

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP OVERVIEW

### PSALM 25:4

**"Show me your way, LORD. Teach me your path"**

As a Church of England Primary School, Collective Worship is an integral part of every day in school for all staff and children. It is a time when the whole school comes together to learn, listen, reflect and pray.

The main focus of our worships are the six values which form the fundamental ethos of our school.



- **Friendship:** At St Simon and St Jude we show friendship by looking out for one another and sharing out love! We can help and take care of one another
- **Truthfulness:** Truthfulness means if you have done something wrong you then have to tell the truth. We are honest.
- **Courage:** You can show courage by being brave, telling the truth and standing up for others.
- **Forgiveness:** When someone has done something bad to you they say sorry. To forgive them means you didn't hold it against them anymore. You let it go.
- **Compassion:** Showing compassion is caring for people and we should see this every day. We can show compassion for people we know and people we don't. We do this at St Simon and St Jude by supporting lots of different charities.
- **Respect:** Respect is treating others how you want to be treated. If you want to show respect, you should know everyone is unique and different. We show respect to everyone and everything.

Many significant and important events and celebrations, including those from other religions are also included in the schedule. These are decided by our Executive Head Teacher, Mrs Dolby-Molson, in conjunction with the Head of School, Mrs Kerry Hosmer and the RE lead, Mrs Siobhan Evans.





Every worship includes music and song both as a time for reflection and listening, and through raising voices in praise. Every month, one of our worships takes place at St Simon and St Jude Church in Earl Shilton, indicated on the school newsletter, and parents and carers are warmly invited to join us.

Reverend Pauline, or Reverend Castle use our School Bible quote as a call and response within these services – they say, **“Show me your way, Lord.”** and the whole school congregation responds, **“Teach me your path.”**

Each week follows a similar routine:

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Whole School worship</b> – focussing on our School Value for the half term.  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Whole School worship</b> – focussing on our School Value for the half term, or a significant festival or event.                                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>a) Whole School worship</b> – focussing on our School Value for the half term<br><b>b) Extra singing practise</b>                                  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Whole School worship</b> – focussing on our School Value for the half term, or a significant festival or event.                                    |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>a) Whole School worship</b> – focussing on our School Value for the half term,<br><b>b) Extra celebration and reflection</b> time to end the week. |

| Autumn 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Autumn 2 <sup>nd</sup>                            | Spring 1 <sup>st</sup>                                       | Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Summer 1 <sup>st</sup>                                    | Summer 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                      |
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| <b>Friendship</b>   | <b>Truthfulness</b>                               | <b>Courage</b>   | <b>Forgiveness</b>  | <b>Compassion</b>   | <b>Respect</b>  |
| <i>Bible story of “Ruth and Naomi” (Ruth 11-13 and 14-22)</i> | <i>Bible story of “Zacchaeus” (Luke 19: 1-10)</i> | <i>Bible story of “Daniel and the Lion” (Daniel 6: 1-28)</i> | <i>Bible story of “The unforgiving servant” (Matthew 18: 21-35)</i> | <i>Bible story of “The Prodigal Son” (Luke 15: 11-32)</i> | <i>Bible story of “The Good Samaritan” (Luke 10: 25-37)</i> |



We have a very involved and active **Collective Worship Team** and **Collective Worship Helpers**. The helpers have the important role of preparing and setting up for worship each day, including dressing and preparing the alter table which is the focal point for worship. They organise the candle and the song/hymn choice and prepare the hall ready to receive all the staff and children to participate in the worship. One key song we use is called “*Living and Learning*” for which the lyrics have been re-written to reflect our vision of “**Living and Learning in the eyes of God**”.

The Worship Team support the delivery of collective worship and prayer throughout the school. They write and read prayers, including special ones for worship at the church and for key events and celebrations. The Worship Team share “Shout-outs”, in the additional Friday worship, which are awarded to pupils for the achievement of one of the school values. These are written by another pupil or member of staff who have recognised this success. They also support and care for the school reflection area and all those who wish to use that



area for their own private prayer and reflection and will pray with people and for people should they want it. The Collective Worship Team also lead the evaluation of worship and feedback to the Collective Worship Team leader.



Please see the **Collective Worship Plan** for each term for more details about the content of the worships.