

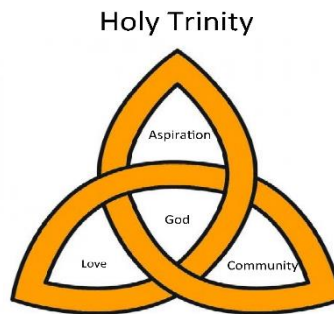
Collective Worship Policy

Vision

Our vision is that children are nurtured to love learning, love one another and love God.

‘Love learning, love one another, love God.’

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbour as yourself (Mark 12)



Pupils' Voice

“Worship time makes me think about Jesus. It helps me feel dignified and clears my head. Worship makes me feel happy and sad and it makes me want to play with people who have no friends. We like really enjoy it when the children get involved.”

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Introduction

The daily act of Collective Worship is a legal requirement in all schools. At Holy Trinity our worship reflects the traditions of the Church of England thereby developing learners' experience and understanding of Anglican traditions and practice.

Collective Worship makes a contribution to upholding and supporting the religious character and Christian Distinctiveness of Holy Trinity school and is an expression of our Christian vision. It is central to the life of the school.

Collective Worship at Holy Trinity aims to inspire pupils and adults, enabling spiritual growth in all participants, recognising that many members of our school do not come from a Christian background. There is an opportunity for everyone in school, whatever their faith or none, to participate including an opportunity for pupils to plan and lead worship.

The aims of collective worship at Holy Trinity are to:

- Unpack the school's Christian vision
- Promote and affirm our Christian values of love, aspiration and community
- Sing, pray and give praise and thanks to God
- Reflect on the attributes of God and the teachings of Jesus
- Listen and learn from the bible
- Celebrate special times in the liturgical calendar
- Share one another's joys and challenges
- Foster respect and unity
- Value the diversity of our community
- Deepen spiritual awareness and provide times for reflection
- To consider spiritual and moral issues and explore own beliefs

Collective Worship aims to challenge affect thinking, behaviour and the day-to-day actions of the whole school community outside of the act of Collective Worship itself.

Organisation of Worship at Holy Trinity CE Primary School:

Monday – whole school worship (taken by staff from Holy Trinity Church)

Tuesday – Singing assembly. As the school extends its repertoire of songs, we want to value the contribution singing makes to our lives and our worship. The songs we sing come from a variety of traditions and are used to enrich the theme of the worship.

Wednesday – In class worship , which is planned to develop the theme of the Monday worship

Thursday –Celebration Worship where we give thanks and celebrate our individual and collective gifts and talents

Friday – whole school or class (parents invited), worship/assembly led

Holy Trinity has a strong relationship with the vicar of Holy Trinity Church and our School Chaplain who comes into school each Friday. During the year, we have special services in school time at Holy Trinity Church, e.g. Christmas and Easter.

A clear structure for Collective Worship is planned and developed. The Faith Group, chaired by the vicar and involving a range of stakeholders, meets periodically to monitor and evaluate Collective Worship. Holy Trinity also has a worship team, which consists of pupil volunteers, who help to evaluate, organise, design and deliver different aspects of worship.

Although legally parents have the option of withdrawing their children from Collective Worship, it is hoped that by applying to a church school, parents understand the school's distinctive Christian character and therefore would not feel it necessary to withdraw their child(ren). Although Collective Worship is of a Christian nature, it is inclusive and affirming and therefore relevant for all pupils.