



MACAULAY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy

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I Know Who I Am

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. – Psalms 139:14

Our Vision:

At Macaulay we are an inspirational, nurturing and inclusive community, celebrating each child as uniquely created by God.

We foster independence, curiosity and creativity so that every child may flourish and fulfil their potential to live with purpose and confidently contribute to their communities.

Our Christian Values:

Resilience, Thankfulness, Compassion, Creativity, Responsibility and Friendship

Our Christian Vision

At Macaulay CE Primary School, our Christian vision shapes all that we do.

Our Motto: I Know Who I Am

Our motto is rooted in Psalm 139:14:

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

We believe every person is known, valued and uniquely created by God. We encourage children to recognise their gifts, develop confidence, understand their identity and value the uniqueness of others.

At the beginning of Collective Worship, we remind ourselves:

Jesus is the Light of the World.

This reminds us of Jesus' light of hope, love, truth and guidance.

Our Christian Values

Our vision is lived out through our **core Christian values**, which guide learning, behaviour and relationships across the school:

- **Resilience** – encouraging children to persevere and grow through challenges
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. – Philippians 4:13
- **Compassion** – caring for and supporting one another
Be kind and compassionate to one another. – Ephesians 4:32
- **Thankfulness** – appreciating the world around us and the contributions of others
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. – Psalm 107:1
- **Friendship** – building positive relationships within our school community
A friend loves at all times. – Proverbs 17:17
- **Creativity** – inspiring imagination, curiosity, and a love of learning
For we are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. – Ephesians 2:10
- **Responsibility** – helping children make thoughtful choices and contribute positively to society
For we are each responsible for our own conduct. – Galatians 6:5

The Purpose of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is central to the life of our school. It provides a daily opportunity to come together, reflect, celebrate, pray and explore the Christian faith.

Through worship, we aim to:

- develop pupils' sense of identity, belonging and self-worth;
- explore our Christian vision, motto and values;
- develop spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding;
- explore the Bible, Christian faith and important questions about life;
- encourage kindness, respect, compassion and responsibility;

- nurture resilience, creativity, friendship and thankfulness;
- provide opportunities for prayer, reflection, stillness, music and creativity;
- celebrate achievement and individuality;
- respect different faiths and worldviews;
- enable pupils to participate in and lead worship;

Inspirational, Invitational and Inclusive

Collective Worship reflects our identity as a Church of England school and is:

Inspirational – encouraging pupils to explore faith, identity, relationships, values and the world around them.

Invitational – offering opportunities to pray, sing, reflect and respond, without requiring anyone to participate in a particular way.

Inclusive – respecting the diversity of our community and ensuring that all pupils feel valued, respected and safe.

Links with Our Churches

Holy Trinity Clapham is our Foundation Church. We also have strong links with **St Barnabas**.

We work with both churches to support worship, Christian learning, special services, celebrations and community activities.

Church representatives may contribute to Collective Worship and other aspects of school life. These links enable pupils to experience Christian worship, learn about the Christian calendar and develop relationships with the wider church community.

Weekly Collective Worship Structure

Our weekly programme of Collective Worship provides opportunities for pupils to engage with Bible stories and Christian teaching, reflect on Christian values, and consider how these values can shape their lives, relationships and choices.

- **Monday:** Led by a member of SLT, worship introduces the Bible story and explores its connection to the Christian Value of the half term.
- **Tuesday:** Led by a member of the clergy or SLT, worship provides opportunities to explore the Bible story and its Christian teaching in greater depth, considering relevant scenarios and challenges and how these can be approached in the light of Christian values.
- **Wednesday:** Worship takes place within classes or, where appropriate, in an outdoor space. This provides opportunities for pupils to discuss, reflect and pray together in a quieter and more personal setting.
- **Thursday:** Led by a member of the clergy or SLT, worship provides opportunities for pupils to reflect on the Bible story and Christian teaching, and to consider how Christian values can guide their choices, actions and responses in everyday life.
- **Friday:** Celebration/Good News Assembly provides an opportunity to celebrate pupils' achievements, recognise positive contributions and share good news, making links where appropriate to the Christian Value of the half term.

Worship usually takes place in the hall or classrooms, with opportunities for worship to also take place in church or outdoor spaces.

Worship is planned throughout the year by the Collective Worship Lead in collaboration with pupils, church partners and visitors. Themes are rooted in our Christian vision and values, the Bible and the Church of England's liturgical year, while also responding to relevant events, current issues and the experiences and needs of our pupils.

The Structure of Worship

Gather – We come together as a school community in the presence of God. We remember the words of Jesus, **“I am the light of the world” (John 8:12)**, and create a sense of reverence and occasion. We remind ourselves that worship is a special time to be still, listen and draw closer to God.

Engage – We explore the theme through Scripture, Bible stories, prayer, music, drama, questions, images and activities. We seek to understand God's Word and consider what it teaches us about God, ourselves and our relationships with others.

Respond – We reflect on what we have heard and consider how God may be calling us to respond. Through prayer, silence, discussion, music and creative activities, we are given space to reflect, give thanks and consider how we can put our faith into action.

Send – We are reminded that worship does not end when we leave. We consider how we can carry God's light, love and hope into our day, living out the teachings of Jesus and our Christian values in the way we treat others and the choices we make.

Prayer, Music and Reflection

Prayer is an important part of worship, pupils are invited to pray.

Music and singing are also important, particularly during our Singing Worship. Songs are selected to reflect our Christian values, vision and worship themes.

Pupil Participation

Pupils are encouraged to take an active role in worship by:

- leading prayers and responses;
- reading Scripture;
- welcoming others;
- leading songs;
- sharing reflections and experiences;
- presenting drama and creative responses;
- supporting special services.

Pupils are also given opportunities to evaluate worship and help shape future Collective Worship.

Special Services

Throughout the year, worship includes celebrations such as Harvest, Remembrance, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, end-of-year services and special school achievements. Our Foundation Church and partner church contribute to these occasions.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Impact

We regularly evaluate Collective Worship to ensure that it:

- reflects our Christian vision, motto and values;
- is inspirational, invitational and inclusive;

- supports spiritual development;
- engages pupils and provides opportunities for leadership;
- influences behaviour, relationships and attitudes;
- strengthens our Christian community;
- helps pupils understand and express our motto “**I Know Who I Am.**”

SIAMS and Parental Withdrawal

Collective Worship is an important expression of our Christian vision and contributes to our ongoing self-evaluation and evidence for **Section 48 SIAMS inspection**.

Worship is intended to be welcoming and inclusive to those of all faiths and none. Parents have the legal right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship and should make any formal request in writing to the Headteacher.

Our Commitment

Collective Worship is at the heart of our Christian community. Through worship, we seek to help every child recognise their value, understand who they are, discover their gifts and grow in the understanding of our Christian Values:

Resilience – Compassion – Thankfulness – Friendship – Creativity – Responsibility

Mrs Susan Eade
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Dated: September 2026

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Chair of Governors

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