



SHAP ENDOWED CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY

Collective Worship Policy

2023 - 2024

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REVIEW SHEET

The information in the table below details earlier versions of this document with a brief description of each review and how to distinguish amendments made since the previous version date (if any).

Version Number	Version Description	Date of Revision
1	Original	March 2021
2	Updated contacts for clergy and Christian groups	September 2021
3	Updated structure of Worship Times Updated Appendix 2 and 3	September 2022
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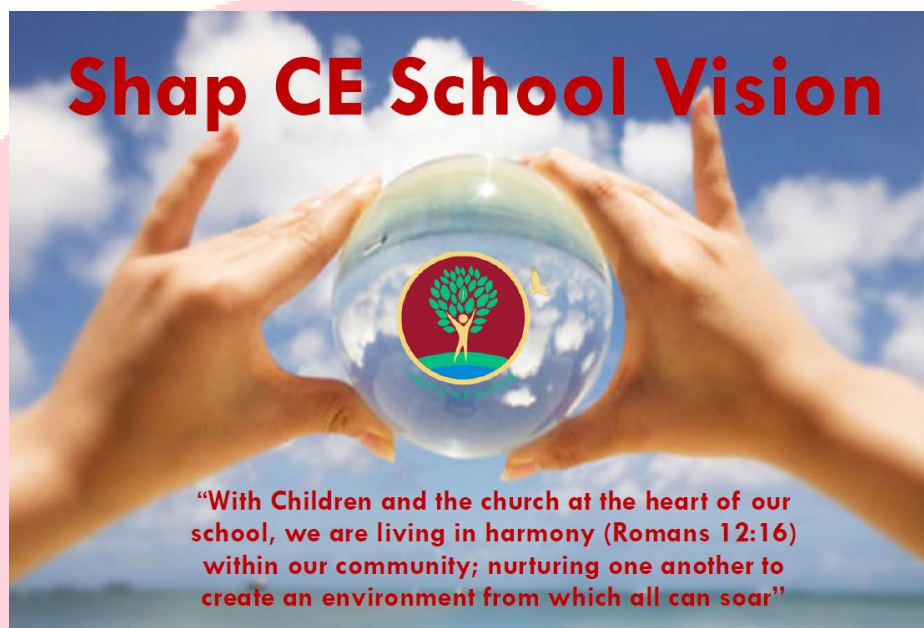
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Rationale

Collective Worship at Shap Endowed Church of England Primary School takes place daily in accordance with the provisions of the School Standards and Framework Act, 1998.

This policy has been prepared by the governors and the headteacher / RE and Collective Worship coordinator in consultation with teaching staff and our diocesan consultant.

At the heart of our Collective Worship is our Christian Vision:



Aims of Collective Worship

Through Collective Worship at Shap Endowed Church of England Primary School we will provide the opportunity for pupils and staff to:

- Explore and celebrate the Christian vision on which our school operates
- Learn and reflect upon our six core Christian values and social and emotional aspects of learning
- Utilise the expertise of our local church community partnerships to allow us to appreciate that Christians worship in different ways, for example using music, silence, story, prayer, reflection, the varied liturgical and other traditions of Anglican/Methodist worship, and festivals
- Respect and celebrate the diversity of Christian traditions
- Express praise and thanksgiving to God
- Celebrate special times in the Christian calendar
- Explore the big questions of life and respond to national events
- Grow spiritually through experiences of prayer, stillness, worship and reflection
- Share each other's joys and challenges

Our Structure for Collective Worship

Worship time takes place in our school hall as a school team. Our Worship Time's include:

- Bible stories led by *Open the Book* team
- Worship led by Jari from *Church in the Barn*
- Worship led by our local clergy, Rev. Stephen and Rev. Andrew
- Worship led by Ruth from *NISCU*
- Class Worship – planned and presented by individual classes
- Celebration Worship Time – sharing each other's achievements, joy and challenges Parents, Governors and members of the church and local community often attend collective worship on Fridays and on special festivals.
- Creative Church – worship time that is interactive and 'craft based'

For Harvest, Christmas, Easter and other major festival days the whole school visits St. Michael's Church for an act of worship. At other times, including our Leavers Service, families, staff and children gather for services together too. Our 'mini police' attend the village remembrance service with our village PCSO annually also.

The Mothers' union offer services for our younger children at Easter and Christmas, and *NISCU* and *Open the Book* 'walk us through Christmas' at St. Michael's too.

Weather permitting, class Collective Worship can take place in our outdoor classroom and prayer space.

(See Appendix 1 for contact details for clergy and church links)

Content and Approach

Collective Worship focusses on the main components of our Christian Vision. After reviewing our Christian values in 2020 linked to our new vision, we identified six main Christian values. Our Collective Worship follows a plan which incorporates our main six values whilst embedding our Christian Vision. Alongside this, we revisit related SEAL themes, taught progressively and developmentally.

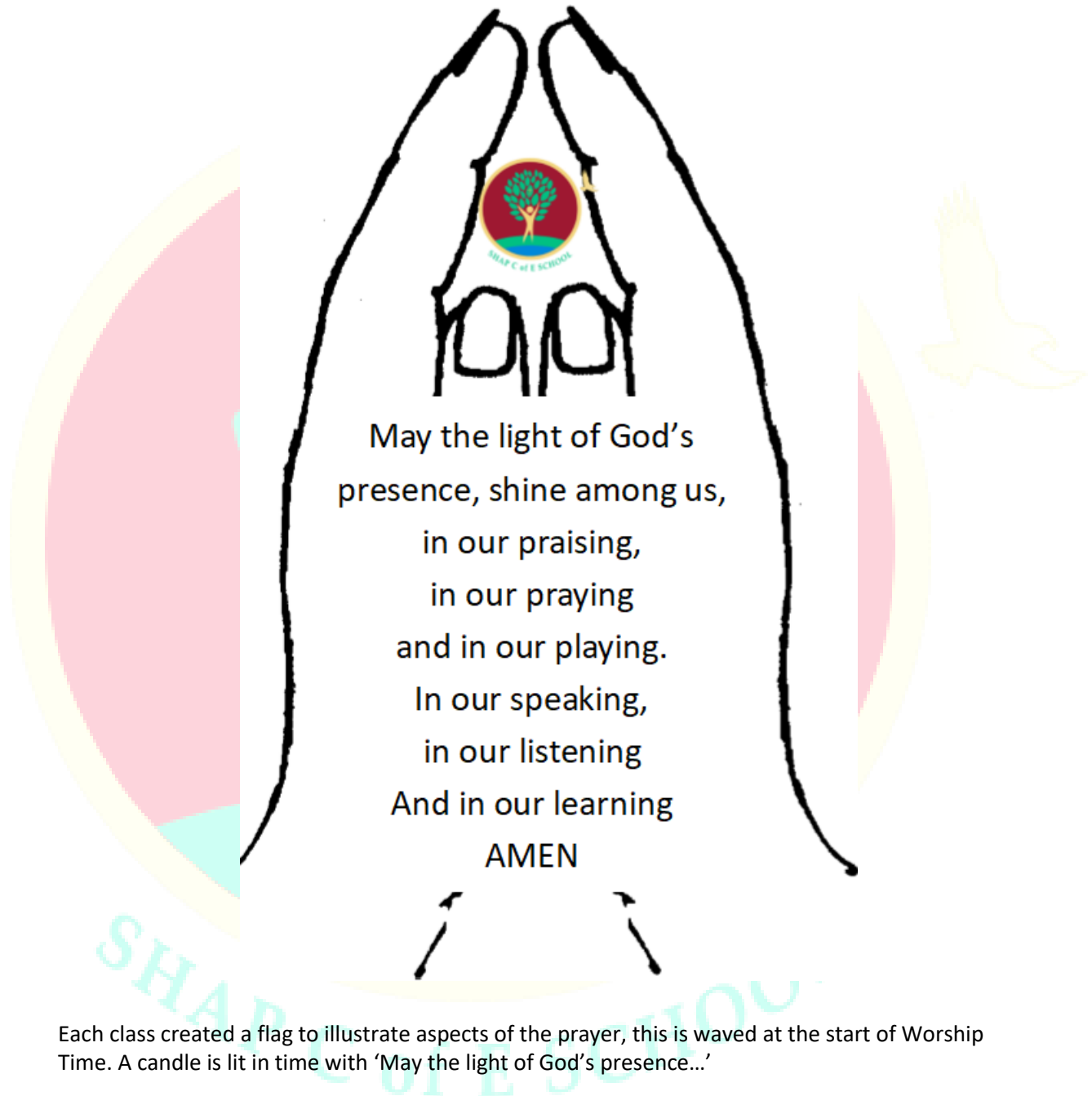
(Please see Appendix 2 for annual plan and Appendix 3 for an example of a half termly plan)

Contents include:

- Celebration of major festivals of Christianity and other faiths
- Presentation of Bible stories
- Topical matters from the news or the locality
- Appreciation of the talents, achievements and work of ourselves and others
- Welcoming of visitors to our school
- Prayer in different forms e.g. formal and pupils' own
- Use of music and singing
- Links to the wider school curriculum

Our School Prayer

Each Worship Time starts with our school prayer, which was reviewed by our Worship Councillors in 2020. We sign the prayer to make it inclusive for all:



Each class created a flag to illustrate aspects of the prayer, this is waved at the start of Worship Time. A candle is lit in time with 'May the light of God's presence...'

Worship Councillors

Our Worship Council is made up of 2 children from Kidsty Pike, Blencathra and Helvellyn classes. They apply for, and are elected into role in September of each academic year.

The Worship Council's role is to advise about collective worships, monitor and evaluate collective worship and help promote reflection and collective worship around the school. They also coordinate the music and singing in Worship Time.

The councillors meet with Mrs. Chappell to develop Collective Worship practice within school, for example the review of our school prayer, and the selection of our Christian values. They help to give feedback and ideas to the pupils, staff and Governors to help make our Collective Worship times extra special.

Evaluation and Review

Pauline Harron, the RE and Collective Worship Link Governor will meet each term with Katie Chappell, the Collective Worship coordinator, and members of the Worship Council (as apt.) to monitor

- The implementation of this policy
- The ongoing development of Collective Worship

Foundation governors also participate in collective worship regularly. The foundation governors with the collective worship coordinator report annually to the full governing body and propose any necessary amendments to the SDP including the need for staff development or training.

Withdrawal

Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from collective worship. Should any parent make such a request, appropriate arrangements will be made for the supervision of the children following consultation. Parents who have any concerns about the provision and practice of collective worship are encouraged to contact the headteacher to discuss this. The headteacher will report to the governors the numbers (but not the names) of any children who are withdrawn and the arrangements that have been made for their supervision.

Appendix 1: Contacts for Clergy and Christian Groups

Clergy / Christian Contact	Contact Details
Rev. Stephen Tudway North Westmorland Churches	stephen@northwestmorlandchurches.org.uk
Rev. Andrew Sterling Appleby Methodist Church	andrew.sterling@methodist.org.uk
Rev. Chris and Mary Jenkins <i>Open the Book</i> coordinators	marypjenkin@gmail.com
Jari Burnard <i>Church in the Barn</i>	jarieigerburnard@gmail.com
Ruth Evans <i>NISCU</i>	ruth.evans@niscu.org.uk
Pauline Harron RE and Collective Worship Link Governor / Mothers Union	Pauline.harron@gmail.com
Church Wardens: Mrs. Elaine Allison Mrs. Elizabeth Grose Mr. Derrick Newsome	01931 716771 01931 716119 01931 716795

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Appendix 2: 2021-2022 Annual Plan

Worship Time Overview: 2023 – 2024			
Half Term	SEAL	Christian Values (Linked to Vision Focus)	Christian Calendar
1: Autumn 1	New Beginnings	Friendship (Children)	Harvest
2: Autumn 2	Getting on and Falling out	Trust (Church)	All saints day All Souls day Advent Christingle Christmas
3: Spring 1	Going for Goals!	Peace (Living in Harmony)	Epiphany Candlemas St Valentines
4: Spring 2	Good to be me	Koinonia (Community)	Shrove Tuesday Ash Wednesday Lent Mothering Sunday Saints Days: Patrick and Joseph Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday
5: Summer 1	Relationships	Compassion (Nurturing)	St George Ascension Pentecost Whit Sunday Trinity
6: Summer 2	Changes	Creation (Creating a safe environment)	Pentecost Whit Sunday Trinity St Peter St Paul



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Appendix 3: Example of a half termly plan

Collective Worship – Autumn Term 1 Themes: New Beginnings, Harvest and Friendship Christian Value: Friendship (linked to the 'children' element within our Christian Vision)					
	Monday: 2.45 – 3.10	Tuesday: 2.45 – 3.10	Wednesday: 2.45 – 3.10	Thursday: 2.45 – 3.10	Friday: 2.45 – 3.10
Week Beginning 06.09.23 <i>New Beginnings</i>			Ruth NISCU Vision and Values Week	Miss Heron: Harvest Hymns	Celebration Worship Time
Week Beginning 11.09.23 <i>New Beginnings</i>	Rev Stephen	Jari Church in the Barn	Helvellyn Class Worship	Rev Andrew	Celebration Worship Time
Week Beginning 18.09.23 <i>Harvest</i>	Open the Book	Jari Church in the Barn	Ruth NISCU	Miss Heron: Harvest Hymns	Celebration Worship Time
Week Beginning 25.09.23 <i>Harvest</i>	Rev Stephen	Jari Church in the Barn	Blencathra Class Worship	Rev Andrew	Celebration Worship Time
Week Beginning 02.10.23 <i>Harvest</i>	Open the Book	Jari Church in the Barn	Ruth NISCU	Miss Heron: Harvest Hymns	Harvest Festival Rev Stephen St. Michael's Church – 2.00pm
Week Beginning 09.10.23 <i>Christian Value: Friendship</i>	Rev Stephen	Jari Church in the Barn	Kidsty Pike Class Worship	Rev Andrew	Celebration Worship Time
Week Beginning 16.10.23 <i>Christian Value: Friendship</i>	Open the Book	Jari Church in the Barn	Ruth NISCU	Miss Heron: Harvest Hymns	Celebration Worship Time



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