** - Teachers lead singing worship, linked to our half termly value.

**Friday** - Celebration worship - parents/carers are invited to attend this every week.

Our worship is underpinned by sound theological teaching and has a strong focus on God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We take the themes of our worship from the traditions of the Christian faith and we often reflect on the festivals and events of the Christian calendar. We also place a strong emphasis on our Christian Values: truthfulness, thankfulness, compassion, forgiveness, perseverance and friendship. These values underpin everything we do at St. Andrew's Church of England Infant School.

Our Friday Celebration Worship offers an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements and successes both in and out of school. This worship plays an important part in promoting the ethos of our school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements are recognised. Each week, a 'star award' is awarded as well as a 'values' award which is presented to a child in each class who has displayed our core value for the half term.

Parents/carers are invited to join our worship every Friday, as this promotes the community spirit of the school and is a practical demonstration of the way the home and school work together to support the achievements of our children. Spiritual Leaders lead worship and all children are encouraged to take part. Governors are also welcome to attend. Newsletters also celebrate successes and encourage our school family to reflect and grow spiritually.

# Right of withdrawal

Having chosen to be educated at a Church of England Aided Primary school, we would expect all children to attend worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act. No child currently is withdrawn from any worship across the school.

#### **Collective Worship Overview**

This has been planned in discussion with St. Andrew's Church. We have looked at the Diocese Resource, 'God's Big Story' and linked stories from the Bible to our half termly values. We have chosen inspirational courageous advocates linked to each value and throughout the year we learn about significant events in the Christian calendar. We use the Lion Storyteller Bible.

Stories have been chosen depending on the length of the terms.

Term time	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Christian Value	Truthfulness	Thankfulness	Compassion	Forgiveness	Perseverance	Friendship
	The Two Houses	The Marvellous	Jesus Heals a	Jonah the	The Great	Ruth Finds a
	The parable of	Picnic	<b>Blind</b> Man John 9	Groaner	Escape	New Home
	the two builders	Feeding the Five		Jonah and the	The story of	Ruth 1-4
		Thousand		Whale	Exodus Exodus 7-	
	The Word of God	Matthew 14	A jar and a jug		17	Jesus's Special
	The Ten		Elijah and the	The Runaway		Friends
	Commandments		widow 1 Kings 17	The story of	A Long Journey	Jesus and His
		Elijah and the		Jacob and	Moses Leads his	First Disciples
	Turn Back to God	Raven		Laban Genesis	people through	Luke 5
	and finding the	Elijah in hiding 1	The Helpful	28-29, 31	the wilderness	
	truth	Kings1 6-17	<b>Servant</b> The story		Exodus 16-40	
	The Preaching of		of Naaman 2	The Big Spender		Tabitha Wakes
	John the Baptist -		Kings 5	The Parable of	Down the Well	Up
	Mark 1:1-8	The Good		the lost son Luke	The story of	Peter Heals a
		Shepherd		15	Jeramiah	Good Women
	Samon and	The Parable of	The Kind stranger		Jeramiah 38	Acts 9
	Delilah	the Lost Sheep	The Good			
	A story of	Mathew 18, Luke	Samaritan Luke	The Unforgiving	The Lost Coin	God's Friend
	betrayal Judges	15	10	Servant	The parable of	The Call of
	16			Jesus' story about	the lost coin Luke	Abraham
		The man who		forgiveness	15	Genesis 12, 17-
	The Bad Brothers	came back		Mathew 18		18,21

	The story of Jacob and Esau Genesis 27  Esther was a Star A Jewish girl saves her people Esther 2-9  The Pharisee and the Tax Collector	Jesus heals ten men Luke 17  Spies in Canaan Entering the Promised Land Numbers 13-14 Deuteronomy 1 Christmas The First Christmas		Joseph Joseph the Dreamers Joseph the Prisoner Joseph the Ruler  Easter  • The Great Parade		
	Jesus speaks about prayer Luke 18	Luke 1-2		<ul> <li>An important Meal The last supper and a betrayal</li> <li>A Dreadful Day</li> <li>A Happy day</li> </ul>		
Loca				Church Children's M	·	ure News
Inspirational Courageous Advocates	David Attenborough Biologist and natural historian.	Selina Juul Food Waste Campaigner Carol and Paddy Henderson	Malala Yousafzai Educational Activist	Corrie Ten Boon Forgiving Christian	<b>Derek Redmond</b> Olympic Sprinter	Thomas Barnardo Charity Founder

			Food banks						
Christian Focus	Harvest		<b>Advent</b> starts 1 <sup>st</sup> December			5 <sup>th</sup> March- April	Pentecost June	8 <sup>th</sup>	
(these dates change annually)			The Birth of Jesus		<b>East</b>	<b>er</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>			
Special Events	Remembro Day	ance	S2 - The Lord's Prayer			Easter around world	Service Do	ay	\$5 -Christian Art
	St. Andrew	's Day							
Monday		Tuesdo	У	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Whole Schoo	l Worship	Class V	Vorship	Whole School Wors	ship	Whole Schoo	l Worship		school ation worship
God's Big Sto a school valu	,		and Local Issues ound and Picture	Bible Overview		Songs, psalm: prayer	s and		rating our vements

Resources to Support Collective Worship				
Gods' Big story Lions Bible Understanding Christianity	Gods' Story video clips Stories of the Bible Video Clips Newsround Picture News Scheme			

# **St Andrew's Infant School**

# Collective Worship Bible Overview by St Andrew's Church, Leyland

This has been planned in discussion with the school, using their plan for Collective Worship throughout the year and by looking at the Diocese Resource, 'God's Big Story'.

Stories/Teaching will be chosen depending on the length of the terms.

Autumn Term Bible Overview Old Testament and the Promised Rescuer Arrives	Spring Term Bible Overview The Life of Jesus - People Jesus Met and Stories Jesus Told	Summer Term Bible Overview After Jesus Rose / The Holy Spirit Comes / The Early Church /To Us Today
Getting To Know One Another_  New school year; new class; teacher; who am I?; Psalm 139 – God knows all about uswe get to know about who God is through his Word, the Bible.  Book – God Knows All About Me	Simeon and Anna – Promises (New Year)	Jesus appears to many people On the Road to Emmaus (Lion Storyteller Bible) Goodbye at Last (Lion Storyteller Bible) Going home – The Jesus Storybook Bible The Ascension / The Great Commission
The Bible – What is it? = Like a library; a torch; God's love letter to us etc. The Story and the Song – The Jesus Storybook Bible	The Wise Men's Visit (Lion Storyteller Bible) The King of all kings - The Jesus Storybook Bible	Pentecost The Helper Arrives (Lion Storyteller Bible) God sends help – The Jesus Storybook Bible  Peter at Pentecost Book – The Friend who Forgives (Good Book Company)

Bible Overview/God's Big Story - Creation. Genesis 1 and 2 – In the Beginning The Story of Creation (Lion Storyteller Bible) The beginning: a perfect home – The Jesus Storybook Bible	Jesus as a Boy The Boy in the Temple (Lion Storyteller Bible)	The First Church (Acts 2v42-47) God's Big Promises Bible Storybook
The Fall , Genesis 3 Sad Day (Lion Storyteller Bible) The Terrible Lie – The Jesus Storybook Bible	Jesus' Baptism Jesus is Baptised (Lion Storyteller Bible) Heaven breaks through - The Jesus Storybook Bible	Peter and John heal a lame man The Beautiful Gate (Lion Storyteller Bible)
Noah, Genesis 6-9 Special Promise (Lion Storyteller Bible) A new beginning – The Jesus Storybook Bible	The Calling of the First Disciples Fishermen – Simon and Andrew, James and John and Levi, the Tax Collector – From the Bible – ICB version Let's go - The Jesus Storybook Bible	Paul's Conversion On the Road to Damascus (Lion Storyteller Bible) A new way to see – The Jesus Storybook Bible
		Paul and his Missionary Journeys Paul is Shipwrecked (Lion Storyteller Bible) Book - The Prisoners, the Earthquake, and the Midnight Song (Good Book Company)
		Paul's Letters – God's Big Promises Bible Storybook  More Letters - God's Big Promises Bible
Abraham	Turning Water into Wine – Jesus' First	Storybook  John's Vision / What Heaven is Like / The
God's 3 Promises to Abraham	Miracle	<b>New Creation</b> – Do you want to be there? - Revelation 21

Son of Laughter – The Jesus Storybook Bible The Present - The Jesus Storybook Bible		A dream of heaven – The Jesus Storybook Bible Book - The Awesome Super Fantastic Forever Party  The Parable of the 10 Bridesmaids – Are you ready for Jesus?
Moses The Secret Baby (Lion Storyteller Bible) Moses the man, the burning bush and leading God's Special People, the Israelites The Burning Bush (Lion Storyteller Bible) God to the Rescue - The Jesus Storybook Bible God makes a way - The Jesus Storybook Bible	The Calming of the Storm – Jesus has power over nature  Book - The Storm that Stopped Book The Storm on the Lake (Lion Storyteller Bible) The Captain of the storm – The Jesus Storybook Bible	BOOKS  - God's Very Good Idea - The Big Wide Welcome - 'Say What?' - 'WOW' - Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer  How to Pray - The Jesus Storybook Bible (Matthew 6)  - Are you Following Jesus? Book - Would you like to know Jesus? - Don't Worry - The singer - The Jesus Storybook Bible  - Jesus doesn't change Moving On / Leavers Assembly
<b>David</b> Samuel The Shepherd King	Mary and Martha – The Two Sisters (Lion Storyteller Bible)	

Samuel the Kingmaker (Lion Storyteller Bible) The teeny, weenietrue king - The Jesus Storybook Bible David the Giant Killer (Lion Storyteller Bible) The young hero and the horrible giant - The Jesus Storybook Bible The Good Shepherd - The Jesus Storybook Bible		
King Solomon The Wise King (Lion Storyteller Bible)	Zacchaeus The man who didn't have any friends – The Jesus Storybook Bible	
Prophets – Isaiah Operation "No More Tears!" - The Jesus Storybook Bible Get ready! - The Jesus Storybook Bible	The Samaritan Woman at the Well	
Advent (Liaise with school)	The Healing of the Paralysed Man – Jesus has power to forgive sins and over sickness  Down Through The Roof (Lion Storyteller Bible)	
Jesus is here – Christmas (Liaise with school) He's Here! - The Jesus Storybook Bible The Light of the Whole World - The Jesus Storybook Bible BOOK - The Christmas Promise	The Raising of Jairus' Daughter – Jesus has power over death Time To Get Up (Lion Storyteller Bible) A little girl and a poor frail lady - The Jesus Storybook Bible	

The Parable of the Great Feast The Big Party (Lion Storyteller Bible)	
<b>Lent</b> (Liaise with school so we don't duplicate.)	
Holy Week and Easter (Liaise with school)	
The Servant King – The Jesus Storybook Bible A dark night in the garden – The Jesus Storybook Bible The sun stops shining – The Jesus Storybook Bible God's wonderful surprise – The Jesus Storybook Bible	
<b>Book</b> - The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross	
Videos	

Where a couple of Bible stories may overlap, these will happen at different times of the year and will be taken from different resources – one will have a Bible Overview focus and the other will link to the Christian Value for the Half Term.

# **Our School Prayer**

Help us to do the things we should

To be to others kind and good.

In all we do at work or play

To grow more loving every day.

Amen



# **Our Lunchtime Prayer**

Thank you for the world so sweet.

Thank you for the food we eat.

Thank you for the birds that sing.

Thank you God for everything.



\*Classes also have their own prayer that they have created together. In addition to these, we read the Lord's Prayer, have opportunities for spontaneous prayer and children also select their own prayers that they may read out if they wish to. Spiritual leaders lead prayer.