



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

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.)	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	Suggested hymn or song (Think about the words, can they be sung with integrity?)	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.prayerspacesinschools.com/prayer-spaces-at-home
7 January 2024 (Epiphany celebrated on 6 January)	Acts 19:1-12 On his missionary journey Paul travelled to Ephesus, in Turkey. He met with believers who had experienced John's baptism of repentance. Paul then shared the message about Jesus with them and they were baptised and empowered by the Holy Spirit in their prayers and speaking God's message.	The power of the Holy Spirit in a person's life. Baptism and forgiveness Starting something new	ST – John the Baptist (G3) LS(B) – The Baptism of Christ AT- Forgiveness (G1) People who have done great things to change the lives of others – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord Shaftesbury • Josephine Butler • Sojourner Truth 	Spirit of God as strong as the wind Lord I pray – forgiveness song (Out of the Ark)	Questions: Is there some area of your life you would like to see changed? Who or what empowers you? Do you need to forgive someone or ask for forgiveness for anything? Challenge: Make a positive change this week Prayer: Father God, I am sorry for the things that I have done or said that have hurt other people. Help me to put things right. Thank you that you are a good God

	<p>Mark 1:4-11 Jesus did not need to be baptised as he was sinless. Jesus' baptism marks the start of his ministry. John was sent to call people to repentance and prepare the way for the coming Messiah. All three persons of the Trinity are present at the Baptism. John had baptised in water but Jesus the Messiah would baptise people with the Holy Spirit. .</p>				<p>who forgives everyone who is truly sorry and gives us a fresh start. Amen</p>
<p>14 January 2024</p>	<p>1 Samuel 3:1-10 Samuel's mum had been childless but God answered her prayers and she gave birth to Samuel. She dedicated him to God's work and when he was little he was taken to live at the Tabernacle (tent used for worship) with Eli the priest. It was here that Samuel heard God calling him but does not recognise his voice. Eli recognises that God is speaking to Samuel. John 1:43-51 It is Nathanael's friend, Philip who introduces him to Jesus. Nathanael is open to listen and respond to</p>	<p>To explore what it means to hear God calling. Listening well to others</p>	<p>AT – Nathanael E9 https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3391/the-importance-of-listening Rev Chad Varah – Founder of the Samaritans</p>	<p>I the Lord of sea and sky; Brother, sister, let me serve you; Be still for the presence of the Lord</p>	<p>Questions: How can you be a good listener? What do you do when you really listen to someone? How do you think Christians listen to God? Challenge: Take time to really give someone your full attention this week when they talk to you. Prayer: Father God, help me to hear your voice, this week. Amen</p>

	<p>the words of Jesus. Fig trees were very dense and so you were hidden from sight if you sat under one. The reference to heaven being open and angels ascending and descending refers to a vision that one of the greats of the Old Testament, Jacob had had (Genesis 28:10-22, 35:1-15)</p>				
<p>21 January 2024</p>	<p>Revelation 19:6-10 When Jesus' disciple, John, was an old man and in prison he had a vision of a wonderful celebration in heaven. The imagery is of a wedding feast. The Lamb (Jesus) is wedded to his bride (the Church). John 2:1-11 Jesus' first miracle in John's Gospel is at a wedding where, shamefully, they have run out of wine. Jesus turns the water to wine and reveals something of his divinity. Jews at the time were looking forwards to a time when the Messiah would come and they would celebrate at a banquet in God's presence.</p>	<p>Jesus' first miracle at a wedding John's vision of heaven as a wedding feast.</p>	<p>LS(B) Third Sunday of Epiphany https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3130/a-wedding-reception https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3325/is-there-more-than-this KS3-5</p>	<p>Blessed be your name; The Lord's my shepherd; There's a place where the streets shine;</p>	<p>Questions: Have you ever been to a wedding/ What was the best bit? Why do you think that John describes heaven as a wedding feast? Do you wonder if there is something more than this life? Challenge: Find one thing each day this week that gives you joy. Prayer: Father God, help us to make this world a bit more like heaven on earth. Help us to show kindness to everyone and to find joy in our days. Amen</p>

<p>28 January 2024</p>	<p>Psalm 111 Fear does not mean scared but rather it means to be awed. The Psalm provides reasons to worship God i) he thinks about how great God's works are ii) His covenant love and provision iii) He can be relied on in all he says and does iv) He saves his people</p> <p>Mark 1:21-28 Jesus is seen as unique, with powerful teaching and authority over evil. He is able to free a man from evil and change his life. Everyone present was amazed and in awe. Jesus was showing his divinity as Jews believed that it was only God who had power over evil.</p>	<p>Jesus' uniqueness, seen in his powerful teaching and authority over evil.</p> <p>Awe and wonder at the creation</p>	<p>LS(B) Fourth Sunday of Epiphany ST – The Lavoisiers, order in nature H1 ST – Kathleen Lonsdale, keep wondering H3</p> <p>https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3311/paleys-watch KS3-5</p>	<p>All things bright and beautiful; Think of a world without any flowers;</p>	<p>Questions: What have you seen in nature that makes you go "Wow!"? Have you ever known God's unexpected provision? Have you ever looked at the world and wondered whether there was a Creator?</p> <p>Challenge: Spend a few minutes looking at the natural world. You could look up at the night sky or the clouds or carefully look at the bark on a tree or a leaf. Be still and spend time looking really closely.</p> <p>Prayer: Father God, thank you for your wonderful world. Thank you for the sun, the stars, the beauty of all around us. Help us to look after the world you have made, Amen</p>
<p>4 February 2024</p>	<p>Colossians 1:15-20 One paraphrase of this passage begins, "No one has seen God, but Jesus looks just like him!" Paul writes about how Jesus was present at creation, and he is now the Lord of the new creation in the church.</p> <p>John 1:1-14 Instead of starting his Gospel with the nativity</p>	<p>Explore what it means that Jesus is the Word of God</p> <p>Identity</p>	<p>ST- Who am I? G7 LS(B) Second Sunday before Lent CA – The light of the world</p> <p>https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2635/who-am-i-really (KS3-5)</p> <p>https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/1717/who-am-i-answering-like-jesus-did (KS3-5)</p>	<p>Living Lord; The Church's one foundation; Meekness and Majesty; This little light of mine; There's a light;</p>	<p>Questions: What three words would you like someone to use to describe you?</p> <p>Who do you believe Jesus was? Why?</p> <p>Challenge: Read a story about the life of Jesus (you could read something from Mark's Gospel https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+2&version=GNT. What do you notice about what Jesus is like?)</p> <p>Prayer: Lord God, you know what it is like to live on earth. Thank you that you are not</p>

	<p>story, John goes further back, beyond time. Jesus is the Word, God. He is light and life, God became flesh and shared human life, bringing God's grace and truth.</p>			<p>Bread of heaven (you are the living Word)</p>	<p>far away but understand all that we go through in our lives and that you care for us. Amen</p>
<p>18 February 2024</p> <p>First Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Genesis 9:8-17 After the flood God made a Covenant promise with Noah and the whole of creation that had survived. God's covenant promise is never to destroy the earth again with water and the sign of this promise is the rainbow.</p> <p>1 Peter 3:18-22 Peter was writing to Christians who were being persecuted. He reminds them that through Jesus' death on the cross they have been saved from their sins. Traditional Christian teaching is that in between the day that Jesus was crucified and his resurrection he went and preached the Good News to those who had died in the past, giving them an opportunity to respond to the message. Noah and his family had been saved</p>	<p>God keeps his promises</p> <p>Being true to your word</p>	<p>AT – Promises C8 LS(B) – First Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Amazing grace; Great is your faithfulness; Peace to you; God has promised (Can you be sure); Who put the colours in the rainbow?</p>	<p>Questions: What promises do you make? Do you always keep your promises? Why did God make a promise with Noah? How do you feel when you see a rainbow?</p> <p>Challenge: Promise to do a kind act this week and keep your promise.</p> <p>Prayer: Father God, thank you that you always keep your promises and that we can always rely on you. Amen</p>

	<p>by water in the ark. Baptism in water, as a symbol of God's grace, points to God's promise of ultimate salvation. The resurrected Jesus is a sign of this promise, an even better sign than a rainbow.</p>				
<p>25 February 2024</p>	<p>Genesis 17:1-7,15,16 (Abraham was promised he would be the father of a great nation and yet he and his elderly wife were childless.) God confirmed his repeated promises to Abraham and expands upon them. Their relationship is based upon promise, not what Abraham can do for God but what God has promised Abraham. All Abraham has to do is believe. (Note: for Muslim students Abraham is known as the Prophet Ibrahim and Hagar and Ismail are the important figures rather than Sarah and Isaac, as in the Judeo-Christian narrative.)</p> <p>Romans 4:13-25 Paul is writing to the Christians in Rome. In the previous three</p>	<p>God keeps his promises to Abraham</p> <p>God's promise included all people</p>	<p>LS(B) – Second Sunday of Lent https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2971/sand-and-stars</p>	<p>Father God I wonder; Father I place into your hands; God has promised (Can you be sure);</p>	<p>Questions: Have you ever looked forwards to something and then been surprised that the reality was much better than you'd been expecting? How did you feel?</p> <p>Challenge: Include a person in your games or at break time that you aren't usually friends with.</p> <p>Prayer: Father God, thank you that you welcome everyone to be a friend of God. Help us to show that same welcome to everyone. Amen</p>

	<p>chapters he had shown that God doesn't prefer one people group over another. Some people had thought that by following all the Old Testament laws they could make themselves right with God. Paul says this is not the case and he gives the example of Abraham, who had lived hundreds of years before the Law was given to Moses. God was pleased with Abraham because Abraham trusted in Him. Abraham's descendants are those who trust in God too.</p>				
<p>3 March 2024</p>	<p>Exodus 20:1-17 After Moses had led the Hebrews out of slavery in Egypt they go through a number of events until they reach Mount Sinai where Moses receives God's Law. This passage is referred to as the Ten Commandments but the following chapters contain many more laws. The first four laws are about the people's relationship with God and the final six about their relationships with each</p>	<p>Reflect on the wonders of God and the goodness of his guidance for living.</p> <p>Living well with others</p>	<p>36RTR – God gives humans rules to live by https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2935/people-from-the-bible-moses-and-the-ten-commandments KS1-2 https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3422/thats-an-order KS3-5 https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2641/funny-laws KS3-5</p>	<p>Amazing grace; Great is your faithfulness;</p>	<p>Questions: Why do you think God gave people rules to live by? Do you think people need rules? Why/why not?</p> <p>Challenge: When you are in a tricky situation this week and are not sure what to do, stop and think about how God might want you to act.</p> <p>Prayer: Father God, help me to live today as you would want me to. Amen</p>







	<p>other. Obeying the Law does not make them God's people but keeping them are signs that they are.</p> <p>Psalm 19 The Psalmist rejoices in God's law. Some knowledge of God is found by looking at creation but further knowledge of God and his ways are found in his word. The law is not to be a burden because it brings knowledge of God, joy, truth and guides people into living well.</p>				
<p>10 March 2024</p> <p>Mothering Sunday</p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:20-29 Hannah had been childless and in society at that time it brought shame as well as sadness. God answers her prayers for a child and she gave birth to a son, Samuel. In her gratitude to God, Hannah dedicated Samuel to God's service and she sends him to serve God at the Tabernacle with Eli the priest.</p> <p>Psalm 127 The Psalmist says that God is the source of well-being. It is no good excessively working and worrying.</p>	<p>Giving and receiving with gratitude.</p>	<p>SpT – Mothering Sunday L6 LS(B) – Mothering Sunday CWPS – Mother's Day, mums and carers</p> <p>https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3291/being-thoughtful KS1-2</p> <p>https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/1446/well-done-mum-mothering-sunday KS3-5</p>	<p>For the beauty of the earth; Father God, I wonder; Give thanks to the Lord, our God and king;</p>	<p>Questions: How does it feel when someone says 'thank you' to you? Have you ever given someone a gift as a thank you? What did you give? Why? Do you ever say thank you to God? Why? Why not?</p> <p>Challenge: Send a thank you card or message to someone this week.</p> <p>Prayer: Father God, thank you for the people in my life who encourage me and care for me. Amen</p>

	God is the one who gives good things to people.				
17 March 2024	<p>Jeremiah 31:31-34 Jeremiah is known as the weeping prophet because he told his people that as a result of their continual disobedience and lack of trust in God that they would be taken into exile. However, there is hope of a new Covenant. God would focus on each person's response to God and there would be forgiveness of sins.</p> <p>John 12:20-33 Jesus makes the way for this new Covenant through his death on the cross. He makes many predictions of his death to his disciples but they frequently don't understand. In this passage he speaks of himself as a seed falling to the ground and dying but in this process it brings new life. He also speaks of being lifted up, referring to the crucifixion.</p>	<p>Jesus chose to suffer and give up his life.</p> <p>Self-lessness</p>	<p>LS(B) – Fifth Sunday of Lent</p> <p>The example of: Benjamin Keefe Clark – a chef who saved others in 9/11 Maximillian Kolbe - Auschwitz The village of Eyam – during the Black Death</p>	<p>Make me a channel of your peace; Cross over the road my friend;</p>	<p>Questions: When was the last time you did something that was self-less? Something that was good for another person or more but cost you something either in time, money or energy? How did it make you feel?</p> <p>What do you think inspires others to act selflessly?</p> <p>Challenge: Do a self-less (kind) act this week, where there is no chance that someone will pay you back.</p> <p>Prayer: Father God, thank you for your goodness to us (think of all the good things in your life). Amen</p>
24 March 2024	<p>Isaiah 50:5-11 Isaiah prophesied about the coming Servant-Messiah who</p>	<p>Jesus' entry into Jerusalem</p>	<p>https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/ Search: Palm Sunday; Easter series</p>	<p>Hosanna, hosanna; Trotting, trotting,</p>	<p>Questions: When have you had to be courageous? What or who gave you strength at that time?</p>

Palm Sunday	<p>would be beaten and abused. The servant sets his face like flint – showing he is determined to fulfil all God has planned for him, even though he knows it will be difficult and painful.</p> <p>Mark 11:1-11 Jesus' entry into Jerusalem marks the start of Holy week which will culminate in his crucifixion. The crowd shout in praise as Jesus enters the city and he appears to fulfil the prophecies of the long-awaited Messiah. However, his arrival on a donkey shows that he will not be a military leader who will overthrow the Romans. Instead he shows himself to be a humble and gentle Messiah. His kingdom is not an earthly one.</p>	Facing the future with courage	<p>SpT – Palm Sunday L7 LS(B) – Palm Sunday SpT – Major Chris Keeble (I2)</p> <p>See Palm Sunday in Mozambique and Angola ALMA (The Diocese of London and the Anglican churches in Mozambique are in partnership with each other)</p>	through Jerusalem; Ride on, ride on in majesty; Make way, make way.	<p>How did you cope under pressure? Do you think trusting in God helps people who are facing uncertainty? Why or why not?</p> <p>Challenge: Make a list of three things you can do that help you when things are difficult.</p> <p>Prayer: Thank you, Lord, that when life is scary, you are in control. Amen</p>
28 March 2024 Maundy Thursday	<p>Exodus 12:1-5, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26</p>	The importance of the Passover and Last Supper	<p>SpT – Maundy Thursday L7 SpT -The Last Supper B9 36RTR – Jesus explains his death Invite local clergy to explain the significance of the Last Supper to Christians and how Jesus' words are remembered in the Eucharist.</p>	Bread of heaven (you are the living Word)	<p>Questions: Have you ever been to a Eucharist? What do you remember about the service? What events do you like to remember in your household?</p>
29 March 2024 Good Friday	<p>Isaiah 52:13- end of ch.53 Isaiah words in these chapters are seen as</p>	The suffering and purpose of Jesus' death	<p>SpT – Good Friday L9 CA – Good Friday: the Holly 36RTR – Jesus dies</p>	When I survey the wondrous cross;	<p>Questions: What is good about Good Friday?</p>

	<p>prophesies about God's servant who would be rejected and suffer John 18:1 – 19:42 John's account of the death of Jesus</p>		<p>Invite local clergy or a church youth worker to explain why they think Good Friday was good.</p>	<p>There is a green hill far away; Were you there?</p>	<p>Why do you think Christians call the day they remember that Jesus died 'Good Friday?'</p> <p>Prayer:</p>
<p>31 March 2024 Easter Day</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Paul is writing to Christians in Corinth to tell them about the events of the resurrection. Paul's letter was written before the Gospel accounts. Mark 16:1-8 Mark's Gospel account of the resurrection. Mark was the first to write his account. It is believed that he relied on Peter as an eye-witness.</p>	<p>The effect of the resurrection on the first disciples</p>	<p>SpT - Easter Sunday L10 ST – A cross and a cave G10 CA – Easter in Cyprus CA – Easter in Zaire CA – Easter Sunday, the orange LS(B) – Easter 36RTR – God shows his power over death See Easter in Mozambique and Angola ALMA (The Diocese of London and the Anglican churches in Mozambique are in partnership with each other)</p>	<p>Thine be the glory; Low in the grave he lay Out of the Ark – Easter songs</p>	<p>Questions: What impact did Jesus' resurrection have on the disciples?</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>
CWPS	JAEGER, H. <i>Collective Worship for Primary Schools</i>
36 RTR	LINGS, H. <i>36 Ready-to-read assemblies for collective worship</i>
LS(B)	SAYERS, S. <i>Living Stones Year B: Rocks</i>

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