



Together in Worship

Themes and resources

Autumn 2017



July 2017

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>

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The themes and focus for these assemblies have been taken from the key points in the Church of England's 'Vision for Education' document.

Educating for Hope and Aspiration

In the drama of ongoing life, how we learn to approach the future is crucial. Good schools open up horizons of **hope** and **aspiration**, and guide pupils into ways of fulfilling them. They also cope wisely with things and people going wrong. Bad experiences and behaviour, wrongdoing and evil need not have the last word. There are resources for **dignity** and **respect**; **repentance**, **forgiveness**, **truth** and **reconciliation** are possible; and **meaning**, **trust**, **generosity**, **compassion** and hope are more fundamental than meaninglessness, suspicion, selfishness, hardheartedness and despair.

Monday, 28th August

Hope

- Christian hope is when God has promised that something is going to happen and you put your trust in that promise.
- Christian hope is a confidence that something will come to pass because God has promised it will come to pass.

1) Hope

<http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/289/hope>

2) Hopes and Dreams

<http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2101/hopesanddreams>

3) Hope

<http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/hope/>

Monday, 4th September	
Hope for our world through justice and fair trade	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In our second week we encourage children to think about how they can give hope to others across the world who live in a variety of difficult circumstances 	
1) http://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/resource/fairtrade-assembly-script-for-primary-schools/ 2) https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/water-for-life-assembly-pack-6020189 (Lots of useful resources, free to become a member and this is a free resource)	
Monday, 11th September	
Aspiration	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration refers to working towards a goal in life, both personally and in Christian life. 	
1) http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/113/new-school-year 2) http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1433/inside-every-tiny-caterpillar 3) http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/661/going-for-goals	11 th Islamic New Year
Monday, 18th September	
Inspiration	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving the children some exemplars of people who have had aspiration and become inspirations 	
1) Mother Theresa http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1890/a-mother-to-many 2) The fastest Man on the planet (Usain Bolt) http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldclass/15355319 3) Inspirational people – A selection of young people http://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2578/inspirational-people-a-selection-of-young-people 4) Dame Kelly Holmes http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1609/going-for-goals-the-story-of-kelly-holmes	23 rd September equinox
Monday, 25th September	
Respect	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who do you know that you really respect and why do you respect them? Respect – give it to get it! Respect peoples feelings, they may not mean anything to you, but everything to them 	
1) Respect http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/335/respect 2) Respect http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/respect-a-whole-school-assembly-outline/ 3) Religious tolerance http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/512/religious- 4) Celebrating Difference http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/106/celebrating-difference	
Monday, 2nd October	
Trust	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” We trust in the Lord because He and He alone is truly trustworthy. His Word is trustworthy (Psalm 93:5; 111:7; Titus 1:9), 	
1) Trust http://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/1716/trust 2) St Francis http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/st-francis-day-4-october/ 3) http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2741/st-francis-of-assisi	3 rd Rosh Hashanah (Jewish) 4 th Feast of St Francis of Assisi 7 th Grandparents Day
Monday, 9th October	
Compassion	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you want others to be happy, practice compassion, If you want to be happy practice compassion (Dalai Lama) Matthew 9:36 <i>When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.</i> 	

1) Ruth – The Harvest Surprise http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/the-harvest-surprise/ 2) A Harvest rainbow http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2054/a-harvest-rainbow 3) Spread the kindness https://www.place2be.org.uk/media/558253/primary-assembly-guide.pdf	12 th Yom Kippur (Jewish) 17 th First day of Sukkot (Jewish)
Half Term: Monday, 17th October to Friday, 21st October 2017	
Educating for Community and Living Well Together Continuing on the themes from the Church of England vision for education and also looking at our Christian values that we hold to in all our schools	
Monday, 23rd October Community	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the meaning of 'Community' from small beginnings considering the idea of 'Who is my neighbour?' 	
1) Light in the Darkness http://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/1566/light-in-the-darkness 2) Neighbours http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/339/neighbours 3) Good neighbours http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1163/good-neighbours This is a link for a power point that could accompany this assembly https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/assemblies-6141112	23 rd Last day of Sukkot (Jewish) 24 th Shmini Atzeret (Jewish) 25 th Simchat Torah (Jewish) 30 th Diwali 30 th British Summertime ends
Monday, 30th October Dignity	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human dignity, the ultimate worth of each person, is central to good education. 	
1) https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2016/09/primary_assemblies_unicef.pdf STARTING POINT 2) http://old.assemblies.org.uk/2007/nov07_all saints.php 3) http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1204/you-will-be-old-one-day	31 st Halloween 1 st All Saints Day 2 nd All Souls Day 5 th Guy Fawkes Day
Monday, 6th November Remembrance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dignity and respect can come in the form of remembering those who gave everything so that we might have freedom. 	
1) Remembering http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1553/remembering-remembrance-sunday-11-november 2) Never Forget http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/Images/Learn-AoM-Primary-Never-forget-assembly-November-2011_tcm16-57046.pdf 3) Assembly 18 - Helping People http://media.britishlegion.org.uk/Media/3143/ks1-2_assembly1-8.pdf?_ga=2.191300271.444404779.1499548169-531508610.1499548169	11 th Armistice Day 12 th Remembrance Sunday
Monday, 13th November Peace	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27 	

<p>1) Peace & its symbols http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2573/peace-and-its-symbols</p> <p>2) Sport & Peace http://cafod.org.uk/Media/Files/Resources/Primary/resource-pages/Sport-and-peace-assembly</p> <p>3) Peace http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/243/peace</p> <p>4) Peace http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/22/peace</p> <p>5) Peace Babies http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/318/peace-babies</p> <p>6) Building Peace http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/TeachersResources/primary/primaryassembly_nov08.aspx4</p>	
Monday, 20th November Reconciliation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciling is a crucial element of wisely negotiating the multi-layered and diverse reality of the society in which we live. It is usually not too difficult to honour the dignity of those who seem to be 'one of us', similar to ourselves, 'normal' by our own measure. The challenge is how we treat those who seem alien, abnormal, disturbingly or dangerously different. 	
<p>1) http://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/1470/reconciliation recommended for KS3 but can easily be adapted. Particularly poignant as Coventry Cathedral is located in the Midlands and to this day is one of the world's oldest religious-based centres for reconciliation, reflecting the commitment made by Provost Howard in 1940 to work with others "to build a kinder, more Christ-child-like world."</p> <p>2) Peace & Reconciliation https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/class-prayer-peace-and-reconciliation-2-6100233</p> <p>3) Forgiveness http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/971/forgiveness</p> <p>4) Christ the King http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary/assemblies/christ-the-king-free/</p> <p>5) Forgiveness http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/forgivenessa-whole-school-assembly-outline/</p>	<p>12th Prophet's Birthday (Islam)</p> <p>26th November Christ the king</p>
Monday, 27th November Wisdom	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bible is passionate about both wisdom-seeking and the importance of teaching and learning. Wisdom isn't about what you know (this is knowledge/information) but about what you do with what you know - the application of your knowledge. 	
<p>1) The Wisdom Necklace http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1961/josie-jake-and-the-wisdom-necklace</p> <p>2) Wisdom http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/exploring-values-with-the-bible-wisdom/</p> <p>3) Wisdom http://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2566/wisdom</p> <p>4) Wisdom of Solomon http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2376/the-wisdom-of-solomon</p>	<p>3rd December first Sunday of advent 30th St Andrew's Day</p>
Monday, 4th December Advent	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often a forgotten season as we are so busy in schools, leading up to Christmas. Yet there is value in encouraging the idea of advent being a waiting time for something that is very special about to happen 	

<p>1) Advent http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1220/advent</p> <p>2) The Long Wait http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1390/the-long-wait-an-advent-and-christmas-assembly</p> <p>3) The amazing journey http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/859/an-amazing-journey http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/advent-and-christmas-support-material/</p> <p>Lots of ideas and resources for a variety of assemblies relating to advent.</p>	
<p>Monday, 11th December Incarnation - Christ the ultimate teacher of values that we have looked at this term</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Incarnation means the <u>presence</u> of God on <u>Earth</u> in the person of <u>Jesus</u>. We celebrate Jesus, the Son of God being born to an earthly mother, in poverty and vulnerability as a baby in a stable. He taught humanity how to live and show ALL of the values we have explored over this term in our assemblies. 	
<p>1) Christmas http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1577/the-journey-an-advent-and-christmas-assembly</p> <p>2) Christmas http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/christmas-presentation-of-the-real-meaning-of-christmas/</p> <p>3) Christmas suffering world http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/christmas-suffering-world/</p>	<p>21st December Solstice 24th Christmas Eve 25th First Day of Hanukkah (Jewish) 25th Christmas Day 26th Boxing Day 31st New Year's Eve</p>

Useful resources for future assemblies

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00nkdgx/clips> - Short BBC film clips useful for a variety of assemblies