



Collective Worship

Support for planning themes 2026-2027



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Introduction

This document has been written to support schools in planning collective worship for the school year 2026-27. The Diocese of York Education Team has produced a calendar of events that schools can select from to weave into the collective worship plan for the year. There is a particular focus on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice and we encourage all diocesan schools to consider how these themes are woven through collective worship. We have also included the journey through the church year within this and signposted to additional resources that might be helpful. Schools should consider their school vision and context when selecting and adapting the resources shared.

Collective Worship – Seasons of the Church Year



Ordinary Time	26 May 2025 – 22 Nov 2025	Green
Christ the King	23 Nov 2025 – 29 Nov 2025	White
Advent	30 Nov 2025 – 24 Dec 2025	Purple
Christmas & Epiphany	25 Dec 2025 – 7 Feb 2026	White or Gold
After Epiphany	8 Feb 2026 – 21 Feb 2026	Green
Lent	22 Feb 2026 – 4 April 2026	Purple
Eastertide	5 April 2026 – 23 May 2026	White or Gold
Pentecost	24 May 2026	Red
Ordinary time	31 May 2026 – 21 Nov 2026	Green
Christ the King	22 Nov 2026 – 28 Nov 2026	White
Saints Days	St David – March 1, St Patrick – March 17, St George – April 23, St Andrew – Nov 30	Red

[Seasons of the Church Year - Imaginor](#) provide a helpful resource showing the dates and colours of the church year. November 2026 to November 2027 will be published on their website in the Autumn term. Schools may find it helpful to use this pattern of the church year to structure collective worship, ensuring a focus to the theologically rooted Christian vision of the school and its Anglican foundation.

Collective Worship – calendar of events 2026-27

Month	Events	dates	Links and notes (some will need to be adapted for church school collective worship)
September	International Day of Charity Education Sunday Fairtrade Fortnight International Day of Peace	5 th September 2026 8 th September 2026 21 st September -4 th October 2026 21 st September 2026	Education Sunday Education Sunday – Churches Together in England (cte.org.uk) Fairtrade Schools Assembly plans - Fairtrade Schools Christian Aid Fairtrade Fair trade assemblies Christian Aid International Day of Peace What Can You Do International Day of Peace
October	Harvest Black History Month St Francis Day World Homeless Day World Food day Anti-Slavery Day United Nations Day	No fixed date, link with local church 1 st -31 st October 2026 4 th October 2026 10 th October 2026 16 th October 2026 18 th October 2026 24 th October 2026	Christian Aid Harvest Harvest school resources Christian Aid CEEEO resources for Harvest I am a School Leader The Church of England Racial Justice resources Racial Justice Collective Worship Plans - The Diocese of St Albans (stalbandsdiocese.org) CEEEO resources Black History Month Collective Worship - Foundation For Educational Leadership Anti-Slavery: Schools could explore local links such as William Wilberforce, CEEEO Secondary resources I am a School Leader The Church of England
November	All Saints Day All Souls Day Remembrance Sunday Remembrance day St Martins Day UN Climate Change Conference Anti-bullying week Christ the King St Andrews Day Advent	1 st November 2026 2 nd November 2026 8 th November 2026 11 th November 2026 11 th November 2026 9 th – 20 th November 2025 10 th -14 th November 2026 22 nd November 2026 30 th November 2026 Begins 29 th November 2026	Diocese of Guildford remembrance Remembrance - Diocese of Guildford (cofeguildford.org.uk) Christian Aid conflict and peace resources Conflict and peace assemblies Christian Aid Remembrance prayer stations Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools Christian Aid Climate resources School Assemblies Christian Aid Environment prayer stations Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools CEEEO Anti-Bullying resources I am a School Leader The Church of England Diocese of York Advent and Jesse Tree resources Collective Worship Resources - Diocese of York
December	Christingle Advent and Christmas St Stephen's Day	No fixed date, link with local church 25 th December 2026 26 th December 2026	CEEEO resources for Advent and Christmas I am a School Leader The Church of England Advent and Christmas Prayer Stations Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools
January	Epiphany Martin Luther King Day Holocaust Memorial Day	6 th January 2027 18 th January 2027 27 th January 2027	Christian Aid Christmas and Epiphany Christmas & Epiphany Collective Worship - Christian Aid Christian Aid Martin Luther King Inspiring people Christian Aid CEEEO resources Holocaust Memorial Day Collective Worship - Foundation For Educational Leadership

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February	<p>St Brigid's Day Candlemas Rosa Parks Day Shrove Tuesday Ash Wednesday Lent Children's Mental Health Week St Valentines Day</p>	<p>1st February 2027 2nd February 2027 4th February 2027 9th February 2027 10th February 2027 Begins 10th February 2027 9th -15^h February 2027 14th February 2027</p>	<p>Children's Mental Health Week Schools - Children's Mental Health Week (childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk) Mental Health prayer stations Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools CEEO resources for Lent I am a School Leader The Church of England Christian Aid Lent and Easter resources Lent and Easter schools resources Christian Aid</p>
March	<p>St Davids Day World Book Day Mothering Sunday International Women's' Day St Patricks Day Palm Sunday Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Day</p>	<p>1st March 2027 4th March 2027 7th March 2027 8th March 2027 17th March 2027 21st March 2027 25th March 2027 26th March 2027 28th March 2027</p>	<p>Diocese of York Holy week and Easter resources Collective Worship Resources - Diocese of York CEEO resources for Easter I am a School Leader The Church of England Christian Aid Lent and Easter resources Lent and Easter schools resources Christian Aid</p>
April	<p>Earth Day St George's Day</p>	<p>22nd April 2027 23rd April 2027</p>	<p>Christian Aid climate resources School Assemblies Christian Aid Environment prayer stations Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools</p>
May	<p>Ascension Day Christian Aid Week Rogation Sunday Pentecost Trinity Sunday Exams season begins</p>	<p>6th May 2027 9th – 15th May 2027 16th May 2027 16th May 2027 23rd May 2027</p>	<p>Christian Aid Week Christian Aid Week School Resources Christian Aid Prayer Spaces resources for Christian Aid week Prayer Spaces in Schools resources Christian Aid Mental Health prayer stations Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools CEEO Pentecost resources I am a School Leader The Church of England</p>
June	<p>Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History Month World Environment Day Father's Day Refugee week and Day of Welcome World Refugee Day Windrush Day</p>	<p>Begins 1st June 2027 5th June 2027 20th June 2027 tbc 20th June 22nd June 2027</p>	<p>CEEO resources GRT Month Collective Worship - Foundation For Educational Leadership Christian Aid Refugees resources Refugees assemblies Christian Aid CAFOD refugee week resources Refugee resources for primary schools CEEO refugees resources https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/faithathome-refugees-final.pdf Christian Aid climate resources School Assemblies Christian Aid CEEO climate resources I am a School Leader The Church of England Environment prayer stations Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools</p>

July	South Asian Heritage Month Transition and Leavers Services	1 st -31 st July 2027	Resources - South Asian Heritage Trust Scripture Union Its Your Move It's Your Move Scripture Union Transition prayer stations Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools Diocesan leavers service resources Collective Worship Resources - Diocese of York
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