



**The Redeemer**  
Church of England Primary School

**Collective Worship Policy**

Date: 2025 - 2026

## 1. Purpose of Collective Worship

At The Redeemer Church of England Primary School, Collective Worship is a vital and integral part of our daily life. Rooted in our vision of “Growing in the Light of Christ,” worship provides opportunities for pupils and staff to come together as a community to explore, reflect upon, and celebrate our Christian faith. Through Collective Worship, children are invited to develop spiritually, morally, socially and culturally, to grow in understanding of Christian beliefs, and to experience a sense of belonging within our school community.

Collective Worship also deepens pupils’ understanding of our Vision and Values, helping them to see how these principles guide our daily life together. We believe this foundation sets all pupils up to become the best individuals they can be, fully prepared for life beyond The Redeemer, with the character, resilience and moral compass to flourish in the wider world.

## 2. Our Worship Structure

Collective Worship takes place every day, following a consistent pattern across the week:

- **Monday** – Whole School Worship: A time for the entire school community to come together, introducing the weekly theme and linking it to our school vision and values.
- **Tuesday** – Whole School Worship: Continuing the weekly theme, often featuring stories from the Bible, prayer, reflection, and interactive elements.
- **Wednesday** – Class Worship: Worship takes place in individual classes, giving pupils the chance to explore the theme more personally and reflect in a smaller group setting.
- **Thursday** – Singing and Praise Worship: Children come together to sing hymns, praise songs, and learn about the meaning behind worship music.
- **Friday** – Celebration Worship: Led by staff with support from our school Vicar or a representative from St Bartholomew’s Church. This worship celebrates achievements, birthdays, special events, and showcases children’s learning.

Worship is planned to be inclusive, meaningful, and relevant to the lives of our pupils. It draws upon the Christian calendar, world events, and our Redeemer Values.

## 3. Distinction Between Worship and Assemblies

Any whole-school gathering that does not have a focus on faith or spiritual development is classified as an assembly, rather than Collective Worship. Assemblies may include notices, presentations, or other non-faith-related matters. Parents/carers cannot opt their children out of assemblies, as they are not Collective Worship.

## 4. Parental Right of Withdrawal

In line with statutory requirements, all parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship. If you choose to withdraw your child, you must:

- Put your request in writing to the school, stating clearly which days you wish for your child to be withdrawn.
- There is no obligation to provide a reason for the withdrawal.

If you would like to discuss this further before making your decision, you are welcome to arrange a meeting with the Worship Leader or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, who will explain our Worship Plan in more detail.

Please note:

- We do not permit partial withdrawal from a single worship session (for example, opting out of the Gospel story but returning for the songs and notices). If a child is withdrawn on any given day, this applies to the entire worship session.
- Any child withdrawn from Celebration Worship on a Friday will receive their certificates within their classroom instead.
- The school requests a yearly updated written notice of withdrawal to ensure we maintain an accurate and up-to-date register.

## **5. Inclusivity and Respect**

Collective Worship at The Redeemer is designed to be inclusive, invitational and respectful of the beliefs of all children and families. While Christian in foundation, we welcome contributions from people of other faiths and none, and value the diversity of our school community.

## **6. Monitoring and Review**

The Worship Leader, alongside the Senior Leadership Team and representatives from St Bartholomew's Church, regularly reviews and evaluates the effectiveness and impact of Collective Worship. Feedback from pupils, staff, parents and governors informs the ongoing development of our Worship provision.