



Where?

- School hall
- In the classroom
- St Andrew's church
- Anywhere!

Why do we do it?

- Central to the Christian ethos of the school
- To uphold our school Vision and Values
- Inspire children to think, question and reflect on faith
- To instill Jesus's teaching of love, kindness and compassion
- To allow the spiritual development of everyone to flourish

What is it?

- A sacred time that is invitational, inspiring and inclusive to all faiths
- An opportunity to hear God's word and to understand Christianity
- Takes place every day
- Different to Religious Education
- A separate time to normal teaching with emphasis on personal reflection and growth
- No tests or formal assessment

What happens?

- Listening to passages from the Bible and exploring their meaning and messages
- Celebrating Christian festivals (e.g. Christmas, Easter)
- Hearing about other religious festivals (e.g. Divali, Hannukah)
- 'Awe and Wonder' moments
- Discussing the Big Questions
- Opportunity to think about our actions and decisions
- Singing hymns and worship songs
- Time for prayer and reflection
- Recognising our achievements
- Reflecting on and giving thanks for our learning this week



Collective Worship at Sonning Church of England Primary School

Who leads it?

- School staff
- Clergy from St Andrew's church
- Pupils
- Visitors (including leaders of other faiths)

What is the impact to the children?

- Children make better life choices
- Pupils develop their own faith, spirituality or sense of self
- Children are mindful of themselves and others
- Pupils show respect and tolerance for all faiths and beliefs, including those with no faith
- Confidence to ask and challenge ideas
- Being grateful and enjoying life in all its fullness

Our vision is to equip our children with the skills they need to make positive choices in everything they do. Like the wise man who built his house upon the rock (Matthew 7: 24-25), we follow our Christian values of Love, Courage, Respect, Aspiration and Curiosity to build strong foundations for the years ahead.

**Parents have the right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship and should speak to the Headteacher to discuss this.*