



# St Cleopas CE Primary Academy Collective Worship Policy

*"As I have loved you, so you must love one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples".*

Our School Vision is inspired by this bible verse: John 13:34

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St Cleopas is an inclusive community that nurtures and develops opportunities for lifelong learning on our journey walking alongside Jesus, opening our eyes and hearts to all.

Collective Worship is a valued and central part of life at **St Cleopas CE Primary School**. As a Church of England school, our worship is rooted in the Christian faith and inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ. Worship brings our school community together, offering space for spiritual reflection, celebration, and connection with one another and with God.

### **Our Vision and Values**

*Our school vision is rooted in the words of Jesus from **John 13:34**:*

***"As I have loved you, so you must love one another. Then everyone will know that you are my disciples."***

We are an inclusive Christian community, committed to nurturing and developing opportunities for lifelong learning. We walk together with Jesus, opening our eyes and hearts to all.

Our core Christian values shape our worship and our daily school life:

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### **Aims of Collective Worship**

At St Cleopas, we aim to ensure that collective worship:

- Reflects our Christian ethos and Anglican heritage
- Deepens spiritual awareness and reflection
- Celebrates God's love and the teachings of Jesus
- Provides time for stillness, prayer, music, and joy
- Encourages community, respect, and shared values
- Inspires children and adults to live out their faith and values in their daily lives

### **Legal Context**

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As required by the **1988 Education Reform Act**, we provide a daily act of collective worship for all pupils. While our worship is Christian in character, we value and respect all beliefs and backgrounds, and aim to be inclusive for all.

Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from collective worship. Any such requests should be discussed with the Headteacher.

### Worship Structure at St Cleopas

Worship is held daily and follows a consistent and meaningful structure throughout the week:

| Day       | Focus                                                               | Led By                                                |
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| Monday    | <b>Celebration Worship</b> - Pupil of the Week                      | Senior Leadership Team                                |
| Tuesday   | <b>Global Themes collective worship</b> - using <i>Picture News</i> | Class Teachers /HLTAs                                 |
| Wednesday | <b>Whole-School worship using our school and academy values</b>     | Teacher led/<br>Vicar/Secondary Schools in the trust. |
| Thursday  | <b>Singing Worship</b>                                              | Worship Leader                                        |
| Friday    | <b>Child-Led Worship</b>                                            | Pupils / Class Groups                                 |

### Daily Worship Elements May Include:

- **WE GATHER:** Music/Silence/Prayer

*We come together as part of God's family. We are present.*

- **WE LISTEN:** listen to the person leading. Use bible, video clip, story, image etc

*God speaks to us, and we listen. We experience and engage in what's happening.*

- **WE RESPOND:** Discuss and reflect. Thoughts and feelings shared based on the message delivered.

*We respond to the Word of God and reflect upon it.*

- **WE GO FORTH:** Set a challenge/task. Pray together. Music/silence

*We want to share the Good News! We respond with an action for the week.*

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### Worship Content and Planning

Worship themes are planned on a half termly basis and draw from:

- Our school and academies Christian values
- The teachings and life of Jesus
- The Church calendar (Advent, Lent, Easter, etc.)
- **Picture News** global themes (Tuesdays)
- Key global, national or local events/charities
- Social, moral, spiritual, and cultural development priorities

Staff, pupils, and clergy are encouraged to contribute to the planning and delivery of worship.

### Celebration Worship – Mondays

Each Monday, we begin the week by celebrating our Christian value followed by:

- **Pupil of the Week** for each class, recognising effort, behaviour, or living out the school values
- Achievements inside and outside of school
- Thankfulness and appreciation for the week ahead

This worship reinforces a positive start to the week and nurtures a culture of encouragement and love.

At the end of each half term 2 children from each class are chosen to receive an award for living out the Christian value (1 chosen by teacher, 1 chosen by class) Their parents are invited to come and join our celebration collective worship and share the joyful experience with us.

### Pupil Involvement

Pupil voice and leadership are central to our worship culture:

- **Friday Worship** is **child-led**, giving pupils the opportunity to plan and deliver worship for their peers
- Children take part in readings, prayers, dramas, reflections, and music
- Class and key stage groups contribute regularly

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### Inclusivity and Respect

While rooted in the Christian faith, our worship is inclusive and respectful of all backgrounds. Pupils are invited to engage at their own level of comfort and are never forced to participate in prayers or actions that conflict with their own beliefs.

### Monitoring and Evaluation

Worship is regularly monitored by:

- Senior Leaders and RE/Worship Lead
- Governors, including Foundation Governors
- Feedback from pupils and staff

Monitoring ensures worship remains meaningful, inclusive, and reflective of our Christian ethos. Worship evaluation also forms part of the **SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)** self-assessment process.

Collective Worship at St Cleopas CE Primary School is an expression of our faith, values, and community spirit. It is a joyful, reflective, and inclusive time where we grow spiritually and morally, as individuals and as a school family. Through worship, we are reminded daily of our mission:

*"As I have loved you, so you must love one another."* - John 13:34

Together, we walk in love, in learning, and in faith.

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