

Developing Spirituality through collective worship

Suggested Date: Thursday 4th March






Time: 9:30 – 12:30.

During this three-hour event RE and collective worship leaders, clergy, and foundation governors in Church school across Lichfield diocese are welcomed to explore ways in which Collective worship:

- ✚ is an expression of the school’s Christian vision and associated values.
- ✚ offers the opportunity to grow spirituality through experiences of prayer, Bible stories, stillness, and reflection.

The LDBE team are excited to welcome Open the Book, Pray for Schools and support from Prayer Spaces for Schools; to explore how we can effectively develop provision for collective worship.

The format for the three sessions will incorporate key ideas behind the Church of England’s recent publication [Spiritual Development](#) – Interpretations of spiritual development in the classroom. We will use windows, mirrors and doors as a structure to think about spiritual development.

Suggested starting points for the day		
Spiritual dimension	Lead by	To
	LDBE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Welcome delegates and start the day in prayer and reflection (Called, connected, committed – Enabling flourishing). ✚ Welcome organisations to the session. ✚ Provide a contextual overview of the day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What could invitational, inspirational, and inclusive worship look like? ○ The importance of spiritual leadership in school.
	<p>Open the book</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Share the OtB approach to worship and explore how schools can deliver key bible stories. ✚ Consider how the resources and material can be used to illustrate how the bible allows us to see school values in action. ✚ Explore the invitational, inclusive and inspirational approach open the book offers to collective worship.
	<p>Prayer spaces in schools</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Know what prayer spaces are. ✚ Identify how prayer spaces can be used to reflect on the messages from collective worship. ✚ Share how prayer spaces supports the development of spiritual life. ✚ Inspire and equip all in attendance to serve the spiritual and pastoral life of school communities.
	<p>Living out our vision and values <i>Character development: hope aspiration and courageous advocacy.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Understand the vision of Pray for Schools. ✚ Explore how Pray for Schools resources can be used to support schools in living out vision and values. ✚ Explore how Pray for Schools can develop spirituality in your school.
	LDBE	✚ Closing remarks and thanks