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Week Beginning (colour is for that Sunday in church)	<b>Reading(s)</b> (Taken from the Lectionary for the Sunday of that week)	<b>Theme</b> (The current SIAMS framework has a greater focus on theology.)	<b>Suggestions for act of c/w</b>  (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) <b>Invitational; Inclusive; Inspiring; Impact</b>	<b>Suggested hymn or song</b> (Think about the words, can they be sung with integrity?)	<b>Questions to take home: Growing Faith</b> (perhaps they can be included in a weekly newsletter or on your website) Also: See suggested resource - <a href="https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/prayer-spaces-at-home">https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/prayer-spaces-at-home</a>
2 September 2024	<b>James 1:17-27</b> The readings over the next few weeks focus on the letter of James. This James is probably the half-brother of Jesus and leader of the church in Jerusalem. The letter is full of practical advice on living out the Christian faith as individuals and as a community. In this reading James challenges his readers to make sure that how they live matches what they say they believe.	Honouring God in thoughts, words and actions.  Living well together, speaking kindly and caring for others.	CWPS – Being good listeners (5) CWPS – Being kind to each other (8)  Primary: <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3632/having-a-fr-ish-start">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3632/having-a-fr-ish-start</a> (will need a bit of adaption for time of year)  Secondary: The Corrymeela Community, Northern Ireland <i>'Together is better'</i> <a href="https://www.corrymeela.org/about/our-history">https://www.corrymeela.org/about/our-history</a>	We're walking (marching) in the light of God; I want to serve the purpose of God; Thank you Lord for this fine day; Send us on (Big start assemblies)	<b>Questions:</b> Who do you know that is trustworthy, whose words and actions match up?  Have you ever said one thing and then done something else? How did it make you feel? Did it affect other people?  Would someone know what you believed by your actions?  Do you think actions speak louder than words? Why? Or why not? <b>Challenge:</b> Say something kind to someone every day this week.  <b>Prayer:</b>

	<p><b>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</b> The Pharisees (religious leaders) had made lots of rules about how to stay ceremonially clean but Jesus says it is not enough to be clean on the outside. People need to be transformed on the inside. What is on the inside of a person is shown in how they conduct their life.</p>				<p>Lord God, thank you for the people in my life that I can trust on. Help me to live a life where my words and actions are both good and trustworthy. Amen</p>
<p>9 September 2024</p>	<p><b>James 2:1-10, 14-17</b> James gives two practical examples of loving others. He challenges discrimination based on how people look and their level of wealth. Words are not enough to challenge injustice, there must also be action.</p> <p><b>Mark 7: 24-37</b> These are two accounts of Jesus meeting with people who would have been viewed as outsiders, the Syro-Phonician woman, because she was a Gentile and the deaf and mute boy, because of his disability.</p>	<p>Loving others  Discrimination Justice</p>	<p>ST- Trade Justice (D10) CWPS – Caring for each other (13)</p> <p>Secondary – Unconscious bias/Judging others by their appearance Taking a stand against injustice – The work of Traidcraft /Fair Trade <a href="https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/what-is-fair-trade">https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/what-is-fair-trade</a></p>	<p>Brother, sister, let me serve you; Make me a channel of your peace; When I needed a neighbour; Ready to go (Big start assemblies)</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b> Have you ever made a snap judgement about someone and then found out you were wrong? What happened?</p> <p>Do you know what the Fair-Trade symbol looks like?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Buy a fair-trade product this week.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Almighty God, I thank you that you love me. Help me to love all people too and treat them with the fairness that I would like to be shown, Amen.</p>

	<p>Jesus shows his unconditional love and meets their needs.</p>				
<p>16 September 2024</p>	<p><b>James 3: 1-12</b> The tongue is a small part of the human body but has power to be used for good and bad, through the words we speak. James likens it to two other small and powerful things; the bit to control a horse and the rudder to steer a ship.</p> <p><b>Mark 8:27-38</b> In this passage, Peter is praised by Jesus for recognising who Jesus is, the Messiah, But, within the next few sentences Peter then speaks in error when he tries to dissuade Jesus from travelling to Jerusalem to fulfil God's purpose.</p>	<p>To consider how we speak to others. The power of the tongue – the words we speak.</p>	<p>Primary/Secondary: <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/581/watch-your-tongue">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/581/watch-your-tongue</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/286/aerosol-athletics">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/286/aerosol-athletics</a></p> <p>Secondary: <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2782/voices-part-1--what-is-a-voice">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2782/voices-part-1--what-is-a-voice</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3702/who-do-you-think-i-am">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3702/who-do-you-think-i-am</a></p>	<p>May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart; Lord you put a tongue in my mouth and I want to sing;</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b> Do you agree with the saying that “sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me?” Why or why not?</p> <p>When someone annoys you or says something mean to you, what do you do or remember, to help you not retaliate with mean words?</p> <p>Have you ever prayed that God would help you to say the right thing? What happened?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Who could you encourage with some kind words this week? Think about how words that you use on social media/texts/dms can hurt or encourage others.</p> <p><b>Pray:</b> Father God, I pray that you would forgive me for the times that I have hurt other people with my words. Help me to bless others with the words I speak and write. Amen</p>
<p>23 September 2024</p>	<p><b>James 3:13-4:3,7-8</b> Wisdom is not to be confused with intelligence, such as doing well at tests or exams. Wisdom is found in humility, it brings peace and is able to transform relationships and communities. This</p>	<p>Wisdom and humility</p>	<p>ST – The quiz (F9) 36 RTR – Watch your words</p> <p><a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/320/who-is-the-greatest">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/320/who-is-the-greatest</a></p> <p>Secondary: Bukayo Saka known for his humility (Google ‘humble Saka’ for lots of examples)</p>	<p>From heaven you came (The servant king); Brother, sister let me serve you; When I needed a neighbour; Make me a</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b> What do you think is better to be wise or to be clever? Why?</p> <p>What’s the wisest thing you have ever done or said?</p> <p>Who is the wisest person you know? What is it about them that makes you think they are wise?</p>

	<p>wisdom is available to anyone who asks God for it.</p> <p><b>Mark 9:30-37</b>          Jesus' disciples are not really listening as he tells them about his death and resurrection; they are arguing about who is the greatest. Jesus explains that in God's kingdom, the greatest is the least, taking the role of a servant, the very opposite of the world's view of greatness.</p>			<p>channel of your peace;          Give, give, give (Big start assemblies);          Humble King (Brenton Brown)</p>	<p>Have you ever asked God to help you make a wise decision or help you be wise in what you say?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b>          How could you serve someone this week? Take their tray back at lunch? Wash up or load the dishwasher? Help carry a shopping bag or put away groceries?</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b>          Lord God, you have promised wisdom to anyone who asks for it. I ask for wisdom this week in what I say and do, Amen.</p>
<p>30 September 2024</p>	<p><b>James 5:13-20</b>          The Bible teaches that people were not created to live in isolation and independence. James teaches the Christian community to support each other in prayer, accountability and loving guidance.</p> <p><b>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29</b>          After leaving Egypt Moses led God's people. During their time in the dessert, the people started moaning. Moses felt overwhelmed as a leader. The solution was to share out the pressure and</p>	<p>We need each other, valuing the gifts each person brings.</p> <p>Teamwork</p>	<p>Primary:  <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3792/euro-2020-sticking-together-in-tough-times">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3792/euro-2020-sticking-together-in-tough-times</a>  <a href="#">SPCK Assemblies - Building Up Others</a></p> <p>Secondary:  <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3791/euro-2020-the-power-of-resilience-and-community">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3791/euro-2020-the-power-of-resilience-and-community</a>  <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3284/koinonia">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3284/koinonia</a>          (ubuntu)</p>	<p>Send us on (Big start assemblies)          Let there be love shared among us;          Ready to go (Big start assemblies)          A new commandment I give unto you;          Brother, sister let me serve you;          Love the Lord your God (out of the Ark)</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b>          Have you ever tried to do something by yourself and realised you need the help of others? What happened?          How do you feel when your friends help you and you work together on something?          Who are your best friends? What do you value most about them?          Who are the people who help or could help you grow in your faith?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b>          Help someone who is having a tough time. Invite someone to join you at lunchtime if they are on their own.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b></p>

	responsibility amongst others.				<p>Father God, I pray for _____ who is having a tough time at the moment. Help me to be a good friend to them, Amen.</p> <p>Father God, I am having a tough time at the moment. I pray that you would bring friends around me to help me. Amen</p>
7 October 2024	<p><b>Genesis 2:18-24</b> In this creation story Adam is alone with all the creatures of the world but there is no one equal to him. God then makes another human, Eve, to partner with him in creation.</p> <p><b>Psalms 8</b> The writer of this song of praise, is amazed at the honour that is given to human beings by God, especially as he stands in awe at the rest of God's wonderful creation.</p>	<p>Humans as the pinnacle of God's creation.</p> <p>The wonder of you!</p>	<p>AT – Value (A4) SpT – Ammas and Abbas (J1) 36 RTR – God intends us to be here <a href="#">SPCK Assemblies - Being Different Is Good</a> (swap out the verses from Romans for the readings from Genesis or Psalm 8)</p> <p><a href="#">SPCK Assemblies - Wonderfully Made!</a></p> <p>Secondary: <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2029/how-do-we-measure-a-human">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2029/how-do-we-measure-a-human</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2524/being-myself">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2524/being-myself</a></p>	<p>Ready to go (Big start assemblies) There are hundreds of sparrows;</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b> What's the best thing about you?</p> <p>What's the best thing about being human?</p> <p>Do you think a human life is worth more than an animal's? Why or why not?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Give a genuine compliment to someone, not about their looks, but about their character or skills.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Almighty God, I thank you that you know everything about me and love me and care for me. Amen</p>
14 October 2024	<p><b>Amos 5:6-7, 10-15</b> Amos was a prophet to the nation of Israel sometime around 760-750BC. He urged Israel's leaders to pay attention to the needs of the poor and to act with justice. If they did not turn back to</p>	<p>The cost of following God.</p> <p>Justice for the poor.</p>	<p>36 RTR – Humans fail to live up to God's standards <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/237/its-just-not-fair">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/237/its-just-not-fair</a></p> <p>Google: The story of Tom Monaghan, the founder of Dominoes Pizza, who became a Christian, sold his business and gave away millions in charitable causes.</p>	<p>Beauty for brokenness (Graham Kendrick); When I needed a neighbour; Stand up (Big start assemblies); Cross over the road my friend</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b> What or who are the most important things in your life?</p> <p>What takes up most of your free time?</p> <p>Have you ever done anything to help or be generous to others? What did you do?</p> <p>Do you think that money or things can be a barrier to knowing God or caring about other people? Why or why not?</p>

	<p>God's ways they would face the consequences of their actions. God's love has to be expressed in love and concern for the poor and oppressed.</p> <p><b>Mark 10:17-31</b> In this story the man who meets Jesus appears to be interested in seeking God. He can answer in the affirmative to categories of the Law that focus upon actions rather than attitudes of the heart. When he is challenged about real devotion and sacrifice, putting God above his wealth, he cannot rise to meet the challenge.</p>				<p><b>Challenge:</b> Be generous this week, with your time, attention, or your things. Could you donate something to charity or give up your time to help someone?</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Lord God, thank you for all you have given me. Help me to be generous with all that I have. Amen.</p>
<p>21 October 2024</p>	<p><b>Hebrews 5:1-10</b> In this passage Jesus is portrayed as the great High Priest. Since the time of Moses, the Jews had a human High Priest who had to make offerings for their own sins as well as those of the people. Jesus is the ultimate High Priest, because although he was human, he was without sin. Many</p>	<p>Servant leaders</p>	<p>Invite someone in from your local church to talk about how the church serves the community and why.</p> <p>Look for stories of those who serve others:</p> <p>(The honours system for service: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/honours">https://www.gov.uk/honours</a>)</p> <p>Example: NHS workers during the pandemic</p>	<p>Be thou my vision; From heaven you came (servant king); Brother, sister let me serve you; Give, give, give (Big start assemblies); Send us on (Big start assemblies)</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b> When was the last time you asked for something important?</p> <p>Do you think it is ok to ask God for things? Do you think he answers?</p> <p>How could you put someone before yourself this week?</p> <p>Who are the people who give their time to you or help you? How could you thank them?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b></p>

	<p>people think verses 7-8 refer to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, the night before his crucifixion. This is the ultimate test of submitting to the will of God. Melchizedek is a mysterious Old Testament figure, who is a priest and king who accepts Abraham's offering and blesses him.</p> <p><b>Mark 10:35-45</b> James and John make a ridiculous request which shows they have not understood what Jesus has been teaching them about servant leadership.</p>				<p>Put someone before yourself this week.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Loving Father God, thank you for those people who serve us in many ways. Thank you especially for _____. Help me to serve others too. Amen</p>
<p>4 November 2024 All Saints' Day 1 November</p>	<p><b>Revelation 21:1-6a</b> The apostle John, had a vision of the new heaven and earth when God's reign is complete and there will be no sadness, tears or death.</p> <p><b>John 11:32-44</b> Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead. Jesus points to his own resurrection, he is the one who can offer eternal life.</p>	<p>Hope and eternal life.</p>	<p>AT – All Hallows' Eve (D3) AT – All Saint' Day (D4) AT – All Souls' Day (D5) 36 RTR – John sees the end of time</p> <p><a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/388/love-is-stronger-than-death">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/388/love-is-stronger-than-death</a></p> <p>Secomdary <a href="#">SPCK Assemblies - Standing up for the truth: All Saints' Day (1 November)</a></p> <p><a href="#">SPCK Assemblies - Influencers</a></p>	<p>I am a new creation; Come on and celebrate; It's a new day, there's hope;</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p>Do you ever think about dying and what happens after you die?</p> <p>How do you feel about this?</p> <p>What do you believe happens when you die?</p> <p>What do you think about Jesus' claim to offer eternal life and John's vision of a time without sadness, tears and death?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Comfort/ be kind to someone who is feeling sad this week.</p>

					<p><b>Prayer:</b> Heavenly Father, we look forwards to a time when there will be no more sadness, tears or death. Help us to be kind this week. Amen.</p>
<p>11 November 2024 Remembrance Day</p>	<p><b>Hebrews 9:24-28</b> The book of Hebrews was written to Jewish Christians who would have been familiar with the annual Jewish festival of the Day of Atonement. On this day the high priest went into the inner part of the Temple to offer an animal sacrifice to pay for all the sins of the people. Jesus' death (sacrifice) on the cross is all that is needed to take away sins. The annual sacrifice by the priest is like a shadow in comparison to the sacrifice on the cross made by Jesus.</p> <p><b>Mark 1:14-20</b> The first disciples that Jesus called were fishermen. They responded to the call of Jesus, leaving everything to follow him.</p>	<p>Jesus as priest and sacrifice.</p> <p>Repentance – putting right those things we are sorry about and starting afresh.</p> <p>(Atonement, At-one-ment, the belief that people are separated from God by sin, atonement works to restore the relationship between people and God)</p>	<p>CWPS – Saying goodbye (39) 36 RTR – Jesus choses people to help him <a href="#">SPCK Assemblies - Pause for Thought: Memorials</a> <a href="#">SPCK Assemblies - Poppies and Remembering</a></p> <p>Secondary: Remembrance – Sacrifice Noel Chavasse- <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3226/two-victoria-crosses---without-firing-a-shot">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3226/two-victoria-crosses---without-firing-a-shot</a></p> <p>Edith Cavell - <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/1952/who-are-the-heroes">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/1952/who-are-the-heroes</a></p>	<p>It's a new day (Big start assemblies); Father hear the prayer we offer;</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b> When was the last time you said sorry? How did you feel before and after?  Have you ever had to say sorry and then try to put something right? What happened? When was the last time you forgave someone who wronged you? Did you find it easy or difficult? Why?  Have you ever made a fresh start at something? What did you do?  If God offered you a fresh start would you accept?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Buy a poppy this week. Red poppies are for remembrance and support families and service personnel who have been injured or suffered loss. White poppies are to support work for peace.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Lord God, we pray for peace in our world. May we be peacemakers in our communities. Thank you for the fresh start that you offer us. Amen.</p>



18 Nov 2024

**Hebrews**

**10:11-14, 19-25**

The sacrifice made by the priest on the Day of Atonement needed to be made every year but Jesus' death meant that it was no longer needed, his sacrifice was enough. He could now sit down, a sign that the work was finished. In the light of this believers can confidently approach God and this will have an effect on their relationships with others, spurring each other on to love and good deeds.

**Mark 13:1-8**

The disciples had looked in awe at the Temple buildings that had been completed by Herod the Great, but Jesus predicted that they would be destroyed (the Romans did this in the year 70CE). Jesus warned the disciples of coming turmoil when the familiar and 'safe' would be destroyed. However, there is hope in the turmoil

Jesus' death on the cross reconciled people to God.

Encouraging others to live well.

Hope in troubled times.

SpT- Huntley and Palmers (E4)

[SPCK Assemblies - Pause for Thought: What the future holds](#) (needs adaptation for 2024)

Secondary: The example of Timpsons, the company that welcome and spur ex-prisoners to live well  
<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/aug/02/there-is-another-way-why-timpson-boss-hit-out-pm-chain-gang-plan>  
<https://www.timpson.co.uk/about/meet-the-timpsons>

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Ready to go

(Big start assemblies);  
Give, give, give  
(Big start assemblies);

**Questions:**

Who encourages you to do good, to be the best version of you? What do they do or say?

Which troubles that you hear or see in the news worry you most?

Christians believe that one day God will restore things to how he originally intended. What would you look forwards to being made new?

**Challenge:** Encourage someone this week to do good.  
Talk to someone about your worries or fears.

**Prayer:**

Loving Father God, I bring before you the things that trouble me \_\_\_\_\_. I thank you that I can trust you. Help me to show loving kindness to the people I meet this week. Amen







	<p>– birth pangs, although painful, bring new life.</p>				
<p>25 November 2024</p> <p>Christ the King</p>	<p><b>Revelation 1:4b-8</b> The book of Revelation is a letter to churches. The writer, John has practical advice to the churches but also records his vision of the future, and Jesus in heaven. Jesus describes himself as the Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, like calling yourself the beginning and the end, the A-Z.</p> <p><b>John 18:33-37</b> Only the Romans had power to execute people in Israel and so the Jewish religious authorities had to take Jesus before the Roman official, Pontius Pilate, if they wanted Jesus to be crucified. Pilate questioned Jesus about who he was, he didn't look like a threat to the Roman Empire! Jesus pointed out his kingdom was not like the kingdoms of the earth. The word he used for kingdom</p>	<p>Jesus as king</p> <p>Who or what influences/ rules you?</p>	<p><a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2987/influencing-others">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2987/influencing-others</a></p> <p><a href="#">SPCK Assemblies - Are You a Good Influence?</a></p> <p>The story of Gary Grant, owner of The Entertainer toy shop, who refuses to open store on a Sunday and places nativity scene in window of his toy shops at Christmas</p> <p><a href="https://www.christian.org.uk/news/the-entertainer-puts-christ-front-and-centre-at-christmas/">https://www.christian.org.uk/news/the-entertainer-puts-christ-front-and-centre-at-christmas/</a></p> <p><a href="#">SPCK Assemblies - What Is Our Input?</a></p>	<p>I the Lord of sea and sky; God has promised; Send us on (Big start assemblies); You are Alpha and Omega</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b> Who or what influences you in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The clothes you wear?</li> <li>• The food you eat?</li> <li>• The friends you have?</li> <li>• The music you listen to?</li> <li>• The way you behave?</li> </ul> <p>Jesus spoke about reigning in people's lives. Do you think your life would be any different if God reigned in your life? Why or why not? What would your life look like?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Name three qualities that you like about yourself.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Almighty God, I pray that I will make wise choices about who I choose to follow. Help me to be an influencer for good amongst my friends. Amen</p>

	referred to 'reigning' rather than a place, it was the rule of God in people's lives.				
2 December 2024  Advent starts  (Church year C begins)	<p><b>1 Thessalonians 3:9-13</b> The Apostle Paul was looking forwards to being with the Christians in Thessalonica. He prayed the believers would grow in their love for each other and remain holy until Jesus returned.</p> <p><b>Luke 21:25-36</b> Jesus has been prophesying about the coming destruction of Jerusalem in the year 70. He also prophesies about the end times, when he would return.</p>	<p><b>Start of Advent.</b> 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 forward to his second coming when everyone will recognise him and all injustice, sadness and suffering will cease.</p> <p>(Muslims also believe that Jesus will return before the Day of Judgement)</p>	<p>ST – The Herald (G3) R&amp;F – Celebrating Advent (p172)</p> <p>Secondary: <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3602/the-meaning-of-advent">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3602/the-meaning-of-advent</a></p>	<p>Stand up (Big start assemblies); Be thou my vision; O come, o come Emmanuel; Make me a channel of your peace; Go tell it on the mountain</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b> What do you like about Christmas and are looking forwards to?  How could you make Christmas a time of peace and joy for others?  What changes would you like to see that would bring peace and justice to the world? How could you help bring about those changes?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Make a card or send a message to someone to let them know that you care about them.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Father God, may the world know your peace and joy. May my community know your peace and joy. May my family know your peace and joy. May I know your peace and joy in my life. Amen,</p>
9 December 2024	<p><b>Malachi 3:1-4</b> Malachi was probably the last prophet of the Old</p>	Being prepared for	<p>AT – Advent Ring 2, John the Baptist (H7) <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3412/be-prepared">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3412/be-prepared</a></p>	Purify my heart;	<b>Questions:</b>

	<p>Testament times, prophesying around 433BC. 'The messenger' of v1 is usually understood as being John the Baptist. He also looked forwards to the coming Messiah. The Levites are the priests.</p> <p><b>Luke 3:1-6</b></p> <p>Luke is interested in providing a historical account of the life of Jesus and sets the start of John's ministry in its context of Roman rule and Jewish leadership. John's arrival would have caused a stir amongst the Jewish people. John's role was to prepare the way for God coming to his people, as was prophesied by Micah. Luke also sees John's role as a fulfilment of the prophecy found in Isaiah 40:3-5.</p>	<p>the coming of Jesus.</p>	<p>Secondary:</p> <p><a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2702/were-all-waiting">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/2702/were-all-waiting</a></p>	<p>It's a new day (Big start assemblies); Ready to go (Big start assemblies); O come, o come Emmanuel; Joy to the world</p>	<p>Can you think of a time when you weren't ready in time for something? How did it make you feel?</p> <p>How are you preparing for Christmas? What do you need to do?</p> <p>How do you think Christians 'get ready' for Jesus' return?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Spend one minute each day this week being quiet and still.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Father God, help me to be patient. Amen</p>
<p>16 December 2024</p>	<p><b>Zephaniah 3:14-20</b></p> <p>Zephaniah was a member of the royal family and a prophet, prophesying around 640-609BC. In this passage he looks forwards to a time when God restores</p>	<p>All are invited to turn to God</p> <p>Actions speak of beliefs</p>	<p>SpT- Tiptree jams (E2) ST – The difficult word (F10)</p> <p>Belief and action – Example: Marcus Rashford</p>	<p>The king is among us (Graham Kendrick); It's a new day (Big start assemblies)</p>	<p><b>Questions:</b> How would the following beliefs affect how people live their lives?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Belief that all people are valuable</li> <li>● Belief that no one should be hungry</li> <li>● Belief that the natural world and the earth are to be shared with animals and people</li> <li>● Belief in an afterlife</li> </ul>

	<p>his people after a time of repentance. God and the people rejoice together, everyone is welcome, including those who were regarded as outcasts.</p> <p><b>Luke 3:7-18</b> John prepared the way for the Messiah by calling people to repentance, turning away from their old sinful ways to live life as God wanted them to. He challenges people to show through their actions (fruit) that they are truly sorry.</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belief in God</li> </ul> <p>How do your beliefs affect how you live?</p> <p>If someone looked at how you live your life what would they think is important to you?</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Include anyone who is feeling left out in your conversations/play/at break time this week.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Father God, forgive me for the times that I have been mean to others. Thank you that you welcome and accept me. Help me to welcome others too. Amen</p>
<p>25 December 2024 (I know we won't be in school but I'm sure you are having Christmas services)</p>	<p><b>Isaiah 52:7-10</b> <b>Luke 2:1-14</b></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>AT – Christmas L5 CA – Christmas in Kenya (48) CA – Christmas in India (49) R&amp;F – Celebrating Christmas (p48) R&amp;F2- Term 2 Advent and Christmas (p47-75)</p> <p>The Diocese of London is partnered with churches in Angola and Mozambique (see resources on ALMA: <a href="http://www.almalink.org/resources.htm">http://www.almalink.org/resources.htm</a>)</p> <p>Faith at home: Christmas resources for primary and secondary <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/faith-home/i-am-school-leader#na">https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/faith-home/i-am-school-leader#na</a></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.

<b>Purple: Penance and Preparation</b> 	<b>Red: Sacrifice, the Holy Spirit</b> 	<b>Green: Hope, Life and Growth</b> 	<b>Gold: Joy and Celebration</b> 	<b>White: Purity</b> 	<b>No colour: Desolation</b> 
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 <b>Autumn Term.</b></i>
SpT	COOLING, M. <i>More Assemblies for Primary Schools <b>Spring Term.</b></i>
ST	COOLING, M. <i>More Assemblies for Primary Schools <b>Summer Term.</b></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 <b>Year B: Rocks</b></i>
R&F	VICKERY, S. et al and WRIGHT, C. (ed) <i>Roots and Fruits</i>
R&F2	VICKERY, S. et al and WRIGHT, C. (ed) <i>Roots and Fruits 2</i>

