



Collective Worship at St James

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Learning together with courage
and kindness
'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



Collective Worship at St James

Collective worship is an essential element of helping us to fulfil our vision at St James CE Primary School. Our vision of 'for the good of all' is expressed, deepened, developed and celebrated through our collective worship.

Collective worship should enable everyone to develop spiritually through the invitation that is offered to every member of the school community to share together in prayer, singing, contemplation and collective worship in all its forms.

The leadership of collective worship is shared between staff, pupils, our local vicar, members of the Open the Book team, and visitors.

Weekly Collective Worship

Monday	Values collective worship 2:50-3:10pm
Tuesday	Open the Book collective worship 9:10-9:30am
Wednesday	Class collective worship – Space Makers
Thursday	Church led collective worship 2:50-3:10pm
Friday	Celebration collective worship 2:50-3:10pm

Collective Worship Throughout the Year

We plan collective worship to include the following topics over a year:

- Our values: Community, Courage & Kindness
- Our vision
- Key festivals of the church year
- National celebrations/special days
- Current affairs / British Values

Attending St James the Great Church

We attend St James the Great Church at least four times a year.

- Harvest festival – children bring donations of food for the local food bank/ all children perform a poem or song – all parents invited
- Christingle service – all children make a Christingle in school and all families are invited
- Easter service – Open the book & readings by school and church community – parents invited

- Leavers' service – Year 6 song, memories, pebble & candle ceremony with buddies – Year 6 parents invited

Prayer Spaces

We hold opportunities for pupils to experience prayer spaces every year led by St James the Great Church. The children also experience an emersion event in school arranged by Hanney Methodist Chapel.

Space Makers

Our headteacher has attended training in the ODBE Space Makers Contemplative Toolkit. This has then been disseminated to all staff for use across the school, including during Class collective worship. Each classroom has a reflection stand that supports these practices.

This is an excellent collective worship resource that can be used for small group, class or larger collective worship.

Space Makers employs the Ignatian five practices of:

- Stilling
- Noticing
- Dwelling
- Mending
- Blessing

1) Spaces for personal and collective worship in our school grounds

Working with the Wantage Deanery Chaplaincy Partnership Lead, spaces have been developed for pupils to pray, reflect and contemplate both inside and outside of school.

These include:

- A peace garden with a willow dome
- A journey of stepping stones as a mini-pilgrimage, that were made by the children
- A Cabin to provide an indoor calm, comfortable, quiet space to be during lunchtimes
- Our Harbour a mindful relaxing space for regulating emotions
- Our Lighthouse with a space for children to spend time with our Home School Link Worker