



SHAP ENDOWED CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY

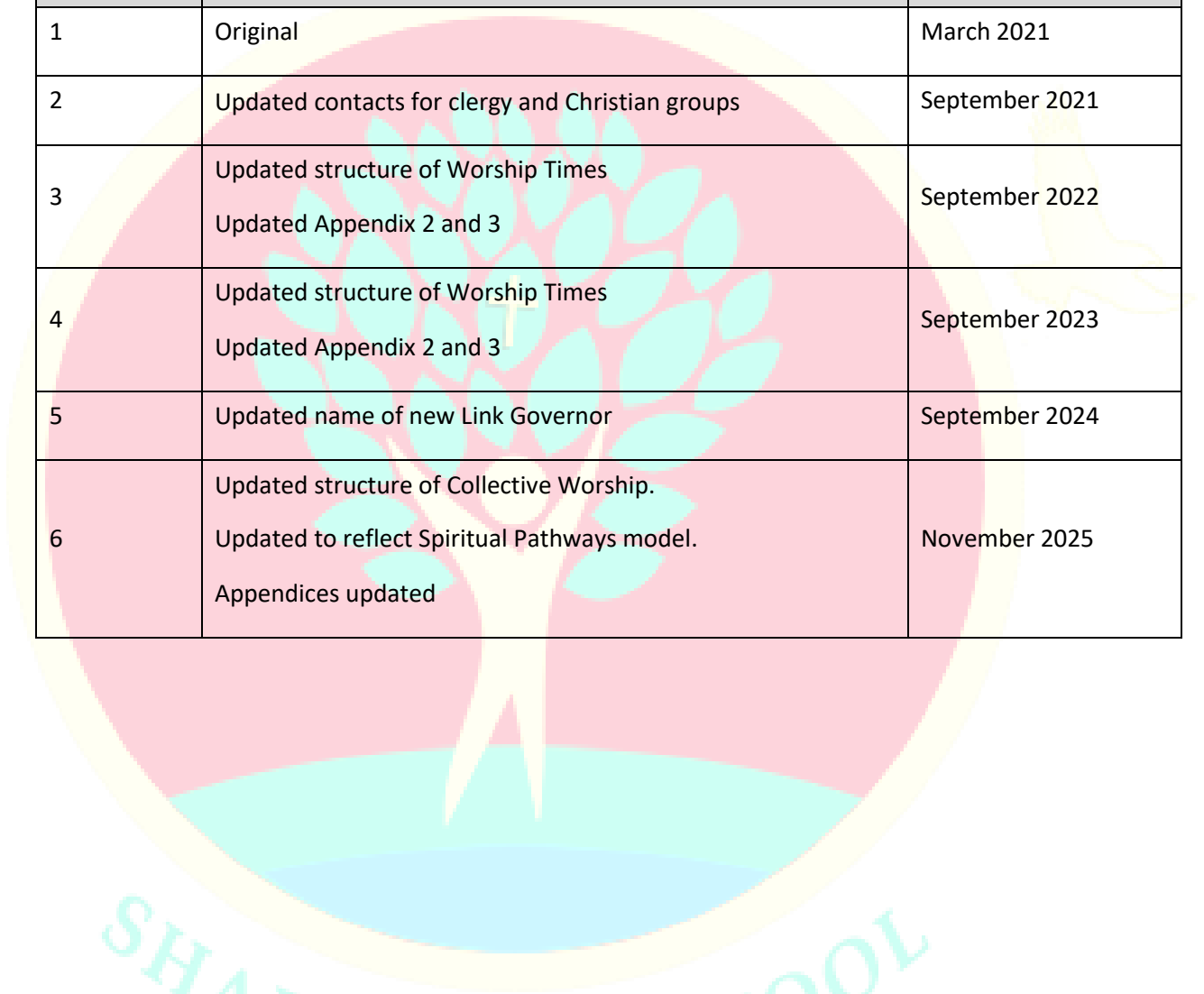
Collective Worship Policy

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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
4	Updated structure of Worship Times Updated Appendix 2 and 3	September 2023
5	Updated name of new Link Governor	September 2024
6	Updated structure of Collective Worship. Updated to reflect Spiritual Pathways model. Appendices updated	November 2025



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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

Collective Worship takes place in the school hall, where we gather together as a whole school community. Our weekly pattern of worship includes a rich range of contributors and styles, ensuring that children experience worship that is varied, engaging and rooted in Christian values. Worship regularly includes:

- Bible storytelling led by the *Open the Book* team
- Worship and teaching led by Jari Burnard (Church in the Barn)
- Worship led by our local Church of England clergy, Reverend Stephen Tudway and Ruth Hutchings (Growing Younger Minister)
- Worship led by Ruth Evans from *NISCU*
- Worship led by Leagh Wilkinson, Methodist Youth and Children's Worker
- Class-led Worship, planned and led by individual classes
- Celebration Worship, where we share achievements, joys and challenges together
- Creative Church, an interactive and 'hands-on' worship experience

Parents, Governors and members of the church and wider community are warmly invited to join us for Friday Celebration Worship and for worship at key points across the school year.

For major Christian festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter, the whole school visits St Michael's Church for an act of worship. Families, staff and children also come together at other key occasions, including our Leavers' Service. Our *Mini Police* representatives take part in the village Remembrance Service alongside our PCSO each year.

The Mothers' Union lead special worship for our younger children at Easter and Christmas, and both *NISCU* and *Open the Book* support our *Walk Through Christmas* services at St Michael's.

When weather allows, classes may also hold Collective Worship outdoors in our outdoor classroom and prayer space, offering moments of reflection and stillness within the beauty of our natural environment.

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

Content and Approach

Collective Worship in our school is rooted in our Christian vision: *"With children and the church at the heart of our school, we are living in harmony; nurturing one another to create an environment from which all can soar."*

Our approach recognises that spirituality is experienced in different ways, and we therefore structure our worship around our Spiritual Pathways framework. This framework enables children to explore spirituality through wonder, reflection and action, helping them to recognise their own way of growing in faith, curiosity, compassion and connection.

Across the year, each pathway is explored through Bible stories, music, reflection, discussion, prayer, and experiences both indoors and outdoors. This ensures that Collective Worship is inclusive, reflective, invitational and inspirational for all.

(See *Appendix 2* for the annual overview of Spiritual Pathways and *Appendix 3* for a half-term example.)

Collective Worship content includes:

- Celebration of major Christian festivals and acknowledgement of festivals from other faith traditions
- Presentation and exploration of Bible stories and Christian teaching
- Responding to topical matters from the local community and wider world
- Appreciation and celebration of achievements, talents and acts of kindness
- Welcoming and learning from visitors who contribute to worship
- Prayer in varied forms, including silence, reflection, formal and pupil-led prayer
- Use of music, song and stillness as part of worship
- Opportunities to connect with and reflect on learning across the wider school curriculum

Our School Prayer

Each Worship Time starts with our school prayer, which is regularly reviewed by our Worship Councillors. We sign the prayer to make it inclusive for all.

Worship Councillors

Our Worship Council is made up of two children from each of the Kidsty Pike, Blencathra and Helvellyn classes. Children apply for the role and are elected each September.

The Worship Council supports the development and quality of Collective Worship across the school. Their role includes advising on worship themes, helping to monitor and evaluate pupils' experiences of worship, and promoting opportunities for reflection throughout the school day. They also help to coordinate music, singing and participation during Worship Time.

The councillors meet regularly with Mrs Chappell to reflect on and develop Collective Worship practice, including contributing to resources for our Spiritual Pathways approach and supporting the organisation of special services and events. They share feedback and ideas between pupils, staff and Governors so that our worship remains meaningful, inclusive and rooted in our Christian vision.

Evaluation and Review

Ruth Hutchings, the RE and Collective Worship Link Governor, meets termly with Katie Chappell, the Collective Worship Coordinator, and members of the Worship Council (where appropriate) to monitor:

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

Foundation Governors also participate regularly in Collective Worship as part of their monitoring role. Together with the Collective Worship Coordinator, Foundation Governors provide an annual report to the Full Governing Body, outlining strengths and next steps. This report may include recommendations for updates to the School Development Plan and identify any staff development or training needs linked to Collective Worship

Withdrawal

By law, parents have the right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship. At our school, Collective Worship is planned to be inclusive and invitational, so that all children can engage meaningfully, whether or not they hold a personal faith. Children are encouraged to take part through reflection and quiet thought as well as through prayer, depending on what feels appropriate for them.

If a parent is considering withdrawal, they are encouraged to discuss this with the Headteacher in order to ensure that their views are understood and that suitable arrangements can be agreed. Should a withdrawal be made, appropriate supervision will be provided for the child during Collective Worship time.

The Headteacher will report to the Governing Body the number (but not the names) of any pupils withdrawn from Collective Worship, along with the arrangements made for their supervision.



Appendix 1: Contacts for Clergy and Christian Groups

Clergy / Christian Contact	Contact Details
Rev. Stephen Tudway North Westmorland Churches	stephen@northwestmorland.church
Rev. Chris and Mary Jenkins <i>Open the Book</i> coordinators	marypjenkin@gmail.com
Jari Burnard <i>Church in the Barn</i>	jariburnard@churchinthebarn.org.uk
Ruth Evans <i>NISCU</i>	ruth.evans@niscu.org.uk
Ruth Hutchings RE and Collective Worship Link Governor	ruth@northwestmorland.church
Leagh Wilkinson Methodist Youth and Children's Worker	ksatyouth@gmail.com
Church Wardens: Mrs. Elaine Allison Mrs. Elizabeth Grose Mr. Derrick Newsome	01931 716771 01931 716119 01931 716795

Appendix 2: Annual Plan

Worship Time Overview: 2025-26			
Half Term	SEAL	Sacred Pathway	Christian Calendar (Traditionalist)
1: Autumn 1	New Beginnings	Pathway of Wonder: Naturalist – “Let Me Be Outdoors”	St. Michael’s / Michaelmas – 29 September Harvest – 03 October
2: Autumn 2	Getting on and Falling out	Pathway of Wonder: Sensate – “Let Me Experience Beauty”	All Saints’ Day – 01 November All Souls’ Day – 02 November St. Andrew’s Day: 30 November Advent – 30 November+ Christingle (School) 18 December Christmas
3: Spring 1	Going for Goals!	Pathway of Reflection: Friendship Week: Relational – “Let Me Feel Close” Pathway of Reflection: Thinker – “Let Me Understand”	Epiphany – 06 January Candlemas – 02 February St Valentines – 14 February St. David’s Day – 01 March
4: Spring 2	Good to be me	Pathway of Reflection: Still Seeker – “Let Me Be Alone”	<i>Shrove Tuesday – 17 February</i> <i>Ash Wednesday – 18 February</i> Lent – 22 February Mothering Sunday – 15 March <i>Holy Week: Palm Sunday 29 March, Maundy Thursday 02 April, Good Friday 03 April, Easter Sunday 05 April</i>
5: Summer 1	Relationships	Pathway of Action: Caregiver – “Let Me Help Others”	St George Ascension – 29 May
6: Summer 2	Changes	Pathway of Action: Activist – “Let Me Make Things Right” Enthusiast – “Let Me Celebrate”	Pentecost – 07 June Trinity – 14 June

Appendix 3: Example of a half termly plan

Collective Worship – Autumn Term 1 Themes: New Beginnings, Harvest and Friendship Sacred Pathway: Wonder					
	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 03.09.25 <i>New Beginnings</i>			Ruth E <i>NISCU</i> <i>Vision and Values Week</i>	Miss Heron: Harvest Hymns	Celebration Worship Time
Week Beginning 08.09.25 <i>New Beginnings</i>	<i>Open the Book</i>	Jari Church in the Barn	Helvellyn Class Worship	Miss Heron: Harvest Hymns	Celebration Worship Time
Week Beginning 15.09.25 <i>Harvest</i>	Rev Stephen	Jari Church in the Barn	Ruth E <i>NISCU</i>	Miss Heron: Harvest Hymns	Celebration Worship Time
Week Beginning 22.09.25 <i>Harvest</i>	<i>Open the Book</i>	Jari Church in the Barn	Blencathra Class Worship	Miss Heron: Harvest Hymns	Celebration Worship Time
Week Beginning 29.09.25 <i>Harvest</i>	Rev Stephen	Jari Church in the Barn	Ruth E <i>NISCU</i>	Miss Heron: Harvest Hymns	Harvest Festival Rev Stephen St. Michael's Church – 2.00pm
Week Beginning 06.10.25 <i>Sacred Pathway: Wonder - Naturalist</i>	<i>Open the Book</i>	Jari Church in the Barn	Kidsty Pike Class Worship	Ruth H Naturalist – “Let Me Be Outdoors” Pathway Type: Pathway of Wonder Theme: Wonder in Creation How being in nature helps us feel calm and inspired	Celebration Worship Time
Week Beginning 13.10.25 <i>Sacred Pathway: Wonder - Naturalist</i>	Rev Stephen	Jari Church in the Barn	Ruth E <i>NISCU</i>	Ruth H Naturalist – “Let Me Be Outdoors” Pathway Type: Pathway of Wonder Theme: Wonder in Creation Famous Person: Sir David Attenborough	Celebration Worship Time
Week Beginning 20.10.25 <i>Sacred Pathway: Wonder - Naturalist</i>	Rev Stephen	Jari Church in the Barn	Catbells Class Worship	Ruth H Naturalist – “Let Me Be Outdoors” Pathway Type: Pathway of Wonder Theme: Wonder in Creation Biblical Example: David (Psalm 19)	Celebration Worship Time