

# Collective Worship in

*“Where two or three are gathered in my name – I am there among them.”*  
(Matthew 18:20)

Collective Worship at St Bede’s has its foundations in the Gospels and endeavours to care for the religious, spiritual and educational needs of all who play a part in the community.

Therefore, worship is inclusive and sensitive to all individuals:

- Those who form part of the worshipping community in church
- Those for whom School may be the first and only experience of church
- Those from other Christian traditions
- Those from other faith backgrounds



Collective Worship is more than a legal requirement as it is central to Catholic education and forms an essential part of the School’s overall provision for prayer and worship.

The Act of Worship at St Bede’s is in accordance with rites, practices and beliefs of the Catholic Church. Every child at St. Bede’s has the opportunity to participate in daily worship. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from worship if they so choose.

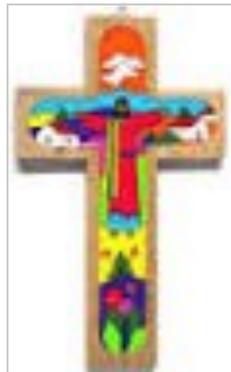
## The Aims of Collective Worship in St Bede's

*Collective Worship in St Bede's endeavours to help all those who take part in it to realise that:-*

*“Worship is concerned with the glory of God”* (giving glory, honour, praise and thanks to God.)

**We aim:**

- **To provide the opportunity for pupils to worship God and reflect upon Gospel values.**
- **To encourage participation and response, whether through active involvement in the presentation or through the listening to and reflecting upon the worship**
- **To develop community spirit**
- **To promote a common ethos and shared values**



**To fulfil these aims St Bede's will provide opportunities for the celebrating community to:**

- **Celebrate life and learning**
- **Wonder at the world and God's creation**
- **Contemplate something of the mystery of God**
- **Take time to think and reflect**
- **Build a firm foundation for liturgy**
- **Enrich the religious experience of children and staff**
- **Pray together**
- **Take part in worship through drama and song**
- **Follow in the footsteps of Jesus, keeping Gospel values at the heart of everything**
- **Explore the child's own experiences by providing opportunities to respond to the three parts of the Come and See RE programme (Explore, Reveal, Respond) with regard to all acts of Collective Worship.**
- **Participate in worship which includes the four principles of Liturgy: Gather, Listen, Respond and Go Forth.**