

Hanley St Luke's Church of England Academy

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Worship Policy

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Our School Vision:

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

(John 10:10)

Our Mission:

At Hanley St Luke's, we are rooted in love and guided by faith. We nurture every child to live life to the full. By showing *honesty, courtesy, kindness, perseverance, and respect*, we create a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where every child can grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally.

Our Values:

Honesty

“You must be truthful with each other, because we are all part of the same body.”

Ephesians 4:25

Courtesy

“Show proper respect to everyone, love others, honour God.”

1 Peter 2:17

Kindness

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:32

Perseverance

“Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a harvest—if we don’t give up.”

Galatians 6:9

Respect

“In everything, do to others what you would want them to do to you.”

Matthew 7:12

Introduction

At Hanley St Luke's CofE Academy, collective worship is central to our identity as a Church of England school. It provides opportunities for our school community to come together in prayer, reflection, celebration and learning, enabling all to experience life in all its fullness (John 10:10).

Collective worship is a daily opportunity to reflect on our Christian vision and values of **Honesty, Courtesy, Kindness, Perseverance and Respect**, supporting the spiritual flourishing of pupils and adults.

Aims

Through collective worship, we aim to:

- Promote and live out our Christian vision and values.
- Provide opportunities for spiritual growth, reflection and prayer.
- Deepen understanding of Christian beliefs, traditions and Anglican worship.
- Encourage exploration of life's big questions, meaning and purpose.
- Foster a sense of belonging and community.
- Celebrate achievements and recognise God's presence in everyday life.
- Encourage respect for diversity, different faiths and worldviews.
- Inspire pupils to become compassionate, responsible and courageous citizens.

Legal Requirements

As a Church of England Academy, collective worship is provided in accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and the Trust Deed of the school.

Collective worship reflects the traditions of the Church of England whilst remaining inclusive and accessible to all members of our diverse community.

Parents have the legal right to withdraw their child from collective worship, either wholly or partly.

The Nature of Collective Worship

Collective worship at Hanley St Luke's is:

- Inclusive, invitational and inspirational.
- Rooted in Christian teaching and values.
- Reflective of Anglican tradition and practice.
- Appropriate to the age and experience of pupils.
- Respectful of all faiths and worldviews.
- Engaging through prayer, scripture, music, reflection, discussion and creative responses.

Worship is not intended to coerce participation in religious practice. Pupils are invited to engage in ways that are meaningful and comfortable for them.

Organisation of Worship

Collective worship takes place daily and may include:

- Whole-school worship.
- Class-based worship.
- Celebration worship.
- Church services and special events.
- Worship led by staff, clergy, pupils and visitors.

Themes are planned around:

- The Christian calendar.
- Biblical teaching.
- The school's Christian vision and values.
- National and global events.
- Protected Characteristics and British Values.
- The needs of our school community.

The local church and clergy support worship and help strengthen links between the school and the wider Christian community.

Prayer and Reflection

Prayer is an important part of collective worship and may include:

- Traditional Christian prayers.
- Spontaneous prayer.
- Pupil-written prayers.
- Silent reflection.

Pupils are invited, but never required, to participate. Opportunities for reflection allow all pupils, regardless of faith background, to engage meaningfully.

Pupil Leadership

Pupils play an active role in collective worship through:

- Leading prayers and reflections.
- Reading scripture.
- Supporting worship planning.
- Sharing worship themes.

Our **10:10 Ambassadors** help plan and lead worship throughout the year, developing leadership, confidence and ownership of our Christian vision.

Inclusion

Hanley St Luke's serves a diverse community. Collective worship reflects and celebrates this diversity while maintaining its distinctly Christian foundation.

We are committed to valuing every individual, respecting different faiths and worldviews, challenging discrimination and ensuring all pupils, including those with SEND, can participate fully and flourish.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The effectiveness of collective worship is evaluated through:

- Pupil voice.
- Staff feedback.
- Worship observations.
- Governor monitoring.
- SIAMS self-evaluation.

Evaluation helps ensure worship remains relevant, engaging and effective in supporting spiritual development and understanding of the school's Christian vision.

Impact of Collective Worship

Collective worship contributes to the flourishing of all members of the school community by enabling pupils and adults to:

- Develop a deeper understanding of Christian faith and values.
- Experience opportunities for spiritual growth, prayer and reflection.
- Explore questions of meaning, purpose and identity.
- Strengthen their sense of belonging and community.
- Develop respect for people of all faiths and none.
- Be inspired to live with courage, compassion, hope and responsibility.

Roles and Responsibilities

Headteacher – Ensures collective worship reflects the school's Christian foundation and statutory requirements.

Worship Leader – Coordinates the planning, delivery and evaluation of collective worship.

Governors – Monitor the effectiveness of collective worship and ensure compliance with Church of England expectations.

Staff – Support and model the school's Christian vision and values through worship and daily interactions.