



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Our Mission

At St. Anne's we aim to be a caring Christian school, within the community where everyone is respected and valued. To be a school where all individuals are encouraged to build on their strengths and aspire to be the best they can be.

Our Vision

Our vision has the promise by Jesus of 'life in all its fullness at its heart. At St Anne's we believe:

- in our children and each other,
- we are uniquely created in the image of God,
- we were made to be awesome,
- that together we are family,
- we were created to live in community,
- in equipping the St Anne's family to be the best we can be,
- in our individual talents and abilities, and
- we can make a difference.

Our Values

At St Anne's CE Primary School, the following core values underpin all that we do. They are reflected in the daily life of the school and our relationships with other:

Respect, Thankfulness, Hope, Forgiveness, Love and Faithfulness.

'...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.' *Matthew 5:16*

'I thank you because I am awesomely made...' *Psalms 139:14*

'...I come that they may have life and have it to the full.' *John 10:10*

St. Anne's is a Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary school whose collective worship is governed in the first instance by Trust Deeds which direct that worship in the school should be conducted according to the principles and practices of the Church of England.

Background

It is the intention of both Governors and Staff that St. Anne's should continue to reflect the Christian principles that underpinned the school's foundation, to which end the following Mission Statement, ethos and aims have been adopted:

Ethos Statement

Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the church at parish and diocesan level.

The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

Aims.

- For staff and children to listen to and treat each other with mutual respect, based on the example and teachings of Jesus Christ.
- To provide an attractive, stimulating environment where children, staff and parents feel welcome.
- To maintain positive attitudes towards the school within the church and the community.
- To actively involve parents in the educational and personal development of their children.
- To maintain high expectations and to support all children, whatever their needs or ability.
- To contribute to pupils' spiritual development e.g.
 - Experience what worship is and what people do when they worship
 - Reflect upon important issues
 - Celebrate all that is of value in life – truth, love, goodness, honesty, forgiveness.
 - Explore mystery and important questions about life and creation
 - Express concerns, hopes, joys etc.
 - Build up understanding of relationship with God
 - Practise hymns, pupil-led worship as well as worship led by the Head, other members of staff and the Vicar

Organisation

Themes are planned on a half- termly basis with flexibility built in for visitors, unusual current events, crises, disasters etc. but are not set in stone in order that we reflect God's ability through us to meet our needs as and when necessary, and not according to a schedule.

- Staff meet for prayer each Monday morning at 8:30am in order to bring individuals / circumstances etc. before God and as such care for each other and those in the school / church community.
- Monday and Tuesday's worship are planned by the Headteacher with Rev'd Rod and follow the same theme (often using stories from the Bible).
- Monday's worship is delivered to the whole school by the Headteacher (or Deputy in their absence) in church.
- Tuesday's worship is delivered to the whole school by Rev'd Rod (or another delegated person in his absence) in church.
- Wednesday's assemblies are delivered in separate Key stages with a Christian message (eg. 'Open the Book' team)
- Thursday's worship is an opportunity for individual key stages to practise worship songs and explore the messages and words within the worship.
- Friday's worship is an opportunity to celebrate achievements and to praise God for all He provides us with.
- Each collective worship contains time for prayer and quiet reflection and the use of appropriate songs or music
- The school assembles for worship in the parish church on a number of occasions during the year – some of these are open to visitors such as parents etc who are welcome to come along and share the experience as well as celebrate the children's achievements.

Individual classes also visit the church from time to time as part of the RE syllabus but mainly because we are part of a larger church family and treat the church building as a special but accessible part of who we are and what we are about.

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship, after discussion with the Head Teacher.

Values

Each half term we focus on one Christian value in particular, such as 'Respect. This is introduced in whole school worship, through a special assembly and then followed up through class-based learning activities. We call these SASA assemblies, and they are led by pupils.

Resources

These are many and varied, and added to on a regular basis.

CDs. DVDs, artefacts etc. are used regularly in worship.

Visitors are encouraged to take part in and lead worship and their frequency enriches our worship on a regular basis (such as students from Capernwray Bible College, PAIS Team workers, Open the Book team members, Bethany Children's Choir).

Review

The policy will be reviewed bi-annually or before if required by changes in legislation or by Diocesan recommendation.