

St Anne's CE Primary School

"Learning to bring out the best"



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Dear Colleague,

We are delighted that Melanie Wood, RE and CW Co-ordinator from St Luke's Church of England Primary School in Thurnby, has selected and written the themes of worship for this coming Spring Term.

Each subject has been designed to contribute to the education of pupils and provide them with spiritual growth and respect of each other's religious beliefs and practices.

Each theme can last for one day, a week, a half term or the length of the festival (e.g. Easter) It is entirely up to you!

The document also includes relevant websites and resources that will help and inspire you to lead engaging and inspiring Collective Worship!

Once again, a huge thanks to Melanie for her hard work.

Canon Carolyn Lewis
Director of the Board of Education

Themes are linked with the Christian calendar and are depicted by colours; each season has a colour and change with the pattern of Worship as shown below

Colour	Season Mood	When used
White	Joy and Rejoice	Christmas, Easter, Epiphany, Ascension, All Saints
Purple	Thinking deeply and waiting	Advent Lent
Green	A time to grow	Ordinary days (not celebrations)
Red	Sad times and certain Joyful times	Ordinary days (not celebrations)

Some schools use these colours to support expression of Anglican distinctiveness and tradition. The liturgical seasons can be depicted with coloured material draped on a focus table or ribbon draped around a cross. You can find more information about this on the following link:

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/background1.shtml>

Date	Themes, objectives, websites and resources	Church Season and Festivals
Living Well – Developing Christ-like Character		
<p>This theme relates to the CofE discussion paper on Character Education, <i>'The Fruits of the Spirit'</i> (October 2015):</p>		
<p>https://churchofengland.org/media/2386307/fruits_of_the_spirit.pdf</p>		
<p><i>'If human beings are created "in the image of God" (Genesis 1:27), then the Church has an interest in the development of that potential in human beings – enabling us to learn and grow so that we can become more fully what we were created to be... In John 10:10, Jesus states that he "came to give life in all its fullness" and this vision also underpins the Church's approach to education. Within the concept of a full and flourishing life, the Church of England seeks to provide all young people the opportunity to have a "life-enhancing encounter with the Christian faith and the person of Jesus Christ." This means that "irrespective of their response, children and young people should see and experience love, welcome, hope, forgiveness and the possibility of new beginnings whenever they encounter the Church." ... The Christian narrative invites us to take seriously the possibility, even the reality, that God is alive and at work in the world, that the Holy Spirit works in and through us.'</i></p>		
<p>We hope these themes for collective worship will help children and adults in schools to reflect on this Christian narrative: what it is to live life well and to the full, inspired by the example of Jesus and his followers.</p>		
Tuesday, 5th January NEW BEGINNINGS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Christians, human beings were made "in the image of God" (Genesis 1:27); however, the Bible also shows that people mess things up - in other words the idea of "sin" (Romans 5:8). How, then, can the relationship with God be restored? The New Testament presents Jesus as the answer – the Saviour who, through his life, death and resurrection will restore the human relationship with God. 		
<p>1) Well done! To reflect upon and celebrate the past year and to make plans for the coming year: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2449/the-best-year</p> <p>2) Well made - A Fresh Start – God makes all things new: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/389/a-fresh-start</p> <p>3) Developing character: http://www.collectiveworship.com/ActDetails/?ID=49</p>	<p>White 5th Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh) 6th The Epiphany</p>	
Monday, 11th January NEW THINKING		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thinking about God – who is He, what is He like, what does he think of me? Thinking well about others – making friends out of enemies. Thinking well for ourselves using our amazing minds. 		
<p>1) Thinking well – about God - the key messages of the Lord's Prayer: http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/act-out-and-explore-the-lords-prayer/ Video of The Lord's Prayer - justpray.uk: http://www.justpray.uk/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLUXh4mx4gI&feature=player_embedded</p> <p>2) Thinking well - about others – Saul and Ananias change their minds: http://annescollectiveworship.blogspot.co.uk/2011/07/st-paul-escapes-from-damascus-embracing.html</p> <p>3) Thinking well - for ourselves: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/534/think-for-yourself Clever minds - the amazing creative powers of the human mind: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/616/clever-minds</p>	<p>Green</p>	
Monday, 18th January WHAT IS IMPORTANT?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God treasures peace, love and generosity - enjoy these precious jewels and share them with others. What we are like on the outside is not as important as what we are like on the inside. Being kind and generous to others and thinking about what really matters in life. 		
<p>1) Well rich - treasures in God's kingdom and sharing true riches: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2156/a-treasure-chest-of-precious-gems</p> <p>2) Well important – seeing people as God sees them – unique and special: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1002/never-judge-a-book-by-its-cover</p> <p>3) The Rich Fool - to think about priorities and what is really important in life. http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/170/the-rich-fool</p>	<p>Green 18th to 25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th World Religion Day</p>	

Monday, 25th January		RELATIONSHIPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christians believe God is our Father, Jesus is our brother and the Holy Spirit is our guide. God cares for us and asks us to care for one another. Jesus calls us to make up and mend relationships, seeking to live in peace together. 		
1)	Well connected - we belong to God: http://www.theassemblyline.co.uk/#/belonging/4548170657	Green 25 th Tu B'Shevat (Jewish) 27 th Holocaust Memorial Day
2)	Well cared for - show love and respect to everyone: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1452/special-relationships	
3)	How can we fix it? (The importance of reconciliation) http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1377/how-can-we-fix-it	
Monday, 1st February		WHAT IS WORTH LEARNING?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of learning for life – spiritual, moral, social, cultural as well as intellectual and academic skills. To help the children appreciate the value of things they don't have to pay for – costing less but worth more. Learning not to be defeated by our mistakes but to see them as a learning process. 		
1)	Well prepared - what we learn as young people equips us for the future: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2455/the-right-person-for-the-job	Green
2)	Learning well – learn what is truly important and valuable: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1102/the-value-of-learning	
3)	Learning from mistakes – admitting and valuing mistakes to achieve success: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/888/making-mistakes-1	
Monday, 8th February		BEHAVIOUR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following Christ is not about keeping rules, nor even about following Christian principles and values, as important as rules, values and principles are. Rather it is being a particular type of person, one who is shaped by Jesus' teaching; someone whose life is an embodied anticipation of the Kingdom yet to come. Christian character results from years of wise choices becoming second nature, whereby dispositions to think and act in Christian ways are nurtured as the Holy Spirit works in us. <p>Quoted from the 'What if Learning Programme'.</p>		
1)	Behave well - Christians believe that they should try to imitate Jesus: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/537/be-imitators	Purple 8 th Chinese New Year 9 th Shrove Tuesday 10 th Ash Wednesday
2)	Shape up - our heart attitudes are what we are remembered for: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/985/the-cuckoo	
3)	Drain or radiator - the effect our behaviour has on others: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/795/drain-or-radiator	
Half Term Monday, 15th February to Friday, 19th February 2016		
Monday, 22nd February		WISDOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interestingly, this approach also illustrates the importance of both developing habits and developing reflective wisdom in order to act with freedom and creativity in changing circumstances. There is an inherent (but creative) tension between the focus on taking on the same habits as others – being faithful to an existing vision and way of life – and the focus on working that out in new and creative ways – shaping the tradition, and being an imaginative innovator within it. The balance between faithfulness and creativity may fall differently for different people, but both are needed. 		
1)	Well wise - different forms of learning as well as 'wisdom': http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2376/the-wisdom-of-solomon	Purple 15 th Parinirvana (Buddhist) 22 nd Chinese Lantern festival
2)	Build well – do what is right, survive the storms of life: http://www.biblebasedassemblies.com/two-builders/	
3)	Live wise – making wise decisions in life and good choices: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/713/being-wise	
Monday, 29th February		GOD'S LOVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.</i> Romans 5:8 <i>For God so loved the world that He gave his only son.</i> John 3:16 <i>Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.</i> John 13:34 		

1) Live in the light – Jesus, Light of the World: http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/life-of-jesus-the/ 2) Well loved – God so loves the world: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/180/the-price-of-love 3) Live in love – love God and love one another: http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/every-day-a-special-job-to-do/	Purple
Monday, 7th March WELCOME	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The metaphor of “warm fires and open doors” comes from a speech made by David Thomson. Bishop of Huntingdon, to Church school leaders. As he said in that speech: <i>By Warm Fires I mean a vibrant and attractive sense of our Christian identity, and by Open Doors I mean a real welcome to anyone and everyone to gather round the fire.</i> David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon. 	
1) Well-come! - making people feel welcome: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2022/welcome-back 2) Everyone is welcome! - God welcomes everyone into his family: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/683/welcome-to-my-party 3) Encourage everyone - finding ways in which we can say and do encouraging things for others today: http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/barnabas-the-encouraging-apostle/	Purple 1 st St David’s Day 4 th Women’s World Day of Prayer 6 th Mothering Sunday
Monday, 14th March FORGIVENESS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The idea of redemption – Christ’s sacrifice to redeem the world. God’s constant grace and redemption – is central to what Christians believe. The idea that we forgive others as God has forgiven us – the message of the Lord’s Prayer. 	
1) Saved well - forgiveness - where God's love and justice meet: http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/exploring-values-with-the-bible-forgiveness/ 2) Live and let live – forgive one another: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2259/forgiveness God’s grace: confessing sin, being forgiven and still held in love: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/971/forgiveness	Purple 17 th St Patrick’s Day
Monday, 21st March HOPE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the death and resurrection of Christ, Paul’s letters to the early Christian communities also provide us with a vision of what it might be like to be a community responding to Christ. Across the letters, there is a strong sense of the Holy Spirit actively at work in the lives of individuals and communities. The Christian narrative invites us to take seriously the possibility, even the reality, that God is alive and at work in the world, that the Holy Spirit works in and through us. <i>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.</i> Galatians 5:25 To encourage children to have hopes and dreams for their future. 	
1) Live in hope - the belief of Christians that Jesus was the Son of God: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/414/jesus-the-son-of-god 2) Hope to live - To explain the ‘surprise’ of the Easter story and the hope of eternal life it encourages: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/547/smashing-eggs--an-easter-surprise Hope for life - To encourage children to have hopes and dreams for their future: http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2101/hopes-and-dreams Friends and Heroes – free Easter video to download – ‘Remember Me’: http://www.friendsandheroes.com/uk/easter-video	Red 20 th Palm Sunday 23 rd Holi (Hindu) 24 th Purim (Jewish) 24 th Maundy Thursday 25 th Good Friday
Schools Close Thursday, 24th March and open on Monday, 11th April 2016	