



Overview Collective Worship Calendar, based on the Lectionary

Autumn Term 2023 to end of Summer Term 2024







Detailed outlines with explanation of the Bible passage, suggestions for collective worship, hymns/songs and discussion questions for use in Form Time or at home (Growing Faith) are published termly on the LDBS website.

Week Beginning (colour is for that Sunday in church)	Reading(s) (Taken from the Lectionary for the Sunday of that week)	Theme (The current SIAMS framework has a greater focus on theology.)
3 September 2023	Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28	Following Jesus is a challenge – the cost of discipleship Facing challenges to love others and put them before yourself
10 September 2023	Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Exploring the choices that there are in lovingly resolving disagreements
17 September 2023	Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	Forgiveness: Knowing God has forgiven us motivates us to forgive others
24 September 2023	Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	Keeping going when it is difficult: Rejoicing in the joys and challenges of following Jesus
1 October 2023	Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	Humbly serving one another, looking to Jesus' example
8 October 2023	Isaiah 5:1-7 Matthew 21:33-46	Recognising there are consequences to our actions. Living as God wants his people to live.
15 October 2023	Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Having the right attitude. Living a life that pleases God. St Luke the Evangelist's Feast Day (18 October)
29 October 2023	Psalms 1:1-6 Matthew 22:34-40	To consider how God's Word (the Bible) affects the way his followers live.
5 November 2023 All Saints' Day	1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	All Saints' Day (1 Nov) All Soul's Day (2 Nov) 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.
12 November 2023 All Saint's Day	1 Thesalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Remembrance Sunday Being prepared – living to tackle injustice/ Preparing for the return of Jesus
19 November 2023	Psalms 90:1-8, 12 Matthew 25:14-30	Everyone has talents to share with others Using what God has given to us faithfully, not just for ourselves but for God and others.
26 November 2023 Christ the King	Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	The importance of loving others, looking to Jesus' example
3 December 2023 Advent starts (Year B)	Mark 13:32-37 1 Corinthians 1:3-9	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

		<p>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; 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 Mark 1:1-8</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>
17 December 2023	<p>Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 John 1:6-8, 19-28</p>	<p>John the Baptist points to Jesus, the light of the world. Bringing justice to our world.</p>
<p>25 Dec 2023</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p>(I know we won't be in school but I'm sure you are having Christmas services)</p>	<p>Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20</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>7 January 2024</p> <p>(Epiphany celebrated on 6 January)</p>	<p>Acts 19:1-12 Mark 1:4-11</p>	<p>The power of the Holy Spirit in a person's life. Baptism and forgiveness Starting something new</p>
14 January 2024	<p>1 Samuel 3:1-10 John 1:43-51</p>	<p>To explore what it means to hear God calling. Listening well to others</p>
21 January 2024	<p>Revelation 19:6-10 John 2:1-11</p>	<p>Jesus' first miracle at a wedding John's vision of heaven as a wedding feast.</p>
28 January 2024	<p>Psalms 111 Mark 1:21-28</p>	<p>Jesus' uniqueness, seen in his powerful teaching and authority over evil.</p> <p>Awe and wonder at the creation</p>
4 February 2024	<p>Colossians 1:15-20 John 1:1-14</p>	<p>Explore what it means that Jesus is the Word of God</p> <p>Identity</p>
<p>18 February 2024</p> <p>First Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22</p>	<p>God keeps his promises</p> <p>Being true to your word</p>
25 February 2024	<p>Genesis 17:1-7,15,16 Romans 4:13-25</p>	<p>God keeps his promises to Abraham</p> <p>God's promise included all people</p>
3 March 2024	<p>Exodus 20:1-17 Psalms 19</p>	<p>Reflect on the wonders of God and the goodness of his guidance for living.</p> <p>Living well with others</p>
<p>10 March 2024</p> <p>Mothering Sunday</p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:20-29 Psalms 127</p>	<p>Giving and receiving with gratitude.</p>
17 March 2024	<p>Jeremiah 31:31-34 John 12:20-33</p>	<p>Jesus chose to suffer and give up his life.</p> <p>Selflessness</p>
<p>24 March 2024</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:5-11 Mark 11:1-11</p>	<p>Jesus' entry into Jerusalem</p> <p>Facing the future with courage</p>
<p>28 March 2024</p> <p>Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>Exodus 12:1-5, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26</p>	<p>The importance of the Passover and Last Supper</p>

29 March 2024 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13- end of ch.53 John 18:1 – 19:42	The suffering and purpose of Jesus' death
31 March 2024 Easter Day	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8	The effect of the resurrection on the first disciples
14 April 2024	Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:36b-48	Understanding how the first disciples talked about the meaning of Jesus' life Fear
21 April 2024	Psalms 23 John 10:11-18	Exploring the image of Jesus as Good Shepherd Caring for others
28 April 2024	1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Exploring the image of Jesus as the true vine and his followers as the branches Fruits and values in your life
5 May 2024 (Ascension Day 9 May 2024)	1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Loved by God The call to love others
12 May 2024	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 John 17:6-19	Exploring how Jesus prayed for his followers Prayer in action.
19 May 2024 Pentecost Whit Sunday	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Acts 2:1-21	The celebration of Pentecost (look at how Pentecost is celebrated by Christians around the world)
2 June 2024	1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalms 139:1-5, 12-18	God cares for you and sees you Valuing each person as God values them
9 June 2024	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 Mark 3:20-35	Making good choices. Doing the right thing/moral courage
16 June 2024	Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15 Mark 4:26-34	God's kingdom grows from small to big, everyone is welcome to join. Inclusivity.
23 June 2024	Job 38:1-11 Mark 4:35-41	Trusting God in times of trouble. Facing troubles in life
30 June 2024	Lamentations 3:22-33 Mark 5:21-43	God is always there Helping those in need
7 July 2024	Ezekiel 2:1-5 Mark 6:1-13	Challenge in bringing God's word to reluctant hearers Perseverance, listening
14 July 2024	Amos 7:7-15 Mark 6:14-29	Personal cost to those who speak God's truth Standing up for what is right
21 July 2024	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	God as shepherd The shepherd as a model leader.

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

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