



## Spirituality Statement

At Archbishop Temple Church of England High School, spirituality is at the heart of who we are. Rooted in our Christian vision:

*"Through faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we nurture everyone's God-given gifts so that together we may shine God's light through Christ-like service," we believe that every person is uniquely created, valued and loved by God, and has the potential to flourish.*

Inspired by Jesus' promise that he came so that all may "have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10), we understand spirituality as an essential part of human flourishing. Spirituality is not limited to religious belief; it is a natural dimension of being human and is therefore open to everyone, regardless of faith or worldview. **It is about how we make sense of ourselves, our relationships, our experiences and the world around us as we search for meaning, purpose and connection.**

We believe spirituality enables us to:

- recognise our God-given worth and uniqueness
- reflect on meaning, purpose and identity
- explore beliefs, values and worldviews
- develop a sense of belonging and community
- build relationships with ourselves, others, creation and, for many, with God
- discover how we can use our gifts in service to others

At Archbishop Temple, we actively nurture spirituality through planned and spontaneous opportunities for:

- stillness, prayer and reflection
- curiosity, questioning and exploration
- creativity, imagination and self-expression
- awe and wonder
- compassion, service and courageous advocacy
- worship, community and belonging

Spiritual development is embedded throughout our curriculum, collective worship and wider school life. Through faith, nurture and service, we encourage all members of our community to grow spiritually and to shine God's light in the world.

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**We understand spirituality through four interconnected dimensions:**

### SELF

- recognising our God-given value and uniqueness
- reflecting on our thoughts, feelings and experiences
- exploring personal beliefs, values and identity
- nurturing imagination, creativity and personal growth

### GOD AND THE BEYOND

- engaging with faith, prayer and worship
- exploring life's big questions about meaning, hope, suffering and purpose
- reflecting on the nature of God and the possibility of something greater than ourselves
- engaging confidently with stillness, silence and reflection

### OTHERS

- developing empathy, respect and compassion
- valuing diversity and difference
- building meaningful relationships
- serving others and pursuing justice
- making a positive difference in our communities and beyond

### CREATION AND AWE

- encountering beauty in nature, art, music and everyday life
- developing curiosity, gratitude and wonder
- reflecting on the mystery and complexity of the world
- appreciating our responsibility to care for creation
- taking time to notice and value what truly matters

**May we shine God's Light through  
Faith † Nurture † Service**



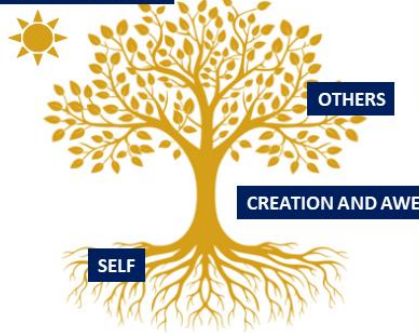
*Spirituality* is a living, growing process that connects what is **within us, around us and beyond**



**GOD & THE BEYOND –the light above**

The tree grows toward the light. This represents our search for meaning beyond ourselves—God, hope, purpose and the “bigger picture” of life.

**GOD AND THE BEYOND**



**OTHERS – the branches**

Branches reach out and connect. They symbolise relationships, community and how we extend ourselves to others through compassion, service and understanding.

**OTHERS**

**CREATION AND AWE**

**CREATION & AWE – the environment**

The soil, seasons, weather and wider ecosystem represent the beauty and wonder of the world. They remind us we are part of something complex, interconnected and full of awe.

**SELF**

**SELF – the roots**

Roots are hidden but essential. They represent our inner life—our identity, beliefs, thoughts and emotions. Like roots, spirituality within us grounds us and helps us grow strong.

We aim to create a school community where spirituality is **lived and experienced every day**; where each person's God-given gifts are **nurtured**, where all are valued and **respected**, and where everyone is encouraged to grow in **faith, character and wisdom** so that together we may **shine God's light through Christ-like service**.

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