



# St. Michael's Church School

## SECTION 6: Collective Worship

### Introduction



Reverend Andrew and Reverend Carol Avery

An amazing and incredible part of our team at St Michael's. Our Reverends hope to "build God's kingdom and encourage people of all ages to know God's love for them".

### Rachel Jessop

CROPs aim to "communicate and demonstrate Christian truth and life-style to this generation of children and young people".

### Rob Little

Mr Little joined our school in September 2022. He leads Choral Worship and continues to lead our school choir. We love to "raise our voices to reach the Lord".

## Worship Leaders

Luke 18: 15-17 'Jesus welcomed children and used them as models of faith when speaking to his Followers'.

In response to this, our Y2 children can become a Junior Collective Worship Leader. They help us to prepare our time together, leading the wave and leading our Trinity opening. You can spot these children in school as they will be wearing an angel badge.

Further up the school, our Y5 write letters at the end of Y4 to ask to become a Collective Worship Leader. Their letters are read by the Collective Worship and Y5 teachers to decide who can become a leader. The children leaders will then help to open the doors to welcome people to our time together, lead a whole school wave, open our time with the Trinity, lead the greet and response and lead our prayer time. We are introducing a 'Collective Worship Leader Programme' where the children can work towards an award, they will be tasked with jobs such as writing and leading their own prayers to planning, preparing and delivering Collective Worship. This will be established in school by the end of the Autumn term 2022.

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### Children participating in Collective Worship

At St Michael's Church School, we have an incredible group of children in Year 2 and 5 who help us to lead parts of our daily Collective Worship time. See the Worship Leaders section.

In addition to this, our children are invited to plan, lead and participate in a Class Collective Worship based on a given theme.



Our children have led Collective Worship based on our School Values and Vision Statement. Each week the children took their value and decided to share with the school how that value could be shown in our school, developing our Christian Distinctiveness.

Our children have also led a Collective Worship based on Global Neighbours. Each week the children had one of the following themes to lead our time together: Water, Food, Climate, Refugees, Peacemakers, Weather, Families, Influential leaders, Health and Medicine, Education around the world and Natural Resources.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, our plans for every class to lead our Collective Worship changed as we had a World Lockdown and had to adapt to using Zoom which made it harder for each class to lead. Once we can return to normality, the children will be invited to lead our time together again.

Together with their teacher and teaching team, they chose a Greeting and Response, choose an appropriate Bible story, chose their favourite song to sing, exhibited samples of their work, wrote their own prayers, made links to our vision and values and thought of ways to demonstrate their theme through drama, dance, art and role play.

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## Choir

At St Michaels we praise our children for joining our choir and choosing to raise their voices to the Lord.

Our choir have joined in special national events such as Young Voices, our in-school events such as Christmas Fair and Easter times and out of school events such as our Year 6 Leavers Ceremony.



Our 'Hope' Choir



Class Led Collective Worship: Our School Values 2023

Over the Spring term and into the Summer term, St Michael's handed the responsibility of leading Collective Worship over to our wonderful children. Supported by their teachers, the children created a Collective Worship series focusing on our School Values and what they mean to them as children in our school. The children chose Bible stories, wrote prayers, created dramas, signed for songs and led the Collective Worship for their peers and parents.

Below are photograph collages of the children and the feedback of the voices from one another:

Year Reception





### Feedback messages - Child voice

Dear Swallows Class

Thank you very much for your amazing collective worship this morning.

Everyone in Ladybirds class thought that it was very very good.

Motilayu really liked when Satan tried to tempt Jesus to do the wrong thing.

Esther really liked seeing her friend from another class in the hall

Bailey really liked the angels, and thought they looked beautiful,

Alia really liked the song we walked into the hall to.



And Preetham really liked all of it. He couldn't pick a favourite part,

Thank you so much, it was brilliant.

Ladybirds.

Dear Owls Class

The Ladybirds really enjoyed your assembly this morning.

Motilayu really liked the part where the Samaritan helped the man on the floor.

Carrie liked it when he was given water to show compassion.

Preetham liked the man who helped others.

Mr Little enjoyed the songs !!!

Thank you very much for your Collective Worship

Ladybirds class

Dear Badgers Class

Thank you for an amazing collective worship this morning about Honesty. We all thought that it was the best assembly that we've seen for ages.

Robyn and Motilayu really liked the part when the children made a tunnel in the garden of Eden.

Antonia and Freddie really liked the animal face masks that you were wearing.

Olivia liked seeing her friend on stage.

Parva and Karie really liked the song, Waymaker is a favourite of the whole class.

Thank you for an amazing performance.

Ladybirds class

Dears Owls,

Thank you for the lovely Collective Worship. We enjoyed it a lot and it has made us evaluate our own compassion.

I liked the poem at the end - Emile

I liked the game of Bingo -Fran

I liked it when the robbers beat up the Jew - Ollie

I liked the way it made me feel like being more compassionate - Tyler

I liked the songs and actions - Kacy and Evan

I liked the acting - Olek and Amelia

I liked the costumes - Erika and Aoife

The way you got your message across - Mary

You were all super this morning

From Kites class

Dear Squirrels

Thank you for an amazing assembly about Friendship. Everyone in Ladybirds class really enjoyed it.

Guste enjoyed seeing her friend do the Trinity.

Motilayu and Parva liked the song.

Spencer thought that the masks were really good.

Robyn really liked seeing Noah building his ark

Mr Little loved the artwork of Noah's ark, it was very beautiful.

Thank you for such an amazing assembly. It was great.

Ladybirds class

Dear Kestrel Class.

Thank you very much for your amazing collective worship this morning. We really enjoyed it.

We particularly liked the bit where Goliath stood on the box and was really big. We also liked it when David threw a stone at him and killed him.

We thought that the songs were also really good.

Thank you very much.

Ladybird Class

## Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship this Summer term is based on 'Heroes of the Bible'. We will be travelling through the Old Testament looking at why God chose special individuals to look after His people. We will be using Bob Hartman's Rhyming Bible to enhance our storytelling scripture and looking at ways to involve the children including acting, freeze framing, game playing and participating in leading parts of our church school family time together. Some of the heroes chosen are Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Deborah and Queen Esther. We will conclude our theme with the ultimate saviour - I wonder who that could be?

Our 'Celebration' Collective Worship this term will follow a biweekly plan - the odd numbered weeks will be celebrating our Lead Learners and the even numbered weeks will be celebrating our Super Citizens. The Lead Learner award celebrates achievement, effort and academic achievement - following our vision. The Super Citizen award celebrates the values, friendships and the ability to function as a good human being within our school - following the school rules. At the end of this year, we will also be awarding the Ely Diocese Courageous Advocate of the Year looking back at all of our Super Citizens to help us make that big decision. Watch this space...

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## CROPs

Mrs Jessup from CROPs is a regular visitor to our school, both in the classroom and in our Collective Worship. Our children love her unique style of telling stories from the Bible through the use of acting, puppetry and involving them to join in the role-play.

The stories told by Mrs Jessup sticks with the children and you will see their faces light up when they see her at the front of our special time.

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## HM Queen Elizabeth II

In reflection of the recent events, we held a special Collective Worship in remembrance of our Queen Elizabeth II. We listened to the song 'The Lord is my Shepherd' on entry to our time together which was sang in Westminster Abbey during her funeral. Reverend Carol talked to the children about the reading from John 14 and what this reading meant for the Queen in terms of Heaven. We watched parts of the funeral service and talked about how she represented our school values in her life. At the end of our school family time together we watched and sang 'God Save The King' to show respect for our new King Charles III. We spent some time talking about the important items on the Queen's coffin (the sceptre, orb and crown) and how these will now be passed onto the new King as the tradition has dictated for many decades at his Coronation.

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## Holy Communion Service

Following on from the Y4 Salvation unit learning about the Last Supper and Y5 Salvation learning about Holy Communion in Church, we invited Reverend Carol to come into school and host a full Eucharist Service. We wanted the children to gain an experience of the service however due to current restrictions it would have been hard to all visit the church.



The children who have taken their Holy Communion through their own church were invited to accept the Holy Sacrament of Jesus' body and blood. All of the children were invited to accept a blessing from Reverend Carol if they wanted, many of the children took that opportunity.

The children helped to lead the prayers and they shared some beautiful words with the group, remembering to say thank you, to ask for help and forgiveness.

In reflection of the service, the children were asked what they enjoyed the most, their responses were amazing:

**Aoife - "I feel I am corrected with God"**

**JD - "It made me feel that God will protect me through the day"**

**Charlie - "It made me feel safe after it"**

**Evan - "I liked the blessing because I have never had one before"**

**Harry - "It made me feel protected"**

**Erika - "I felt it was very calming"**

**Chris - "I enjoyed it because it gave us chance to repent our sins"**

**Olek - "I felt I was part of God's relationship"**

**Tino - "I enjoyed the fact it was like a real church service and I received the blood and body of Christ"**

**Navsaaz - "It felt reassuring"**

Following this session, one little boy decided he felt he was ready to take his own Holy Communion and on the Sunday he was welcomed into St Michael's Church.