



Collective Worship Booklet

Spring 2 2024

Glorifying God through outstanding, enjoyable education



Saint Cecilia's
Church of England School

Dear All,

Please find below our Collective Worship themes and verses for Spring 2.

House assemblies: 'Lent from Around the World'

For Spring 2 Collective Worship, the theme for House assemblies will be 'Lent from Around the World.'

The verse will remain the same for each week: '**For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son....**' (John 3:16)

I will be recording a series of videos (about 5-7 mins) interviewing friends from different countries around the world - aiming for one from each continent- to deepen the awareness and appreciation of our students for Christianity in different cultures.

Year assemblies: Looking IN and Looking OUT for Lent

Verse: '**So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer.**' (Romans 12:1)

Here is the resource that our Lent Collective Worship will be based on this year: [Lent 2023 \(archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk\)](https://www.archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk/)

The idea is to get students/pupils LOOKING IN (self-reflection) and LOOKING OUT (to how they relate to other people and the world).

Each week the resource includes the following elements but as always you are welcome to build into your own thoughts/ideas/ppts.

- Theme intro **video (only about 30secs long - feel free to use or not use)**
- A question to **think about**
- A **Bible** Link
- A challenge to **speak**

- A challenge to **give**
- Challenges to **act**
- A **prayer**

Based on the number of weeks we have, I have suggested using the last four themes which are (**School - Local Community - Country - World**) as they provide a good follow up to our recent focus on Courageous advocacy and our current focus on Global Christianity in House assemblies.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or if you need support for anything.

Themes and Verses

Week	House	Year Assembly	Notes
19 th February	Lent from Around the World	In and Out: School	
26 th February	Lent from Around the World	In and Out: Local Community	
4 th March	Lent from Around the World	In and Out: Country	No Year 9/10 assembly due to Worship in Community
11 th March	Lent from Around the World	In and Out: World	
18 th March	Lent from Around the World	End of Term Year assemblies (except Year 9/10)	Year 9/10 catch up week
25 th March	End of Term house assembly	Whole School End of Term Assembly (Thursday)	End of Term Year assembly for Year 9/10 on Wed

Prayers: Starting and Ending Collective Worship

I continue to encourage Year Leaders and House Leaders to indicate the transition from any announcements that are given into Collective Worship by saying:

'In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit...'

Can I also remind all that we finish every day with students- whether in assemblies or mentor groups by saying the Grace prayer:

'May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.'

Further Help?

Don't forget there are lots of resources on the Z drive.

For mentors, there is good guidance given in the mentors Handbook which Anessa Lee created and sent out at the start of the year. For everyone, please do not hesitate to ask me for help or feedback as you start to work on the content for your assemblies.

Christian Meditation

Christian meditation is different to other forms, such as mindfulness, because the focus is Jesus Christ. Learning to meditate helps us face and resolve conditioned patterns of mind that need to change. It won't make any of us perfect, but it helps to calm mental agitation and negative thinking.

'Meditation is a healing process. What is healed is the wound of our divided self that separates us from others, from God and so from our full potential.' (John Main OSB)

How to Meditate in Mentor Groups

Ask all mentees to sit down. Sit still and upright. Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Silently, concentrate on a word that you can say repeatedly in your head (for example 'Maranatha' which means 'Come Lord Jesus') or an object such as a candle that you can imagine or actually focus on. Try not to think of anything other than your word or object.

After a minute of silence, direct your mentees to run through their day so far in their heads. Pause between each instruction. *(Please use your judgement about how many of these to include but always include the final two instructions - in bold.)*

Ask them to think and reflect about:

- How they felt when they woke up this morning
- Who they interacted with at home
- Their journey to school
- How they felt when they walked in through the school gates
- Each lesson they had
- When they had worked hard
- What made them feel sad or angry during the day
- Things that had happened that made them feel happy
- **Where they feel that God had been most present in their day**
- **Then ask them to thank God for bringing them to the end of the school day and to place the rest of the day in His hands**

After a time of silent reflection, ask mentees to open their eyes and remain seated quietly. The Grace prayer can be used to finish off this time and/or The Lord's Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever.

Amen

