UpHolland Roby Mill C of E Primary School

In our Church school community, everyone is valued, nurtured, unique and individual. Through our faith, we hope everyone will live, learn and love fully. Guided by our Christian values, we strive to develop strength and courage so our children meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.
'We are brave and strong and stand fast in faith; all that we do, we do in love.' Corinthians 16:13

Collective Worship Policy

September 2026

Core Principles:

- We will provide the opportunity for everyone to achieve their full potential.
- We have high expectations for ourselves and each other.
- We will ensure that the Christian values of Love, Hope and Courage are at the heart of our community.
- We celebrate the unique qualities of each child and ensure their individual needs are met.
- We will foster effective partnerships with home involving parents and carers in their child's education and encourage their support of school life.
- We will ensure all children, regardless of background or starting points, have access to an inspiring and engaging curriculum that promotes learning and develops them into confident young people.

Aims:

Through collective worship in our school we aim to provide an experience that lets children:

- reflect upon God and give Him honour
- explore their own beliefs
- be active partners in the planning, delivery and evaluation of worship
- experience and nurture the spiritual dimension through worship
- experience something special and separate from ordinary school activities
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- reinforce positive attitudes and our Christian values of Love, Hope and Courage
- explore themes related to our values such as compassion, generosity, love, forgiveness and friendship
- experience spiritual, moral and cultural development
- cultivate awe and wonder of the world and develop an awareness of our responsibility to look after our planet
- celebrate their uniqueness and preciousness in the eyes of others and God
- introduce children to Christian language and symbolism and the cycle of the church year.
- explore a variety of ways of praying and introduce children to some well-known Christian prayers, e.g. Lord's Prayer.

Elements of Worship Collective worship should be inclusive, spiritual and educational.

It should be inclusive:

- pupil centred, related to pupils own experience and relevant to pupil concerns
- acknowledge diversity
- celebrate gifts, talents and achievements
- enable children to participate and respond, by active involvement or listening and reflection
- match the needs of pupils
- foster a sense of community
- develop personal relationships and encourage social development

It should be spiritual:

- ensure children feel calm, relaxed and secure
- be a special time conducive to worship
- foster feelings such as awe, wonder, thankfulness, mystery and joy
- provide opportunities for children to take part in a variety of spiritual experiences
- allow time to be still, encouraging children to make effective use of silence for reflection, contemplation, meditation and prayer
- provide an opportunity for children to appreciate their worth and value to God and to the community, and to respect all individuals as children of God
- provide an opportunity to bring before God in prayer, personal needs and those of others
- include a variety of words, music, images, artefacts and symbols.

It should be educational:

- reflect on values and concerns of the school community and the community it serves
- provide an opportunity to empathise with the needs of others
- enable children to share some of the central teachings of the Christian faith at an appropriate level
- provide children with a vocabulary of worship
- encourage respect and care of God's creation by a positive attitude to local and global environmental issues
- provide opportunities to celebrate major and minor Christian festivals

Collective Worship Planning

Our Collective worship is planned over a two year cycle. It is evaluated continuously and adapted to suit the needs of our learners and the world at the present. Over the two year cycle, we focus on 12 Christian Values and use Roots and Fruits as a basis for our worship. We also focus on a British Value for each half term and celebrate a range of current celebrations and events. We have weekly worship led by the local clergy and a weekly praise worship. Our Ethos team lead many aspects of our collective worship.

All our worship start with our opening prayer and the lighting of the candles. Our Ethos group lead this along with our closing prayers which are chosen from our prayer folder containing prayers for all occasions and those written by past and present pupils.

Monday	Led by Mrs Grand and is based on the Christian value for the half term.
Tuesday	Led by Miss Bennett and is based on current news using Picture News and linked to British Values.
Wednesday	Led by Miss Dunn and is based on singing and music, their words and meanings.
Thursday	Led by local clergy and is based on the Christian calendar.
Friday	Led by Mrs Grand and is a praise worship celebrating our achievements in our Christian Values and our learning.

During the year, we attend St Thomas the Martyr Church in UpHolland to lead and participate in collective worship.

Our Current Worship Cycle

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Christian Value	Generosity	Compassion	Courage	Forgiveness	Friendship	Respect
British Value	Tolerance of different cultures and religions		Mutual respect	Democracy	Individual liberty	Rule of Law
Christian Special Events	Harvest	Inter faith week Advent Christingle Christmas Nativity Christmas jumper day	Epiphany Candlemas	Shrove Tuesday Ash Wednesday Lent Mother's day Palm Sunday Easter Holy Week St George's day	Pentecost Ascension	Trinity Sunday Father's day
Other Faiths Special Events	Rosh Hashanah Judaism Sukkot Judaism	Diwali Hinduism Guru Nanak's birthday Sikhism	Chinese new year Nirvana day Buddhism	Maha Shivratri Hinduism Passover Judaism Holi Hinduism	Wesak Buddhism Ramadan Islam	Eid Islam
Other Special Events	World first aid day Recycle week Macmillan coffee morning European day of languages Black history month	Bonfire night Remembrance day Children in need World kindness day Anti bullying week Road safety week	Big school's birdwatch National handwriting day Holocaust memorial Children's mental health week Safer internet day Random acts of kindness week	Sport relief World book day Science week International women's day Commonwealth day International day of maths Red nose day	Earth day World bee day	D-Day Healthy eating week Sports week Sports day Leavers services and celebrations

Collective Worship Evaluation

We are constantly reviewing our worship and evaluating it as a staff team. We adapt our planning where necessary to suit the needs of the learners and the current issues and topical events. Our pupils use an evaluation book to comment on daily worship and this is reviewed by staff regularly. Following worship led by pupils, our pupil voice and Ethos team share ideas and thoughts.