Worship at St James'

Inspiring and Growing for Fullness of Life

In Church of England schools and at St James' C of E Primary, collective worship is seen as more than a daily 'awe and wonder' moment. It is the unique heartbeat of the school and is offered as part of a wider opportunity for pupils and adults to encounter faith by engaging in conversations about God, both as individuals and together.

We want pupils to leave school with a rich experience and understanding of Christianity, and we are committed to offering them an encounter with Jesus Christ and with Christian faith and practice in a way that enhances their lives...Collective worship in schools, including prayer, reading and reflecting on the Bible, liturgy, sacrament and experience of the musical and other imaginative riches of Christianity, provide a vital opportunity for this. Church of England Vision for Education: Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good. (The Church of England Education Office 2016) page 10

Monday Values Worship

Tuesday Gods Big Story/values worship

Wednesday

Singing worship

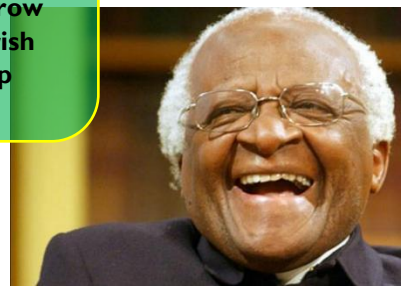
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Picture News

Friday

Inspire, Grow and Flourish Worship

Desmond Tutu:
"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."



Liturgy to start and end worship

Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit

Pupil: *We open the Bible as we think about ……*

Response: *…. God the Father who teaches us through his words.*

Pupil: *We take out the cross as we think about……..*

Response:*….. Gods Son Jesus who loves us.*

Pupil: *We take out the candle and light it as we think about……*

Response:*…… God the Holy Spirit who guides us.*

To end our worship we return the items into the worship basket whilst singing the following words:

Father as we go,

Jesus as we go,

Spirit as we go,

Bless us all as we go.



Invitational

Parents, pupils and adults can expect to encounter worship that is consistently invitational. There is be no compulsion to 'do anything'

Sing as we enter and leave worship. Feeling of joy and community as everyone comes together.

Or inspirational music as we enter and leave to give time for stillness and reflection

Invitation to join in the liturgy at the start of worship

Prayers end with: 'If you want to make this your prayer…. say Amen at the end.

Thoughtful language: People of the faith believe e.g. Christians believe…. Muslims believe, Jews believe, Sikhs believe







Our **understanding of spiritual growth and spiritual wheel** is at the heart of collective worship

We have 12 core Christian Values. We focus on 1 per term over a 2 year rolling programme



Gift of Wisdom

It is a human right to have knowledge but Wisdom is a gift. We cannot demand it.

Leave the children alone – don't respond – just let it be!

Inspiring

Pupils and adults can expect the worship they encounter in a Church school to be inspirational. Worship should be formational and transformational: it should enable pupils and adults to ask big questions about who we are and why we do what we do.

Big Questions are asked which encourages the school community to think searchingly about their faith, beliefs and/or philosophical convictions.

Moment of stillness not silence– leave the stillness for longer than is comfortable. Give children the time to think about the question and not rush

Children are asked **what they will do differently when they walk through the door** because of what they have reflected on in worship













Inclusive

Worship is collective in that it involves meeting, exploring, questioning, and responding to others and, for some, to God. In the Church school pupils, their families and other adults can expect to encounter worship that is inclusive of, and fully accessible to, all.

All children are invited to **talk and share with their friends**

Children are **invited to share (using the microphone) -** worship leader simply says thankyou as all ideas are valued and equal. Our children use an offering hand as we are offering ideas and not answers which are right or wrong

iSing POP

Gloucester Cathedral Leavers Service



Worship at Pip and Jim's

Worship in our church home is very important at St James.

We **celebrate the main festivals at church:**

Harvest

Easter

Christmas

At the **start of each half term**, all children will visit the church for a **'Values Service'** in their phase. This is led by Rev. Ruth and will start the children's journey on the term's value

Reception Welcome Service and Year 6 Leavers Service are important service to welcome and say goodbye to our St James' families'.