

# CUDHAM CHURCH of ENGLAND SCHOOL



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## **Together we aim believe and achieve**

At Cudham CE Primary School we want the very best for the children in our care so that they flourish in our Christian community and realise their potential. We strive to provide an enriching environment where each child will be happy, thrive and succeed.

### **Introduction**

At Cudham Church of England Primary School: ‘*We are united to one another by common beliefs, purposes and goals*’. Collective worship is central to the sharing and expression of our school’s Christian ethos; how we conduct our worship defines our distinctive character as a church school.

Worship contributes to the areas of experience that are at the heart of the curriculum i.e. the aesthetic, moral, linguistic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual activities of our children.

Our collective worship policy strengthens and supports the distinctive Christian character of our school, reaffirms our Christian values and celebrates the contribution that each child makes to our community. Worship reflects the variety of traditions found in the Church of England as well as other Christian traditions, and recognizes and follows the Church’s liturgical year. The daily Christian act of worship is central to our ethos and is supported by all staff and governors.

*We are all part of God’s family,  
We will try our best,  
To love, respect,  
And care for others,  
As Jesus taught us!*



## **Aims**

Collective worship at Cudham provides opportunities for students and staff:

- to explore a relationship with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- to reflect on our explicit Christian virtues
- to develop personal spirituality especially through prayer, and also through a range of other experiences
- to be engaged in an exploration of the relevance and application of the Christian faith
- to develop an enquiring mind and express and explore their own views openly and honestly
- to develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared Christian virtues
- to foster an awareness of the world around them and a sense of their place within it.

## **The Anglican Christian Tradition**

The following may be described as shared Christian elements of collective worship:

- Using the Bible as a source of knowledge and inspiration for themes and stories
- Observing the cycle of the Church's Year – Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest and Saints Days
- Learning and saying Christian prayers from a number of sources, for example, the Lord's Prayer and the Grace
- Using simple Anglican (or Methodist) liturgy at levels appropriate to students'/pupils' age
- Singing a wide variety of Christian hymns and songs
- Experiencing Christian symbolism in worship and reflecting on their meaning e.g. cross, crucifix, bread and wine and candles
- Using prayer, silence and reflection
- Celebrating the Eucharist/Holy Communion



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Collective worship is a legal requirement. In line with the statutory requirement, a Christian act of collective worship is provided for all pupils every day. Teachers attend acts of collective worship. Time allocated to collective worship is not part of curriculum time (this includes academies).

### Planning

Planning the day's worship is carefully planned half termly by the Worship Coordinator and Reverend Musson, and uses themes, ideas, and stories to focus the pupils' attention and imagination and bring them to the threshold of worship. It is true that children prefer a certain amount of routine and that a pattern is needed as a guide to their daily worship but worship can be expressed in a variety of ways and should be a shared activity. Worship is led by the Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher or Reverend Musson but it will also be shared by other members of staff, classes, the clergy, small groups of children and visitors invited to take part.

### Collective Worship Schedule

	Worship	Led by
Monday	Whole School theme	Headteacher/Assistant HT
Tuesday	Whole school	Rev Musson
Wednesday	Class worship	Individual classes
Thursday	Praise worship	Assistant HT
Friday	Celebration and thanksgiving	Staff

### Procedure

Classes proceed to the hall walking quietly lining up in silent lines waiting to enter the hall; either reflecting on a question, listening quietly to the music playing for entry, or singing a well-known hymn. Teachers sit near their classes. Visitors are always welcomed into the Collective Worship. Each class enters the collective worship with their class candle, this is then returned to the class after worship; thus the light of God remains with the school during the day. The Senior worship committee members lead the entrance and exit from the Collective Worship.

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## **Withdrawal from the Collective Act of Worship**

Parents have the right of withdrawing their children from the collective act of worship; although as a Church of England school, it is expected that on requesting entry to the school, the family is in sympathy with the Christian religion.

## **Prayers**

Grace is said in class at lunchtime and prayers are said at the end of the day. Children and teachers lead these prayers as appropriate

## **Special Services throughout the year**

Harvest (whole school) The school harvest service is held in the Autumn term led by Reverend Musson in Church. Each class makes a contribution by way of readings, music, prayers, poetry or dance and gifts are brought up by representatives of every class. These gifts are distributed to Bromley Food Bank.

## **Christmas**

### **EYFS/Key Stage 1**

Classes perform a Nativity play to parents and the school in the school hall.

### **Key Stage 2**

Classes share their gifts and talents with students, parents and friends during a Christmas Concert.

### **Church Service**

Pupils contribute to the Christmas Service in Church, Christingles are made and shared in Church.

### **Easter**

Our Easter service is held in Church. The Easter story is retold and all classes contribute readings and prayers.

### **Leavers' Service**

The Year 6 school leavers lead the worship at the end of the school year. The leavers also attend the service.

Parents and families are encouraged to join the school community in all Church services.



**Lord,**  
***We thank you for the simplicity and directness of children;***  
***Their freshness and unconscious closeness to their creator.***  
***In them is so much hope for the world.***  
***Grant us the patience to learn from little children;***  
***To feel again the wonder of discovery;***  
***To share the magnified minutes of make-believe;***  
***To know the joy that brings hand clapping and shouts of delight;***  
***To see our gaze in the eyes of a child;***  
***To hear your voice in the love and truth of a child.***  
**Amen**

*(Frank Topping: 'Lord of Time')*

## **DATA PROTECTION**

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