



Cycle of Collective Worship based on the Anglican Lectionary A/B (Bible readings in church that week) Academic Year 2023/2024: Autumn Term

<p>Week Beginning (colour is for that Sunday in church)</p>	<p>Reading(s) (Taken from the Lectionary for the Sunday of that week)</p>	<p>Theme (The current SIAMS framework has a greater focus on theology.)</p>	<p>Suggestions for act of c/w (Remember to think how your collective worship is an expression of your school's Christian vision and how you will measure impact. Think about whether a suggested resource is suitable for your context) See key for Primary Resources (end of document) Invitational; Inclusive; Inspiring → Impact</p>	<p>Suggested hymn or song (Think about the words, can they be sung with integrity?)</p>	<p>Questions to take home: Growing Faith (perhaps they can be included in a weekly newsletter or on your website) Also: See suggested resource - https://www.prayerspacesinnschools.com/prayer-spaces-at-home</p>
<p>3 September 2023</p>	<p>Romans 12:9-21 Paul was writing to the Christians in Rome. He challenged them to live out their faith in the way they loved and served others. He recognised that there would be a cost to do this, some of the Christians in Rome faced persecution.</p> <p>Matthew 16:21-28 Jesus knew that he was going to die, it was not an easy road to take and so Jesus</p>	<p>Following Jesus is a challenge – the cost of discipleship</p> <p>Facing challenges to love others and put</p>	<p>Primary: https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3859/corner-of-love</p> <p>Secondary: https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2410/sel-fsacrifice</p>	<p>Let there be love shared among us. Brother, sister let me serve you. We are walking in the love of God</p>	<p>How do you show love to others? Is there anybody you find hard to love but love them anyway? Do you believe that God loves everybody?</p> <p>Challenge: This week show loving-kindness to</p>

	<p>rebuked Peter for challenging the path he was taking. Jesus then went on to say that his followers should be willing to take up their crosses too, to experience humiliation and even death, but God would reward their perseverance.</p>	<p>them before yourself</p>	<p>https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3855/love-without-limits</p>		<p>someone in your class or family. Put them before yourself.</p> <p>Pray: Thank you God for loving me, help me to show your love to others. Amen</p>
<p>10 September 2023</p>	<p>Romans 13:8-14 Paul reminds the Christians in Rome to love others as you love yourself. Love is at the heart of God's law and should guide people in how they live and relate to each other.</p> <p>Matthew 18:15-20 Here Jesus gives practical advice in how to settle a disagreement. Love should be the over-riding principle.</p>	<p>Exploring the choices that there are in lovingly resolving disagreements</p>	<p>ST -Ruby Bridges (F3) ST Everton & Liverpool (E5) LS -Proper 18 Primary: https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3559/pa-use-for-thought-making-up</p> <p>Secondary: Google Desmond Tutu – Truth and Reconciliation and/or Corrymeela- Northern Ireland</p>	<p>Let there be love shared among us. Make me a channel of your peace. I've got peace like a river. Lord, I pray – forgiveness song (Out of the Ark)</p>	<p>Have you ever fallen out with a friend? How did you restore your friendship?</p> <p>Challenge: Can you make some first steps in healing a broken friendship? Pray: Thank you God that we can be your friend. Help us to be a good friend to others, Amen</p>
<p>17 September 2023</p>	<p>Romans 14:1-12 Paul tells the Christians in Rome not to judge others.</p> <p>Matthew 18:21-35 Jesus tells a parable in response to the question about how many times should we forgive someone.</p>	<p>Forgiveness: Knowing God has forgiven us motivates us to forgive others</p>	<p>ST -Michael Watson(F2) AT -Don't stop forgiving LS – Proper 19</p> <p>Corrie ten Boom forgives guard from concentration camp (see YouTube)</p>	<p>Be still, for the presence of the Lord:</p>	<p>How have you felt when you forgave/didn't forgive someone?</p> <p>Challenge: Choose to forgive someone, even if you don't feel like it</p> <p>Pray: Thank you God that when we are sorry for the bad things we do, that you forgive us. Help us to forgive others too. Amen</p>
<p>24 September 2023</p>	<p>Philippians 1:21-30 Paul wrote to the Christians in Philippi from prison, he was facing death, but still had hope in God, whatever the future brought and embraced all God had for him.</p> <p>Matthew 20:1-16 Jesus' parable gives insight into the values of the Kingdom. Everyone is welcome no</p>	<p>Keeping going when it is difficult: Rejoicing in the joys and challenges of following Jesus</p>	<p>ST - Manchester City (E4) SpT - Blaise Pascal (I5) ST – The Black Madonna (K3) LS – Proper 20</p>	<p>Father, hear the prayer we offer. The Lord's my shepherd. I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.</p>	<p>Have you ever worked hard at overcoming a challenge? What did you do? How did it feel when you succeeded?</p> <p>Challenge: Encourage someone you know that is</p>

	<p>matter how young, old, or close to death. It's not to do with how long you've been in service.</p>		<p>The example of William Kamkwamba – The boy who harnessed the wind (Google search William Kamkwamba faith)</p> <p>The example of Dr Charles Drew, Christian medical researcher who overcame prejudice and made ground-breaking discoveries in the storage and processing of blood for transfusions and managed two of the largest blood banks during WWII.</p>	<p>He'll be there (Out of the Ark music) Count your blessings (Out of the Ark) What a friend we have in Jesus (Out of the Ark)</p>	<p>facing a challenge. What can you do to help then in some way or show that you care?</p> <p>Pray: Father God, we pray that you will help us when things are difficult. Please help me with...Thank you that you hear my prayers. Amen</p>
1 October 2023	<p>Philippians 2:1-13 The Christians in Philippi are divided, and Paul wants them to humbly serve each other to bring unity. He reminds them of Jesus' example, in coming as a servant. Matthew 21:23-32 Jesus' authority is questioned by the religious leaders. He tells a parable about two sons, neither do what they say. However, one son eventually does the right thing.</p>	<p>Humbly serving one another, looking to Jesus' example</p>	<p>LS – Proper 21</p> <p>Example of Mother Theresa/Jackie Pullinger/Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale</p> <p>Secondary: https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3871/les-sons-from-long-ago</p>	<p>From heaven you came/Servant King. Brother, sister let me serve you.</p>	<p>Have you ever struggled to do the right thing? When was the last time you put someone before yourself? What did you do?</p> <p>Challenge: Do a random act of kindness this week.</p> <p>Pray: Father God, Thank you for the people in my life that are kind to me. I thank you for.... Help me to be kind to others too. Amen</p>
8 October 2023	<p>Isaiah 5:1-7 The prophet Isaiah lived about 700 years before the birth of Jesus. The vineyard was symbolic of the nation of Israel, but they had not followed God's commands. Isaiah warns them that although God loves them judgement is coming. (They were later taken into exile in Babylon.) Matthew 21:33-46</p>	<p>Recognising there are consequences to our actions. Living as God wants his people to live.</p>	<p>AT – Reaping and sowing 36 RTR – Jesus teaches responsibility for those in need LS – Proper 22</p> <p>Think about choices, God has given free</p>	<p>Be Thou my Vision. We are walking in the light of God. One more step along the world I go.</p>	<p>Have you ever helped someone in need? What did you do?</p> <p>Challenge: Help someone this week. Could you help someone in your class? Home? Street?</p>

	<p>Jesus tells a parable; he also uses the symbolism of the nation of Israel as a vineyard. The tenants are the religious leaders who have not acted as God (the vineyard owner) required, the servants are the prophets and the owner's son is Jesus.</p>		<p>will, explore what that means in how we live, spend time and money.</p>		<p>Pray: Thank you God for all you have given me. Help me to use what I have to help others. Amen</p>
<p>15 October 2023</p>	<p>Philippians 4:1-9 Paul reminds the Christians in Philippi to be faithful; work for unity; rejoice in what God is doing; have the right attitudes towards each other and focus on wholesome things.</p> <p>Matthew 22:1-14 Jesus told this parable. God's people automatically expected to God's banquet but chose to ignore the invitation. The guests who were then invited wouldn't have expected to get in. However, there is a warning in the one guest who is ejected, he has not responded in the right way.</p>	<p>Having the right attitude. Living a life that pleases God.</p> <p>St Luke the Evangelist's Feast Day (18 October)</p>	<p>ST – Lord Chan (J5) LS – Proper 23</p> <p>Examples of Christians working together for others: Churches Floating Shelters/ Street Pastors</p>	<p>God is love, his the care. The Lord's my shepherd. Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Give thanks with grateful heart I will sing your praises (Father God I wonder</p>	<p>What are you thankful for? Why?</p> <p>Challenge: Can you think of something to be thankful for every day for a week? Are some days easier than others? Why/why not?</p> <p>Pray: Thank you God for all the good things in my life. Help me to remember that all good things come from you. Amen</p>
<p>29 October 2023</p>	<p>Psalms 1:1-6 The writer of this Psalm was commenting on how following God's laws in the Bible would affect the way a person lived. Their life would bear 'fruit', good work that could be seen by others.</p> <p>Matthew 22:34-40 The Jewish Scriptures contained 613 laws, but Jesus summed them up in two: Love God and Love other people. In following these two laws all the others would also be kept (those that love others do not murder, lie or steal etc).</p>	<p>To consider how God's Word (the Bible) affects the way his followers live.</p>	<p>Primary: https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/4085/i-want-that-book</p> <p>The story of Mary Jones and the Bible Society</p> <p>The story of William Tyndale</p> <p>Secondary: https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3967/a-good-read</p>	<p>Let there be love shared among us; Brother, sister let me serve you; Love the Lord your God (Out of the Ark)</p>	<p>Why do you think that some people choose to read the Bible everyday? How do you think it helps them? Do you believe that God 'speaks' to people through what they read in the Bible? Why/why not?</p> <p>Challenge: Borrow or read a story from a children's Bible, you could start with a story from Jesus' life, or Mark's Gospel. If you don't own a Bible, you can find one at your local library or at your school.</p> <p>Pray: Thank you for your word to us in the Bible. Help us live in a way that pleases you. Amen</p>

<p>5 November 2023</p>	<p>1 John 3:1-3 Jesus' followers are imperfect people, but a time is coming when they will become more like Jesus.</p> <p>Matthew 5:1-12 Jesus teaching here is known as the Beatitudes. Jesus teaches about those who are blessed. God is with those who suffer and struggle, who have nothing, are oppressed and persecuted.</p>	<p>All Saints' Day (1 Nov)</p> <hr/> <p>All Soul's Day (2 Nov)</p> <hr/> <p>Although we may think of saints as holy people who are recognised by the church, the Bible also refers to anyone who is a follower of Jesus as a saint.</p>	<p>AT – All Saint's Day (B3) AT – All Soul's Day (B4) LS – All Saint's Day</p> <p>You may wish to look at the Saint your school is named after or how this festival is celebrated by Christians in other parts of the world.</p>	<p>He's got the whole world in his hands. Give thanks with a grateful heart. Oh when the Saints go marching in.</p>	<p>Who inspires you? What is it about them that you admire?</p> <p>Challenge: Encourage someone, tell them what good qualities about their character you admire.</p> <p>Pray: Thank you for the people who inspire us. Thank you for... Amen</p>
<p>12 November 2023</p>	<p>1 Thesalonians 4:13-18 Paul encouraged the Christians in Thessalonica who are concerned about what will happened to those who have died before Jesus' return. They have nothing to worry about.</p> <p>Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus tells a parable. Nobody knows the time that Jesus will return, his followers are to remain alert and keep doing good.</p>	<p>Remembrance Sunday Being prepared – living to tackle injustice/ Preparing for the return of Jesus</p>	<p>AT (B5) LS – Third Sunday before Advent</p> <p>Remembering those who have died in or as a result of conflict.</p>	<p>One more step along the world I go. Give me oil in my lamp. We will remember (Out of the Ark)</p>	<p>What injustices do you see in the world? How could you be pro-active in making a change?</p> <p>Challenge: When you see something that is unjust or unfair this week, do something to challenge that injustice.</p> <p>Pray: Father God, we remember those who live in countries that are at war, especially...Thank you for those who work to bring peace and justice. Help us to be courageous</p>





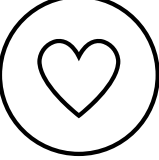

<p>19 November 2023</p>	<p>Psalm 90:1-8, 12 The writer of this Psalm encourages the reader to have a right view of their life and live as God wants, being wise each day.</p> <p>Matthew 25:14-30 The key to this parable is to be faithful with what God has given, the parable warns that those who do nothing will find themselves with nothing.</p>	<p>Everyone has talents to share with others. Using what God has given to us faithfully, not just for ourselves but for God and others.</p>	<p>AT – Gifts LS – Second Sunday before Advent</p> <p>The example of Katherine G. Johnson who used her skills in mathematics working for NASA to get the first men to the moon. https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/real-life-hidden-figures-mathematician-longtime-presbyterian/</p> <p>The example of John Laing, using his talents in construction for God http://request.org.uk/people/significant-people/a-real-hero-sir-john-laing/</p> <p>The example of Emily Finch who used her savings to buy a bus: https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-action-videos/buying-bus-instead-house</p>	<p>The wise may bring their learning. Take my life and let it be. Count your blessings (Out of the Ark) This day (Out of the Ark)</p>	<p>in speaking up against injustice too. Amen</p> <p>What talents do you have? How could you use them to help others?</p> <p>Challenge: Encourage someone, help them to see the talents God has given them.</p> <p>Pray: Thank you God for the talents you have given me. Help me to use them for good and to bless others. Amen</p>
<p>26 November 2023</p> <p>Christ the King</p>	<p>Ephesians 1:15-23 Paul writes to the Christians in Ephesus. He commends them on their love for each other.</p> <p>Matthew 25:31-46 Faith in God leads to loving action, serving others and seeing Jesus in others.</p>	<p>The importance of loving others, looking to Jesus' example</p>	<p>LS – Christ the King</p> <p>Example of Dame Cecily Saunders, founder of the hospice movement or Rev Chad Varah,</p>	<p>When I needed a neighbour. Brother, sister let me serve you. Cross over the road my friend.</p>	<p>What could you do this week to show someone that you care about them?</p> <p>Challenge: show someone you care about them this week in a practical way.</p>

			founder of the Samaritans.	Let there be loved shared among us. Peace is flowing like a river. Love the Lord your God (Out of the Ark) Thank you for loving me (out of the Ark)	Pray: Thank you God that you love and care for me and thank you for the people in my life who love and care for me too especially...Help me to love and care for others. Amen
3 December 2023	<p>Mark 13:32-37 (Jesus tells his followers that they don't know when he will return but they should be ready and alert).</p> <p>1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (Paul is writing to the Christians in Corinth and his followers today to remind them of the range of benefits they enjoy from knowing Jesus).</p>	<p>Start of Advent. Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. It is a time to remember the first coming of Jesus, when he was born as a baby in Bethlehem and to look forward to his second coming when everyone will recognise him and all injustice, sadness and suffering will cease. Christians today live in the time between his first and second coming, but he has left with gifts to celebrate;</p>	<p>AT L1-L4 CW during Advent could start with a trumpet fanfare, to herald the birth of Jesus and his forthcoming return. LS (B) First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Children and students are already thinking about presents so you could build on this with the 'presents' of grace, peace, knowledge, fellowship and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as mentioned in the passage from 1 Corinthians.</p>	<p>Brother, sister, let me serve you. Lo, he comes with clouds descending. Give me oil in my lamp. Soon and very soon.</p>	<p>What are you looking forwards to? Why do Christians look forwards to celebrating the birth of Jesus?</p> <p>Challenge: Look for the joy in your life every day this week.</p> <p>Pray: Thank you God for the good gifts of love and friendship. Help us to love and bring joy to others. Amen</p>

		<p>grace, peace, knowledge of God, fellowship with Him and each other and gifts from the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>(Muslims also believe that Jesus will return before the Day of Judgement)</p>			
10 December 2023	<p>Isaiah 40:1-11 Isaiah prophesied 500+ years before the birth of Jesus. It was a dark period of history for the Jewish people, many were in exile in Babylon, but Isaiah brings them a message of hope.</p> <p>Mark 1:1-8 John the Baptist was seen as a fulfilment of the prophecy in Isaiah. He was the forerunner, proclaiming the coming Messiah and deliverer, Jesus.</p>	<p>Hope God promises hope.</p> <p>Christian hope is not wishful thinking, there is certainty because of faith in who God is and what he has done.</p>	<p>ST- The Herald (G3) LS (B) – Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Example of Sister Helen Prejean, whose faith inspired her to bring hope to prisoners on death row and families bereaved through murder.</p>	<p>Lord of all hopefulness. In Christ alone. Go tell it on the mountain. God has promised.</p>	<p>Who do you know who is going through a tough time? What could you do to encourage or help them? Could you pray for them?</p> <p>Challenge: Pray for someone this week who is going through a tough time</p> <p>Pray: Father God, thank you for the hope you offer us. We remember....who is having a hard time at the moment and we ask that they would know your peace and hope. Amen</p>
17 December 2023	<p>Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 The prophet Isaiah looks forward to a day of joy when sadness is replaced with rejoicing because of all that God has done.</p> <p>John 1:6-8, 19-28 The Jewish people had eagerly awaited a messiah. John the Baptist's ministry was to point towards Jesus, who was the light and source of joy to all who accepted him.</p>	<p>John the Baptist points to Jesus, the light of the world. Bringing justice to our world.</p>	<p>CA – The Light of the World (41) LS (B) – Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Example of Martin Luther King how his faith inspired him to hope for a time when</p>	<p>We are walking in the light of God. Like a candle flame. Here I am to worship – Light of the world.</p>	<p>What would your ideal world look like? What could you do this week to help make a difference?</p> <p>Challenge: Light a candle and spend a few minutes each day to think about</p>

			<p>racial injustice would cease.</p> <p>Example of Wangari Maathai, how her faith inspired her to encourage others to care for creation, work for environmental justice and those things that make for peace. She was the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.</p>		<p>those people or countries that need peace.</p> <p>Pray: Father God, may your love, joy and peace be known in the world. Amen</p>
<p>Christmas Day (I know we won't be in school but I'm sure you are having Christmas services)</p>		<p>Christmas – The Incarnation (God in human flesh), Emmanuel (God with us) Remember to think about how Christians celebrate Christmas in other parts of the world.</p>	<p>AT – Christmas L5 CA – Christmas in Kenya (48) CA – Christmas in India (49)</p> <p>The Diocese of London is partnered with churches in Angola and Mozambique (see resources on ALMA: http://www.almalink.org/resources.htm)</p>		

The Church Year starts at Advent. In church different colours represent different seasons. You might want to use tablecloths in different colours in your collective worship to represent the time in the Church Year.

Purple: Penance and Preparation 	Red: Sacrifice, the Holy Spirit 	Green: Hope, Life and Growth 	Gold: Joy and Celebration 	White: Purity 	No colour: Desolation 
Purple is used for times of deep thinking and reflection. It is also sometimes used at adult funerals.	Red is used for saints' days who have died as martyrs and also represents the flame of the Holy Spirit.	Green is used to represent quiet growth during the time between festivals and seasons.	Gold used for special occasions.	White represents purity (as opposed to sin which is scarlet). It often represents a season of celebration rather than a day.	On these two days of the year the church is stripped bare of all decoration and flowers.
Used during Advent and Lent.	Pentecost/Whitsun Martyr's saints' days.	Used throughout Ordinary Time.	Used for special days of celebration, such as Easter Day and Christmas.	Used in the seasons of Easter and Christmas and for saints who were not martyred.	Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Primary resources for collective worship referenced in this overview:

AT	COOLING, M. <i>Assemblies for Primary Schools Autumn Term.</i>
SpT	COOLING, M. <i>More Assemblies for Primary Schools Spring Term.</i>
ST	COOLING, M. <i>More Assemblies for Primary Schools Summer Term.</i>
CA	COOLING, M. & WALKER, D. <i>Cracking Assemblies</i>
36 RTR	LINGS, H. <i>36 Ready-to-read assemblies for collective worship</i>
LS	SAYERS, S. <i>Living Stones Year A: Rocks</i>
LS(B)	SAYERS, S. <i>Living Stones Year B: Rocks</i>

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