



The Priory Parish

The Priory Parish Church of England (Aided) Primary School

Worship Policy 2023 - 2024



Vision Statement

**'As a Christian family, together, we will realise our
God – given ability to change the world.'**

***'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your strength and with all your
mind; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'***

Luke: Chapter 10: v27

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Introduction

The Priory Parish Church of England (Aided) Primary School is committed to offering high quality collective worship. We recognise and value collective worship as central to fostering a sense of community and to expressing our Christian vision. In practice this means that structure, planning, evaluation, participation and collaboration of worship are all taken seriously by the school.

The Church of England Vision for Education '*Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good*' states:

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. (p.10).

At The Priory collective worship is seen as 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. Worship is central to realising our vision:

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The Person, Love and Work of Jesus

Worship is a time where we come together to celebrate our achievements and to learn about the '*person, love & work of Jesus*'. The worship of the school is based on promoting the values which permeate the ethos of the school. As such, worship is an essential part of the school day and the contributions of staff, pupils, clergy and other visitors are valued highly.

The school's **Christian Values** embody how we should live our lives to best flourish in this community.

'Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Faith and Love:'

The school's **Learning Values** embody the '**Work of Jesus**'. We know that these were demonstrated by Jesus in his life. Within the daily life of the school, we reference each value to the **example of Jesus** by providing a definition of the value, linking it to scripture and providing specific examples of how Jesus demonstrated it. These values

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are also advocated in current classroom pedagogy and research, such as Rosenshine’s ‘Principles of Instruction,’ which is used in Questful RE.




The school’s **myHappyMind** embody the ‘Love of Jesus’. There are 5 key areas that support the spiritual growth of all of our community and are taught through collection worship:

- *Meet your brain*
- *Celebrate*
- *Appreciate*
- *Relate*
- *Engage*

The myHappyMind principles help pupils to build character, emotional health and resilience. They equip them with foundational principles, skills, habits and a mindset that will improve their mental health, relationships and academic achievement. This is combined with a project called, ‘The Happy at School Project.’ This looks at a growth mindset and approach to life that leads to improved resilience, energy and positivity.



Through Collective Worship, we blend Christian, Biblical teaching and values education in order to create opportunities for children to develop physically, emotionally, personally, socially, mentally, spiritually and intelligently. We do this by following a weekly structure:

Worship Timetable 2023-24

Monday	Whole school collective worship (Rev’s Paul and Debbie)	
Tuesday	Class worship  THE HAPPY AT SCHOOL PROJECT	 www.myHappyMind.org

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<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Whole school collective worship – hymn practise</p>	
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Whole school collective worship</p>	
<p>Friday</p>	<p>A Celebration of our School Values in action</p>	<p>Love, Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Friendship, Faith</p>

Legal background

We accept that:

"All pupils in attendance at a maintained school shall on each day take part in an act of collective worship" unless "the parent . . . requests that he may be wholly or partly excused from attendance at religious worship in the school" [1988 Education Reform Act 6(1) and 9(3)]

We acknowledge the parents' right to withdraw their children and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. At present no children are withdrawn from collective worship. We make it clear that the act of worship is central to the life of the school and is not an occasion for evangelism. We also affirm that the withdrawal of pupils from collective worship would not isolate them from the Christian teaching the school gives.

For our school:

"The daily act of collective worship required by law in the school shall be consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England."

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Collective Worship at The Priory is delivered in accordance with the Church of England Guidance for Collective Worship: [Inclusive, Invitational, Inspiring](#).

Worship Aims

Through our collective worship we aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- Explore the school's vision and how that underpins shared values and virtues. In doing so, it will reflect on moral values such as compassion, gratitude, justice, humility, forgiveness and reconciliation; and develop virtues such as resilience, determination and creativity that develop character and contribute to academic progress.
- Help pupils and adults to appreciate the relevance of faith in today's world by encountering the teachings of Jesus and the Bible and developing understanding of the Christian belief in the trinitarian nature of God.
- Offer the opportunity, without compulsion, to all pupils and adults to grow spiritually through experiences of prayer, stillness, worship and reflection.
- Enable all pupils and adults to appreciate that Christians worship in different ways, for example using music, silence, story, prayer, reflection, as well as through the varied liturgical and other traditions of Anglican worship, festivals and, where appropriate, the Eucharist.
- Enable pupils to develop skills through engaging in the planning, leading and evaluation of collective worship in ways that lead to improving practice.

Worship Structure

When planning collective worship, we build in a spiritual dimension with opportunities for prayer, reflection and quiet. Children are invited to pray or sing and there is a sense of respect for the integrity of our pupils. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. Each Act of Worship will follow a familiar structure:



1.	Music playing as children enter – relevant to topic. The screen is used to display slides, songs or videos with questions, reflections and prompts.
2.	<p>Welcome and Good Morning</p> <p>On a Monday morning</p> <p>Worship Leader: <i>We take out a candle and light it to remind us that . . .</i></p> <p>ALL: <i>God's love burns brightly for each one of us.</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: <i>We take out the cross and place it at the centre of the table to remind us that . . .</i></p> <p>ALL: <i>Jesus is at the heart of our school.</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: <i>We take out the Bible and open it to remind us that . . .</i></p> <p>ALL: <i>God speaks to us through His word.</i></p>
3.	<p>Light the candle(s)</p> <p>Worship Leader: <i>The Lord is Here . . .</i></p> <p>ALL: <i>His Spirit is with us.</i></p>
4.	Focus of the Worship – The Learning
5.	Reflection – may include responses from the children.
6.	Worship Song
7.	<p>Prayers – can be relevant to the topic; School Prayer; The Lord's Prayer . . . remember time for personal prayer.</p> <p>At the end of prayers:</p> <p>Worship Leader: <i>We ask this in Jesus' name . . .</i></p> <p>ALL: <i>Amen</i></p>
8.	<p>Closing</p> <p>God's message (as you leave the hall today think about . . .)</p> <p>Worship Leader: <i>Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.</i></p> <p>ALL: <i>In the name of Christ. Amen.</i></p>

Worship Table

Items on the Worship Table will include:

- The Bible
- A Cross
- A Candle
- Thematic artefacts
- Focus texts
- Liturgical colour



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The Anglican Liturgical Calendar for C of E Schools - Academic Year 2023/2024

SEPTEMBER 2023	3 rd – 9 th September:	The week of the 14 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	CREATION TIME
	10 th – 16 th September:	The week of the 15 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	
	Special:	Thursday 14 th September - Holy Cross Day	Colour: Red	
	17 th – 23 rd September:	The week of the 16 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	
Special:	Thursday 21 st September - St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	Colour: Red		
24 th – 30 th September:	The week of the 17 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
Special:	Friday 29 th September - Michael & All Angels (Michaelmas)	Colour: White		
1 st – 7 th October:	The week of the 18 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
8 th – 14 th October:	The week of the 19 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
Special:	Tuesday 10 th October - St Paulinus*	Colour: White		
Special:	Thursday 12 th October - St Wilfred*	Colour: White		
OCTOBER	15 th – 21 st October:	The week of the 20 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	
	Special:	Wednesday 18 th October - St Luke the Evangelist	Colour: Red	
	22 nd – 28 th October:	The week of the 21 st Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	
	Special:	Saturday 28 th October - St Simon & St Jude	Colour: Red	
29 th October – 4 th November:	The week of the last Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
Special:	Wednesday 1 st November - All Saints' Day	Colour: Gold		
Special:	Thursday 2 nd November - All Souls' Day	Colour: Purple		
NOVEMBER	5 th – 11 th November:	The week of the 4 th Sunday before Advent	Colour: Green	ALL SAINTS TO ADVENT
	12 th – 18 th November:	The week of the 3 rd Sunday before Advent	Colour: Green	
	Special:	Sunday 12 th November - Remembrance Sunday	Colour: Red	
	19 th – 25 th November:	The week of the 2 nd Sunday before Advent	Colour: Green	
	Special:	Sunday 19 th November - St Hilda*	Colour: White	
26 th November – 2 nd December:	The week of the next Sunday before Advent	Colour: Green		
Special:	Sunday 26 th November - Christ the King	Colour: White		
Special:	Thursday 30 th November - St Andrew the Apostle	Colour: Red		
DECEMBER	3 rd – 9 th December:	The week of the 1 st Sunday of Advent	Colour: Purple	ADVENT
	10 th – 16 th December:	The week of the 2 nd Sunday of Advent	Colour: Purple	
	17 th – 23 rd December:	The week of the 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Colour: Purple	
	24 th – 30 th December:	The week of the 4 th Sunday of Advent	Colour: Purple	
	Special:	Monday 25 th December - CHRISTMAS DAY	Colour: Gold	CHRISTMAS
	Special:	Tuesday 26 th December - St Stephen	Colour: Red	
	Special:	Wednesday 27 th December - St John, Apostle & Evangelist	Colour: White	
	Special:	Thursday 28 th December - The Holy Innocents	Colour: Red	
31 st December – 6 th January:	The week of the 1 st Sunday of Christmas	Colour: White	EPIPHANY	
Special:	Monday 1 st January - The Naming of Christ	Colour: White		
Special:	Saturday 6 th January - Epiphany	Colour: Gold		
7 th – 13 th January:	The week of the 1 st Sunday of Epiphany	Colour: White		
Special:	Sunday 7 th January - The Baptism of Christ	Colour: Gold		
14 th – 20 th January:	The week of the 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	Colour: White		
21 st – 27 th January:	The week of the 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	Colour: White		
Special:	Thursday 25 th January - The Conversion of St Paul	Colour: White		

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FEBRUARY	28th January – 3rd February:	The week of the 4th Sunday of Epiphany	Colour: White	ORDINARY TIME	
	Special:	Friday 2 nd February -	The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)		Colour: Gold
	Special:	From Saturday 3 rd February	Ordinary Time		Colour: Green
4th – 10th February:	The week of the 2nd Sunday before Lent	Colour: Green			
11th – 17th February:	The week of the next Sunday before Lent	Colour: Green			
Special:	Tuesday 21 st February -	Shrove Tuesday	Green		
Special:	Wednesday 22 nd February -	ASH WEDNESDAY	Purple		
Special:	From Thursday 23 rd February -	Lent	Purple		
18th – 24th February:	The week of the 1st Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple			
25th February – 2nd March:	The week of the 2nd Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple			
Special:	Friday 1 st March -	St David	Colour: White		
3rd – 9th March:	The week of the 3rd Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple			
Special:	Sunday 10 th March -	Mothering Sunday	Colour: Purple		
10th – 16th March:	The week of the 4th Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple			
17th – 23rd March:	The week of the 5th Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple			
Special:	Sunday 17 th March -	St Patrick	Colour: White		
Special:	Tuesday 19 th March -	Joseph of Nazareth	Colour: White		
Special:	Wednesday 20 th March -	St Cuthbert*	Colour: White		
24th – 30th March:	Holy Week	Colour: Red			
Special:	Sunday 24 th March -	Palm Sunday	Red		
Special:	Monday 25 th March -	The Annunciation of Mary	Gold		
Special:	Thursday 28 th March -	Maundy Thursday	White		
Special:	Friday 29 th March -	Good Friday	None		
Special:	Saturday 30 th March -	Holy Saturday	None		
31st March – 6th April:	Easter Week	Colour: White			
Special:	Sunday 31 st March -	EASTER DAY	Colour: Gold		
7th – 13th April:	The week of the 2nd Sunday of Easter	Colour: White			
15th – 20th April:	The week of the 3rd Sunday of Easter	Colour: White			
21st – 27th April:	The week of the 4th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White			
Special:	Tuesday 23 rd April -	St George	Colour: White		
Special:	Thursday 25 th April -	St Mark the Evangelist	Colour: Red		
28th April – 4th May:	The week of the 5th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White			
Special:	Wednesday 1 st May -	St Philip & St James	Colour: Red		
5th – 11th May:	The week of the 6th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White			
Special:	Thursday 9 th May -	ASCENSION DAY	Gold		
12th – 18th May:	The week of the 7th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White			
Special:	Tuesday 14 th May -	St Matthias the Apostle	Colour: Red		
19th – 25th May:	The week of Pentecost	Colour: Green			
Special:	Sunday 19 th May -	PENTECOST	Colour: Red		
Special:	Saturday 25 th May -	The Venerable Bede*	Colour: White		
26th May – 1st June:	The week of Trinity Sunday	Colour: Green			
Special:	Sunday 26 th May -	Trinity Sunday	Colour: Gold		
Special:	Thursday 30 th May -	Corpus Christi	Colour: Gold		
Special:	Friday 31 st May -	Mary visits Elisabeth	Colour: White		
2nd – 8th June:	The week of the 1st Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green			
				EASTERTIDE	
				ORDINARY	

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JUNE	9 th – 15 th June:	The week of the 2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	ORDINARY TIME	
	Special:	Tuesday 11 th June -	St Barnabas		Colour: Red
	16 th – 22 nd June:	The week of the 3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
	23 rd – 29 th June:	The week of the 4 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
Special:	Monday 24 th June -	Birth of John the Baptist	Colour: White		
Special:	Saturday 29 th June -	St Peter & St Paul	Colour: Red		
30 th June – 6 th July:	The week of the 5 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green			
Special:	Wednesday 3 rd July -	St Thomas the Apostle	Colour: Red		
JULY	7 th – 13 th July:	The week of the 6 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
	15 th – 20 th July:	The week of the 7 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
	21 st – 27 th July:	The week of the 8 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
	Special:	Monday 22 nd July -	Mary Magdalene		Colour: White
Special:	Thursday 25 th July -	St James the Apostle	Colour: Red		
28 th July – 3 rd August:	The week of the 9 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green			
AUGUST	4 th – 10 th August:	The week of the 10 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
	Special:	Saturday 5 th August -	St Oswald*		Colour: White
	Special:	Tuesday 6 th August -	Transfiguration	Colour: Gold	
	11 th – 17 th August:	The week of the 11 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
Special:	Thursday 15 th August -	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Colour: Gold		
18 th – 24 th August:	The week of the 12 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green			
Special:	Saturday 24 th August -	St Bartholomew	Colour: Red		
25 th – 31 st August:	The week of the 13 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green			
Special:	Saturday 31 st August -	St Aidan*	Colour: White		

Saints Days

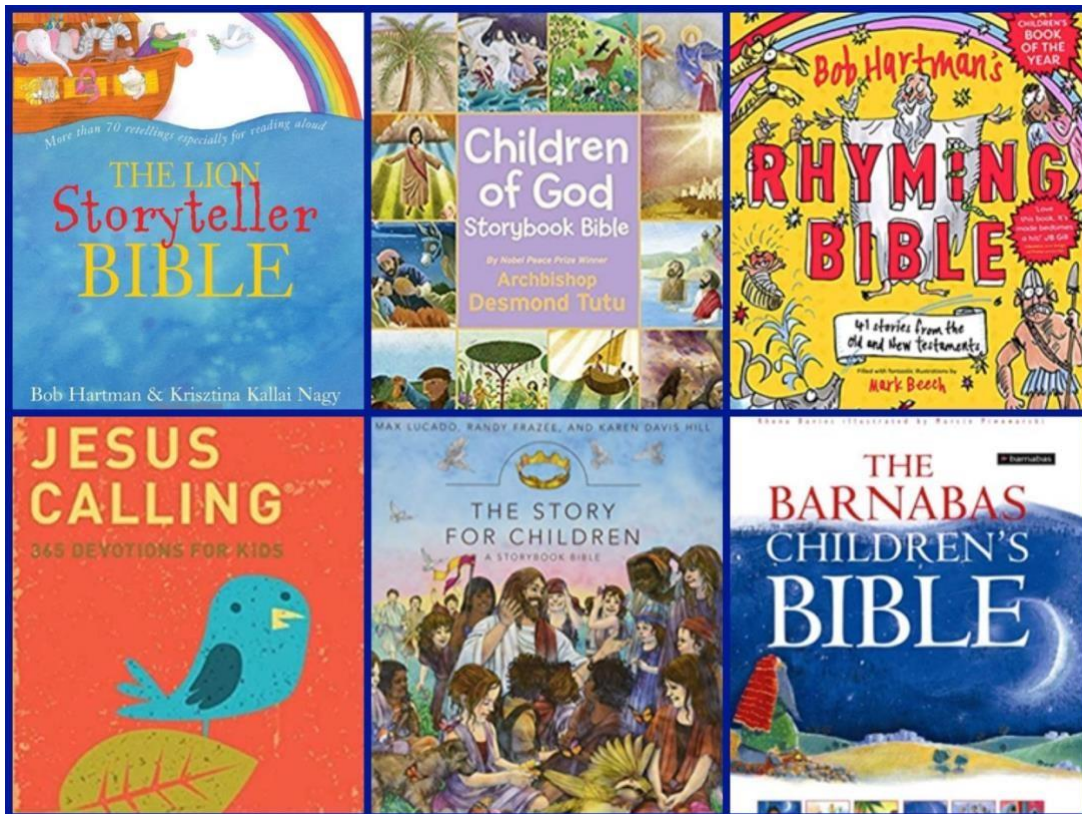
Christ the King Sunday	26 th November
St Andrew's Day	30 th November
St David's Day	1 st March
St Patrick's Day	17 th March
St George's Day	23 rd April

Key resources to support the delivery of Worship

This is not an exhaustive list, but identifies the key resources which are used for Worship each week:

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• **Books:**



- *'The Story for Children, A Storybook Bible'* by Max Lucado
- *'Children of God, Storybook Bible'* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- *'Jesus Calling, 365 Devotions for Kids'* by Sarah Young
- *'The Lion Storyteller Bible'* by Bob Hartman & Krisztina Kallai Nagy
- *'The Barnabas Children's Bible'* by Rhona Davies and Marcin Piwowarsk
- *'Rhyming Bible'* by Bob Hartman.
- *'The Heart of the Bible Retold for Children'* by Patricia Ainge

• **Websites**

- Picture News: <https://www.picture-news.co.uk/>

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- **Weekly Certificates:**

Our certificates allow us to focus on our Christian values and celebrate doing God's work in our community.

Worship Review

This document will be reviewed annually by the Senior Management of the school before being presented to the Governing Body.

Further review may be necessary in the light of work being undertaken in the Diocese.