

EXPRESSING OUR CHURCH AND CHURCH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP BY PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

It is a good way to express the unique relationship between the Church School and its Local Church and Parish by praying regularly for the local Church and Parish in Collective Worship, as the local Church prays regularly for the Church School. This is not to forget that all prayer and worship offered in a Church School should always be invitational, and there is no expectation of shared Christian faith and tradition.

The term Incumbent included in some of these ideas of how to pray refers to the person you may know as the Vicar, or Rector, or Parish Priest, or Minister. The Incumbent is the senior and lead clergy person in your Parish.

Ideas for how the Church School can pray for the Church and Parish in Collective Worship..

IMAGES

Images to be displayed either using PowerPoint in CW or in School or classroom prayer boards/spaces these might include..

- Pictures of the Parish Church Building
- Pictures of members of the congregation all ages and generations (remember you have to have people's permission to use their photo!)
- Pictures of prominent features in the Parish (Buildings, Shopping Streets and Centres, Parks and Playgrounds, natural features like; hills, rivers, trees, footpaths)
- Pictures of the Parish Clergy, Lay Preachers and Leaders etc.

Prayer:

We thank God for our Church of St XXX. We pray that together we may know the love of God for us and for all people. **Amen.**



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CHRISTIAN FESTIVALS

Praying for your Church at particular Christian Seasons and Festivals including; Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week and Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and All Saints.

Prayer:

We pray for the members of our Church of St XXX, as they prepare for and celebrate the season of X (or festival of X) that it may be a blessing for them as they seek to be a blessing to others. **Amen.**

PRAYING FOR SPECIFICS

When your Incumbent is in school to share in CW ask them who and what, they are praying for in Church?

- They might share the given/Christian name of someone the Church is praying for who is sick...
- They might like to share a specific event or project that the Church is engaging with at this time e.g. a Youth Work Project, the Church Youth Worker, a food bank the Church supports, or a Mission Partner...
- They might share a need the Church has e.g. raising funds for a specific project, or for more helpers with the lunch club...

Then invite the children to pray silently for whatever the Incumbent has shared and conclude the prayer time with the

Response:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.



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THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

See PowerPoint as an example

Prayer:

Using our bodies we pray for our Church St XXX as the Body of Christ
Touch our heads - We pray for our Church leaders for XXX (you may name... the Incumbent, Churchwardens, and PCC Members). We pray for all those who speak and who teach.

Hold out our hands - We pray for all those who serve others in our Church.

Touch our feet - We pray for those who go out from our Church to live and work for God in the world.

Place a hand over our heart - We thank God that he has given us and every member of our Church St XXX gifts, and talents, and skills; that we can use to love and worship God, and to love and serve others. **Amen.**

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

You can always invite your School families to pray for your Church through a simple reminder in the School Newsletter. This might be something to do around the Christian Seasons and Festivals, and especially in an end of term Newsletter when school will be closed, but your church will be very much open for business continuing to be available to and serving the people of the Parish!

