



## **Holy Trinity Church of England (Aided) Primary School**

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At Cookridge Holy Trinity C of E Primary School we are committed to valuing and nurturing each child as an individual who will achieve their best and develop an enthusiasm for lifelong learning. Our vision is for the children in our school to grow into responsible, caring and fulfilled adults who actively and positively contribute to the society in which they live. We are committed to raising standards, values and self-esteem for all those involved with our school through cultivating a secure, yet exciting environment that is positive, supportive, stimulating and enriching.

As a Church of England Primary School we see our Collective Worship as a central part of school life. Our Collective Worship policy fulfils the statutory requirements common to all schools according to the 1988 Education Reform Act (and consolidated in the 1996 Education Act). It also fulfils the Diocesan requirements for a Voluntary Aided church school which states that worship will be Christian in content with an Anglican emphasis.

### **Aims**

Our aim is that our worship contributes to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all children and staff.

### **Our policy for collective worship supports this by:**

Recognising that Collective Worship is an important opportunity to provide opportunities for our pupils' and staff spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

Providing a daily act of collective worship for all pupils which enables them to:

- worship God
- reflect on Christian values for schools and personal development
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- respond to the worship offered
- respond to Christian language and symbolism and experience stillness and quiet
- experience a variety of forms of prayer and meditation. These might include praise, seeking forgiveness or quiet reflection, experience the ritual of Eucharist through the mass
- begin to understand the nature and purpose of worship
- Ensuring the daily act of collective worship be distinctly Christian in content and follows the liturgical calendar

Ensuring Collective Worship, whether in assembly or class time, will:

- Inspiring and transformational
- be lead by senior leaders, staff, children, clergy and visitors.
- develop the Christian vision, values and ethos of the school and focus on our school Christian values
- include a range of creative opportunities e.g music, silence, symbol, drama
- involves pupils through members of the Worship Team
- celebrate and give thanks for the achievements within the school, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals
- provide a foundation for a mature understanding and practice of worship in the future
- will take place in the school hall, in our outdoor worship area, in class rooms or the church

## Content of Daily worship

As a Church of England school the content of our worship is organised to:

- Follow a half termly Christian Value,
- Cover all the major Christians festivals including Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.
- Be rooted in Bible teaching
- Use the school prayer, Lord's prayer and other prayers written by pupils and chosen by the worship team
- Follow an order of service
- Be presented using a variety of styles and to include music, story, drama, enthusiastic singing, reflection and reverence in prayer time.

2 year cycle to cover our 12 Christian Values

## Our Christian Values

We seek to explore the meanings of Christian values and their significance through weekly acts of worship delivered by our Head teacher, Deputy Head, Holy Trinity Church, Tinshill Free Church, class teachers and children - so that they take ownership of and have a voice in their own worship. These Christian values are taught as part of our curriculum and embedded within our whole school life.

In consultation with our children, parents, Governors and staff we believe that the gifts of respect, service, perseverance, hope, compassion, truthfulness, thankfulness, friendship, trust, forgiveness, love and courage are the values we want our children to leave our school with as a unique child of God. Whilst these gifts are inclusive of human values, we try to anchor them into the Christian faith by relating them to the Bible through stories and readings.

## Our Christian Values this year (Year A):

Term 1: Respect

Term 2: Service

Term 3: Perseverance

Term 4: Hope

Term 5: Compassion

Term 6: Truthfulness

## Our Christian Values this year (Year B):

Term 1: Thankfulness

Term 2: Friendship

Term 3: Trust

Term 4: Forgiveness

Term 5: Love

Term 6: Courage

## Eucharist

In year 4, if your child wishes to they will have the opportunity to become admitted to receive Holy Communion. This means that the children will prepare themselves in readiness to receive Holy Communion through a series of lessons led by the Incumbent of Holy Trinity Church. This is one of the seven sacraments, which celebrates a stage in your child's Christian journey

## Special Services and Visitors

We value our links with the staff and congregation of Holy Trinity and Tinshill Free Church. We hold our Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Harvest services in church. The children will also have the opportunity to attend church services with the Holy Trinity community.

## Inclusion and withdrawal

Collective worship is central to the life of the school. However, parents/carers do have a legal right to withdraw their children from all or part of worship. However, in choosing to send their children to a Church school the Governors expect that parents are thereby committing to their child's full participation in the Christian life of the school, including RE and Worship.

## Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school

## Linked Documents

- R.E Policy
- R.E Curriculum
- Ethos Statements and year cycle (including who is leading worship)

# Christian Values Statement

## Building better futures together through...

**Peace:** Here at Holy Trinity pupils are encouraged to show harmony between people, harmony between people and God, and harmony between humans and the whole created order.

**Compassion:** Here at Holy Trinity pupils are encouraged to show understanding of others less fortunate than themselves and show kindness and empathy.

**Courage:** Here at Holy Trinity pupils are encouraged to show courage and bravery through trying new experiences and pushing themselves to achieve their potential.

**Forgiveness:** Here at Holy Trinity pupils are encouraged to forgive others and reflect on others actions with mercy and grace. Forgiveness is one of the many values encouraged through the schools' behaviour policy.

**Friendship:** Here at Holy Trinity pupils are encouraged to be the best friend they can be by showing kindness and thoughtfulness of others.

**Respect:** Here at Holy Trinity children are encouraged to go on a path of self-discovery. Children learn how to take responsibility for their own learning and personal development, as well as how to treat and respect others.

**Thankfulness:** Here at Holy Trinity pupils are encouraged to self-reflect for what they are thankful for and to write their own prayers of thanks for whole school worship.

**Trust:** Here at Holy Trinity pupils are encouraged to trust one another and have a firm belief in the school and its systems, resulting in pupils who are positive and confident in their learning.

**Perseverance:** Here at Holy Trinity we work together to overcome any obstacles, however challenging, to achieve our goals. We try and try again, building resilience which helps us deal with any disappointments on our journey to success.

**Hope:** Here at Holy Trinity pupils are encouraged to promote hope and attitudes of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, tolerance of others and justice within the school and wider communities.

**Service:** Here at Holy Trinity pupils are encouraged to understand the idea of service and how they can support the school community, the local community and the international community through charity.

**Truthfulness:** Here at Holy Trinity pupils are encouraged to pursue truthfulness and promote honesty at all times.

Here at Holy Trinity we encourage pupils to understand and promote our school Christian values. We promote Christian values through the celebrations such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Eucharist, and through prayer and reflection. Through reflection and prayer we also work to take each child on their own faith journey.