

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

‘Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs’ (Psalm 100:2)

Daily collective worship is the unique heartbeat of a Church school. We are compelled to make collective worship inclusive of all, invitational and inspire pupils and adults to live out their school’s vision.

ODBE’s worship and spirituality training strives to offer those in school communities an opportunity to develop practice in worship and enrich encounters with Christian faith in an inclusive way. We ensure that the language used by those facilitating worship avoids assuming faith in all those participating. Defining spirituality in schools is a challenge and training is designed to support you.

We are keen to share best practice from schools across the diocese. Training is enhanced by the experience of our advisers from their experience as classroom practitioners, headteachers and SIAMS and Ofsted inspectors.



“This session has given me time to reflect and ideas to harness spiritual growth within worship – thank you.”

Church School Headteacher

Collective Worship and Spirituality Network Meetings

3.30 – 5pm
Online

Wednesday 7 October

Thursday 4 March

Tuesday 22 June

[Book here](#)

Annual cost to cover all 3 sessions over academic year

Training+ Free

SLA: £30 (+VAT)

Non-SLA: £75 (+VAT)

A termly meeting to support developing inspiring, creative worship and weaving opportunities for spiritual experiences across the whole school.

Using the church’s cycle of the year as our starting point we will explore elements of worship, share ideas for Christian festivals and look at best practice across the diocese to help support inclusive, invitational and inspiring acts of collective worship.

Autumn 2026			
Thursday 1 October 9am – 3.30pm St Birinus House, Theale, Reading RG7 5AS Book Here		Training+ Free £50 per person <i>Including lunch</i>	A practical day for staff to immerse themselves in the contemplative toolkit, Space Makers. The training helps staff to facilitate pupils, of all faiths and worldviews, learn how to create moments of calm and connection within everyday life helping children and young people flourish emotionally, spiritually, and socially.
Tuesday 3 November 9:30 – 11:30 am Online Book Here	Mini conference	Training+ Free	Join us for an inspiring morning with Paul Rusby, featuring engaging sessions on spirituality across the curriculum and worship, alongside exploring the vital links between spirituality, wellbeing, and effective school leadership. Paul will lead a deeper exploration of spirituality, sharing practical and creative strategies to enrich both the curriculum and collective worship. He will demonstrate how spirituality can sit at the heart of leaders' curricular intent, while also exploring how it can inspire, nourish, and sustain effective school leadership.
	Spirituality: A Deeper Look	Governance+ Free SLA: £45 (+VAT) Non-SLA: £110 (+VAT)	
Friday 6 November 9.30am – 3pm Church House Oxford Book here	Developing an Approach to Spirituality	Training+ Free SLA: £150 (+VAT) per person Non-SLA: £220 (+VAT) per person <i>Including lunch</i>	This dynamic session will support school leaders to explore what spirituality truly means within a Church school context—bringing it to life in ways that are authentic, purposeful, and rooted in your Christian vision. Expect practical insights, reflective dialogue, and fresh inspiration to strengthen your school's distinctive approach.
Thursday 3 December 9.30am – 3pm Church House Oxford Book here	Collective Worship – Everything you need to know	Training+ Free SLA: £150 (+VAT) per person Non-SLA: £220 (+VAT) per person <i>Including lunch</i>	This session will explore the legal status of worship in Church schools. We will offer examples of planning and ideas to develop the provision on offer. With a focus on worship within SIAMS we will explore how worship can be inclusive, invitational and inspiring.

Spring 2027

Friday 26 February 9am – 3.30pm Church House Oxford Book Here		Training+ Free £50 per person <i>Including lunch</i>	A practical day for staff to immerse themselves in the contemplative toolkit, Space Makers. The training helps staff to facilitate pupils, of all faiths and worldviews, learn how to create moments of calm and connection within everyday life helping children and young people flourish emotionally, spiritually, and socially.
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Summer 2027

Friday 23 April 9.30am-3pm Church House Oxford Book here	An Introduction to Godly Play Training	Training+ Free £50 per person <i>Including lunch</i>	For schools and churches wanting to learn more about Godly Play and how you can use it with children and young people. A day to explore the principles, practicalities and impact of Godly Play.
Friday 21 May 9.30am – 3pm Church House Oxford Book here	Developing an Approach to Spirituality	Training+ Free SLA: £150 (+VAT) per person Non-SLA: £220 (+VAT) per person <i>Including lunch</i>	This dynamic session will support school leaders to explore what spirituality truly means within a Church school context—bringing it to life in ways that are authentic, purposeful, and rooted in your Christian vision. Expect practical insights, reflective dialogue, and fresh inspiration to strengthen your school's distinctive approach.
Friday 11 June 9am – 3.30pm Buckingham Parish Church MK18 1BS Book Here		Training+ Free £50 per person <i>Including lunch</i>	A practical day for staff to immerse themselves in the contemplative toolkit, Space Makers. The training helps staff to facilitate pupils, of all faiths and worldviews, learn how to create moments of calm and connection within everyday life helping children and young people flourish emotionally, spiritually, and socially.