



Values for Worship

Values are principles or convictions that act as a guide to behaviour. As a school with a Church Foundation, we have a particular responsibility to ground our values in the Christian faith. Whilst our Collective Worship will strive to be distinctively Christian, we also wish to remain explicitly open to think about how Christian values are reflected in both other faiths and secular society. Christian values can be shared values: they are often not exclusive ones.

Following a consultation with children, parents (including Governors), staff and the congregation of St Mary's Church, during which many values were discussed and suggested, we have decided to focus on twelve values as themes for Collective Worship from September 2014. Each will be considered for one term during the two year cycle.

Even when we share the same values, we may apply them differently in concrete situations as we seek to balance different values against each other. Our aim is that through Worship, reflection, and explicit modelling, discussion and exploration as part of our whole curriculum, these values will become integral to the spiritual fabric of the St Mary's Church of England Primary School community. Through teaching and learning, pupils will be helped to grapple with controversial issues and challenged to find ways of establishing commonality and harmony for living together well.

Our Twelve Values are:

- Courage
- Trust
- Thankfulness
- Compassion
- Friendship
- Hope
- Truthfulness
- Humility
- Generosity
- Respect and Reverence
- Perseverance
- Responsibility

Additional Reading:

Collective Worship Policy (adopted July 2014)