

## St George's Worship Plan 2024-2025

**Wisdom, Hope, Community, Dignity, Humility, Kindness**

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1.  TRINITY	9.9	Welcome back!  <b>Hope</b>  Yr. 7 1 Barre Chords  <b>Community/ Hope</b>	Philippians 3 v 12	It can be very difficult and challenging to go from holiday mode into back-to-school mode in a short period of time. This worship will help us to consider what it means to return to school. A good model might be the Children of Israel returning from exile in 538 BC after being in Babylonia and how they managed to rebuild their community and their lives.	In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.  Tom Bodett
2.	16.9	Vision 1 Wisdom  <b>Wisdom</b>  Yr. 7 2 Jesus in the Temple  <b>Community/ Hope</b>	James 3 v 13-18  Luke 2 v 46-47	It is said that wisdom comes with age, but this is not always true! You can begin to be wise today by reflecting upon everything that happens to you both good and bad and by learning from it. So how do we evaluate our time and experiences here at St Georges and how do we learn from them?	Knowledge knows that Frankenstein wasn't the monster. Wisdom knows that Frankenstein was the monster.  Anonymous
3.	23.9	Vision 2 Hope  <b>Hope</b>	Jeremiah 29 v 11	What is the difference between hope and HOPE? The first is a vague attitude of "it might happen but it probably won't," whereas the second is "Whether or not it happens, all will work out." The Jeremiah hope is the latter. Christian hope isn't a vague thing, hoping that better times will turn up. It is a belief that in God's divine plan, all will be well for us.	Hope is the thing with feathers, that perches in the soul, and sings the tunes without the words, and never stops at all.  Emily Dickinson
4.	30.9	Vision 3 Community  <b>Community</b>	Colossians 3 v 12-15	How should we live out the values of our school community?  Our values need to jump down from the walls and into our hearts. The early	Once we deeply trust that we ourselves are precious in God's eyes, we are able to recognise the preciousness of others and their unique place in God's heart.  Henri Nouwen

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				church was known for loving one another, feeding and clothing all of the poor of the area and through good humour.	
5.	7.10	Vision 4 Dignity C/W Harvest <b>Dignity</b>	Proverbs 20 v 29 1 Timothy 2 v 2	Most of our students would agree that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, but just what is the basis of human dignity and respect? Christians believe that it is because we are made in the image and likeness of God and thus we are created beings, we have inherent value, dignity and worth regardless of class, age, wealth, sexuality, or status.	Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the projection of a fundamental human right the right to dignity and a decent life.  Martin Luther King.
	14.10	Vision 5 Humility <b>Humility</b>	Ephesians 4 v 2	In our modern world humility tends to get a bad press. For many people humility tends to be equated with being a pushover! This worship will challenge us to re-evaluate that perception and to see Christ as the ultimate model of humility, and he was no pushover!	Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less. Rick Warren.
		<b>Holidays x 2</b>			
	4.11.	Remembrance <b>Community/Humanity</b>	Matthew 18 v 21-22	Built into remembrance are the twin concepts of forgiveness and justice. How do we forgive our enemies yet also ensure justice is done (BTW this is also an ongoing debate in Northern Ireland!)	To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.  C.S. Lewis
8. KINGDOM SEASON?	11.11	Anti-Bullying Week <b>Dignity/Kindness</b>	1 Thessalonians 5 v 14-15	The word "gospel" literally means "Good news." Rather than bullying and giving people bad news by how we behave towards them and what we say to them, why don't we give them good news about who they are as created in the image of God?  Therefore, if you bully someone. We will challenge you because we don't want to tolerate a school culture where you could be bullied.	Bullying is the identity badge of the coward.  Shemina (aged 15)
9.	18.11	Vision 6 Kindness	Ephesians 4 v 32		

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		<b>Kindness</b>		What is the difference between niceness and kindness? Niceness goes deeper. "How are you?" equals niceness. If there is a sad response and you help, that is kindness.	When you are nice, you don't hurt other people, but when you are kind you actively stand up for other people's rights. Anonymous
10.	25.11	Get Clothed <b>Community</b>	Colossians 3 v 14	Take what you already are and let God clothe you in love and other positive attributes.  Just as you can tell what people do in their lives by their uniforms and clothing, so can people tell what we are by the uniform we wear? Not just our school uniform, but also our attitudes.	Just in case, no one told you today; hello, good morning, you're doing great, I really believe in you, you are awesome and amazing, nice deodorant! Anonymous
11.	2.12	A full life <b>Hope</b>	John 10 v 10	Life in all its fullness does not mean everything going well and life being a picnic all the time. Rather it means that whatever we might face in life God will be with us every step of the way.	50 years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did do. Mark Twain
12.	9.12	Never give up <b>Wisdom</b>	2 Chronicles 15 v 7	How many times do you try something before you finally give up?	Fall seven times and stand up eight times. Japanese Proverb.
13.	16.12	Christmas 1 <b>Hope/Community</b>	Luke 2 v 1-21	In this worship we will be encouraging pupils to see beyond the tinsel and parties and frills and encourage them to attend a service over Christmas to remind themselves of the true meaning of Christmas.	Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect. Oren Arnold
		<b>Holidays x 2</b>			
14..	6.1.	Epiphany <b>Wisdom</b>	Matthew 2 v 1-12	Many people see The Christmas Story and the wise men/kings as being the one event. In fact, they are two separate	The three kings teach us that true loyalty should only be to the king of kings himself.

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				events in the Church's calendar. In this worship we will look at the idea of guidance and explore why, if the wise men/kings were following a star, they ended up in Jerusalem instead of Bethlehem!	Anonymous
15.	13.1	DNA 1 Organised and on time <b>Community</b>	1 Corinthians 14 v 33	At first glance, there doesn't seem to be much of a correlation between being organised and on time and Christian faith. However, we can explore the idea of things happening in God's time and within his perfect plan.	Dec's punctuality leaves a lot to be desired! Ant McPartland
16.	20.1	DNA 2 Uncompromising on behaviour, uniform, and standards <b>Community</b>	Matthew 7 v 12	When you do something to somebody else you want the school to cut you some slack. But if someone does wrong to you, you want blood. Let's take some examples from the Bible. Uncompromising has to cut both ways.  In this school we won't compromise on love. If you are in "lurve" you don't tell someone you only love them a little bit or a percentage; you uncompromisingly love them.	When you lose for the All Blacks, it's not a nice feeling. Expectations on us are pretty high and we have high standards for ourselves and we know if we've let ourselves or let the jersey down. Beauden Barrett
17.	27.1	DNA 3 Respect to everyone we meet <b>Dignity/ Humility/Kindness</b>	Romans 12 v 10	Respect involves thinking about what we have in common and helping these common things to come to terms with our differences and how to deal with them.	I'm not everybody's cup of tea, but sometimes criticism can be hurtful. Be respectful! I'm a good piano player, I can sing well, I write good songs. If you don't like it, Fair enough, but give me a break! Elton John.
18.	3.2	DNA 4 Determined to succeed <b>Wisdom/Hope</b>	Psalms 37 v 4 (A-B then B-A)	How will you know that what you have set out to succeed in has actually been successful? What does success or failure actually look like?	Even if you're on the right track, you'll still get run over if you just sit still. Will Rogers  You will never become a roaring success just by roaring! Bob Harrington

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				To be humbled before God is not a greedy blank check. It means that the desires of our hearts are shaped by humility before God. Let's get it the right way around!	
19.	10.2	DNA 5 No excuses for second best  <b>Humility</b>	Colossians 3 v 23-24  Matthew 5 v 48	! What does that actually look like? It means that we will fail but we will try to reach up again towards perfection even though we may not hit perfection we will not settle for anything less	They're the second-best team in the world, and there's no higher praise than that!  Kevin Keegan.
	17.2	<b>Holiday X 1</b>			
20.	24.2.	DNA 6 Aspirational for all  <b>Community</b>	Philippians 3 v 13-14  Proverbs 3 v 5-6	If we are going to be aspirational, then to what are we going to aspire to? 2 famous people with similar surname, RL mixes them up	Whatever you do in life, always give 100% unless you are a blood donor!  Bill Murray.
21.	3.3	Occasionals 1 Baptisms  <b>Hope/Community</b>	1 Peter 3 v 21  Colossians 2 v 12	Giving pupils an outline of Baptism and what it means in a Christian context.	God brings people into deep waters not to drown them, but to cleanse them.  John H Aughey.
22.	10.3	Occasionals 2 Weddings  <b>Hope</b>	1 John 4 v 16-18	Helping students to understand some of the basic tenets of Christian marriage bearing in mind that someday they will probably be at the front of the church!	A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.  Mignon McLaughlin

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23.	17.3	Occasionals 3 Funerals  <b>Community/Dignity</b>	Romans 8 v 35, 37-39	The dos and don'ts of grieving. What happens (and doesn't happen!) at funerals. Eulogies. Support for you.	Say not in grief that he is no more but live in thankfulness that he was.  Hebrew Proverb  Grief is the price we pay for love.  Queen Elizabeth
24.	24.3	Easter 1 Crucifixion  <b>Hope</b>	Mark 15 v 16-32	The cross is central to the Christian faith. Without the Cross there is no resurrection. Without the resurrection, there is no reality of forgiveness.	It is a crime to put a Roman citizen in chains. It is an enormity to flog one, sheer murder to slay one. What then, shall I say of crucifixion? It is impossible to find the word for such an abomination.  Marcus Tullius Cicero
25.	31.3	Easter 2 Resurrection  <b>Hope</b>	Mark 16 v 1-8	Helping students to understand the nature and importance of the resurrection in Christianity and what it means for our world today. What becomes of Jesus if we leave out the resurrection/  Running towards or running away. A sense of purpose and meaning. If a famous person was outside school, you wouldn't shuffle, you would run.	Bishop Azariah, the first native Indian Bishop of the Church of South India, was asked, "If you were in a village where they had never heard of Christ, what would you preach upon?" Bishop Azariah said, with no hesitation, "The resurrection."  Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not just in scripture alone but in every leaf in springtime Martin Luther
	4.4	<b>Holiday X 2</b>			
26.	21.4	Generation Gap 1 Social media  <b>Community/Dignity</b>	2 John 1 v 12  Ephesians 4 v 29	Do Christians have a view on the subject of social media? Yes, they do, and we look at how we use SM in our lives. How do we use in in a way that builds people up as opposed to knocking them down and how do we decide what is true and false on the Internet?	If social media has taught me anything, it is that people will argue fiercely about anything, including whether or not pineapple belongs on Pizza!  Anonymous.
27.	28.4	Generation Gap 2 Music  <b>Wisdom</b>	Ephesians 5 v 19	Music is an important part in all of our lives, no matter how old or young we are or what sort of music we listen to it sometimes surprises people that in the Bible, a lot of emphasis is placed on music for worship and for celebration. We will explore how different genre of	People haven't always been there for me, but music always has.  Taylor Swift

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				music reflects different moods and attitudes.	
28.	5.5	Generation Gap 3 Communication <b>Community/Kindness</b>	1 Samuel 3 v 7-11	People say that with modern technology we can communicate better than ever. Is this true? Prayer as communication. How do we listen to others and in class?	The most important thing in communication is hearing what <i>isn't</i> said. Peter Drucker.
29.	12. 5	Generation Gap 4 Dance	Psalms 30 v 11-12	What is the difference between the LGS "Dances" of 1974 and the dancing some of you do? Dance was important in the Bible, but it wasn't done individually. It was done in community. How do we "dance" at Saint George's as a community? Dance like nobody is watching but be respectful of other people's feet!	And those who were seen to be dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music. Friedrich Nietzsche. He who cannot dance blames the dance floor. Indian proverb.
30..	19.5	Besties <b>Community/Kindness</b>	1 Corinthians 13 v 4-8	The term "besties" is used quite frequently amongst our students to refer to people to whom they are close. Some of our younger pupils even attach the term to me and I have to talk to them about being the difference between being the best possible friend and being the best possible chaplain! The Bible places great emphasis on true and false friendship and we will explore this idea in worship.	A loyal friend laughs at your jokes when they're not so good and sympathizes with your problems when they're not so bad. Arnold H. Glasgow
31.	26.5	<b>Holiday X 1</b>			
32.	2.6	Compassion <b>Dignity/Humility/Kindness</b>	Ephesians 4 v 32 Colossians 3 v 12 Psalm 51 v 1,2 Psalm 116 v 5 Psalm 145 v 9	Jairus Daughter. Everyone knew that Jairus needed compassion both before and after his daughter's death. By comparison the old woman also needed compassion, but nobody knew, only Jesus. Let's show compassion to those who obviously need it but be on the lookout for those who need it but it isn't obvious.	Let it not be said that I was silent when someone needed me. William Wilberforce.
33.	9.6	<b>Thankfulness</b> <b>Community, Humility</b>	Colossians 3 v 17	What are the dangers of not being thankful?	When asked if my cup is half full or half empty, my only response is that I am thankful I have a cup. Sam Lefkowitz

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				Sit down and make a list of people that you need to thank and why	If someone isn't thankful for what they have already got, they are unlikely to be thankful for what they are going to get.  Frank Clark.
34.	16.6	Koinonia (To live in commonality and to share)  <b>Community</b>	Acts 4 v 32	Early Church practised Koinonia or sharing. No one in the early church was left out. Indeed, the early disagreement re distribution was About how to administer Koinonia (Acts 6 v 1-7)  While Koinonia is often thought of as being a church concept, it could also be a useful concept for schools. Why do you think this is? What would school Koinonia look like?	The practice of true community (Koinonia) involves responsibilities and actions that do not come naturally to us.  Jerry Bridges.
35.	23.6	Trust  <b>Community/Kindness</b>	Psalms 40 v 4	Trust is a really important value in all of our lives. We like to think that we can trust other people and that in turn they can trust us. We will look in this worship at times when trust has been upheld, but also trust has been broken and the implications for the people involved in both situations.	A relationship without trust is like a mobile phone with no service, all you can do is play games.  Anonymous
36.	30.6	Peace  <b>Hope/ humility/Kindness.</b>	John 14 v 27	There wasn't much peace in the world of Jesus time. The country was under brutal control by the Romans and it wasn't the healthiest of places to live and to grow up. What does Jesus mean as the world gives peace? And how does the world give peace? By lining up all the ducks in a row. So if you have health, wealth, happiness, family and everything is going well, then you might just have peace. By contrast, the Christian view of peace. Is that even when things are difficult, you can still experience God's peace and sense of Him being in overall control in your life.	The more humble and obedient to God someone is, the more wise and at peace they will be in all that they do.  Thomas a Kempis



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37	7.7.	Teachers <b>Wisdom/ Community/ Kindness</b>	Proverbs 4 v 13	How do we honour and show our appreciation and gratitude to our teachers who have done so much to help us over the past year?	Teachers have 3 loves: the love of learning, the love of learners and the love of bringing both of them together. Scott Hayden
38	14.7	<b>So Long, Farewell</b> <b>Hope</b>	2 Timothy 4 v 7		The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you, Anonymous.
	21.7	<b>Holiday x 6</b>			