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# Collective Worship Plans

This document contains the planning for Collective Worship on a 3 year cycle. The cycle will commence from September 2017 beginning with Cycle C. Harvest, Christmas, Easter and leavers celebrations have not been planned into this cycle and the planning will be amended each term to suit this. This document should be treated as any produced planning and adapted to suit the needs of the children and school at that time. Teachers are expected to treat this guidance as they would any medium term planning by adapting, preparing, delivering and evaluating to suit the children.

The cycles are as follows

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| Term | Cycle A | Cycle B | Cycle C |
| Autumn 1  Autumn 2  Spring 1  Spring 2  Summer 1  Summer 2 | Courage  Creativity  Peace  Trust  Forgiveness  Justice | Thankfulness  Compassion  Friendship  Hope  Truthfulness  Humility | Generosity  Respect  Wisdom  Perseverance  Service  Responsibility |

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# Christian Perspectives on the Values

**Courage**

Basic to Christian faith is the claim that God is always present in every situation. This belief has led to great acts of courage that have included facing danger and opposition, overcoming fear, making a stand for what is right and encouraging others to persevere. Through prayer people have found the strength to help them to be courageous.

**Creativity**

Seen from a Christian perspective all of life is a ‘gift’, entrusted by a loving creator God to humankind for a purpose. This purpose is glimpsed as the creative spirit within each person learns to value and explore, celebrate and enjoy this world in all its mystery and diversity. With this gift comes a mutual responsibility to ensure the creation is not spoiled, but rather sustained and shared by all.

**Peace**

Jesus said “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). Peace making actions can range from helping to resolve conflict to creating space for stillness. Peace, in the sense of total well-being, is God’s intention for the whole of creation and is a promise that waits ultimate fulfilment.

**Trust**

Trust is the basis of all stable relationships including a person’s relationship with God. It is rooted in truth and will grow through consistent experiences of reliability and integrity. God’s commitment to humanity is seen in his willingness to trust ordinary people with the carrying out of his purposes through history.

**Forgiveness**

Forgiveness is the means by which damaged relationships are restored. It is an act of will, motivated by love. For Christian’s, Jesus’ death on the cross is the ultimate revelation of God’s all forgiving love and his sacrifice stands as a source of inspiration to forgive others, no matter what the cost.

**Justice**

The justice revealed in the Bible is always in the context of love. It includes the call to take responsibility for one another, especially the poor and the oppressed and to see that no-one is excluded from the essentials of life.

**Thankfulness**

Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their life. They know that their response to this provision should be one of thankfulness and praise.

**Compassion**

Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone.

**Friendship**

Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus.

**Hope**

Christians see their hope in God’s promise “that love and goodness have, and will ultimately, overcome all evil”. This hope is manifested in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Truthfulness**

Christians believe that truth is revealed in the Bible and supremely in the person and life of Jesus Christ. Through Jesus’ teachings we are given an insight into the nature of God and the way in which he means us to live.

**Humility**

Christians believe that Jesus was both servant and king. He demonstrated this through his life, death and resurrection. Jesus taught his disciples what it means to be truly humble. Christians believe that they can serve God by demonstrating humility through their attitudes and actions. This approach to life runs contrary to many role models presented to children in the media and popular culture.

**Generosity**

God’s generosity is best described as ‘grace’, love given freely without limit or conditions. This generosity, once experienced and acknowledged by an individual, can in turn release a generous spirit towards others.

**Respect and Reverence**

The nature of God, as revealed in the Bible, presents all people with a choice. Those whose response is one of respect are acknowledging God’s greatness, authority and involvement in the world. This will extend to respect for the created order, including humanity created in the image of God. Reverence takes this response a step further and will include aspects of worship such as awe and wonder, surrender and sacrifice.

**Wisdom**

Christians believe that true wisdom comes from God. As a believer grows in faith so wisdom will increase. In the Bible, wisdom is seen both as a gift *from* God and a characteristic *of* God. In his parables Jesus taught that placing trust in God and recognising what is of value in life brings fulfilment.

**Perseverance**

Jesus frequently encouraged his disciples to ‘endure patiently’ the difficulties and obstacles they encountered and to persevere in the face of adversity. He himself trusted in God even when his enemies tried to stop his work and plotted his death.

**Service**

Jesus exemplified in this person, ministry and relationship with God, what it was to be called the ‘servant king’. Christians believe that their calling is to follow Jesus’ example according to their gifts or abilities. They believe that through serving God in others, ‘perfect freedom’ will ultimately be found.

# Cycle A Autumn 1 Courage

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| Week/ Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Encouraging others  Shipwreck!  Acts 25-27 |  | Buddhist Stories  Angulimala, the Robber |  |  |
| 2 | Facing our fears with courage  St George and the dragon |  | Hindu Stories  Rama rescues Sita |  |  |
| 3 | Facing bullies with courage  David and Goliath  1 Samuel 17 |  | Jewish Stories,  Judah saves the Jews |  |  |
| 4 | The courage to stand firm  Daniel and the lions  Daniel 6 |  | Sikh Stories  The Founding of the Khalsa |  |  |
| 5 | Courage to make the first move  The Selfish Crocodile |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Saint Lucy (Pg 87) |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Sing a new song Track 1 | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Bring it all to me Track 2 | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Holding on to the rock Track 4 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  E-N-J-O-Y Track 9 |
| Welcome | The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory. | Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. | Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. | Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: let us sing to God with thankful hearts. | Jesus, the light of the world is here.  Let us give thanks for all the gifts he has given. |
| Farewell | Jesus, lord of time, hold us in your eternity. Jesus, image of God, travel with us the life of faith. Jesus, friend of sinners, heal the brokenness of our world. Amen. | God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit help us to serve you now and always. | God, you are everything to us, Accept the work of our hands this day, take our lives, give us your peace and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. | In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; Amen | Let’s say together…  May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you for ever more. Amen. |

# Cycle A Autumn 2 Creativity

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| Week/ Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | An artist’s eye on creation  Song of Songs  Ch 2 v 11-12 |  | Buddhist Stories  Siddhartha and the swan |  |  |
| 2 | Carers of Creation  Psalm 8 |  | Hindu Stories  How the world came to be |  |  |
| 3 | The Miracle of Creation  The Creation  Genesis 1, 2 |  | Creation Stories from Around the World  How a turtle carried the world (pg17) |  |  |
| 4 | Using our senses to enjoy creation  Lucy’s picture |  | Creation Stories from Around the World  How the sun became brighter than the moon (pg 38) |  |  |
| 5 | Celebrating the creation of new life  Psalm 139 v13-16 |  | Creation Stories from Around the World  Why Bear has a stumpy tale (pg 80) |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Sing a new song Track 1 | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Bring it all to me Track 2 | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Holding on to the rock Track 4 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  E-N-J-O-Y Track 9 |
| Welcome | The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory. | Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. | Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. | Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: let us sing to God with thankful hearts. | Jesus, the light of the world is here.  Let us give thanks for all the gifts he has given. |
| Farewell | Jesus, lord of time, hold us in your eternity. Jesus, image of God, travel with us the life of faith. Jesus, friend of sinners, heal the brokenness of our world. Amen. | God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit help us to serve you now and always. | God, you are everything to us, Accept the work of our hands this day, take our lives, give us your peace and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. | In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; Amen | Let’s say together…  May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you for ever more. Amen. |

# Cycle A Spring 1 Peace

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| Week/ Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Peaceful places  Finding Peace – God’s loving care  Psalm 23 |  | Buddhist Stories  The birth of the Buddha |  |  |
| 2 | Making Peace  Conflict resolution  A Family quarrel |  | Sikh Stories  The Emperor and Guru Amar Das |  |  |
| 3 | Prince of Peace  The Christ of the Andes |  | Stories from the Sikh World  The hatred that led to war |  |  |
| 4 | Living at peace with the world  The story of St Francis of Assisi |  | Stories from the Sikh World  The water carrier |  |  |
| 5 | Being a peacemaker  Nobel Prize winners – Betty Williamson and Mairead Corrigan |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Guru Nanak |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  We will find a way Track 9 | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  You are an inspiration Track 8 | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  Bad times don’t last Track 5 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  We’re on this road Track 2 |
| Welcome | The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory. | Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. | Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. | Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: let us sing to God with thankful hearts. | Jesus, the light of the world is here.  Let us give thanks for all the gifts he has given. |
| Farewell | Jesus, lord of time, hold us in your eternity. Jesus, image of God, travel with us the life of faith. Jesus, friend of sinners, heal the brokenness of our world. Amen. | God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit help us to serve you now and always. | God, you are everything to us, Accept the work of our hands this day, take our lives, give us your peace and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. | In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; Amen | Let’s say together…  May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you for ever more. Amen. |

# Cycle A Spring 2 Trust

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| Week/ Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Putting trust in others  The boy who cried wolf |  | Jewish Stories  Akiva, the cockerel and the candle |  |  |
| 2 | Trustworthiness  A brave and mighty man  The story of Gideon |  | Jewish Stories  Moses and the burning bush |  |  |
| 3 | Trusting that God can see us  Water into wine  John2 |  | Islamic Stories  The Prophet escapes to Medinah |  |  |
| 4 | Trusting God when the going gets tough  The storm on the lake |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Hagar and Ishmael  (Pg 114) |  |  |
| 5 | Trusting the future to God  Always and forever by Alan Durant or Badger’s parting gifts by Susan Varley |  | A Tapestry of Tales  The Story of Joseph 2. Slavery  (Pg 134) |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  We will find a way Track 9 | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  You are an inspiration Track 8 | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  Bad times don’t last Track 5 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  We’re on this road Track 2 |
| Welcome | The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory. | Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. | Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. | Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: let us sing to God with thankful hearts. | Jesus, the light of the world is here.  Let us give thanks for all the gifts he has given. |
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# Cycle A Summer 1 Forgiveness

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| Week/ Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Saying sorry and being forgiven  The story of the lost son  Luke 15 |  | Hindu Stories  How the holy river fell from heaven | The Lord’s Prayer workshop. |  |
| 2 | Being forgiven and starting again  Jesus and the Taxman |  | Jewish Stories  Joseph and his brothers |  |  |
| 3 | Amazing Grace – A story of forgiveness  The story of John Newton |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Jacob and Esau (Pg 129) |  |  |
| 4 | Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  The Lord’s Prayer  Matthew 2 Luke 11 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  The Story of Jonah (Pg 166) |  |  |
| 5 | The cross – symbol of forgivness  The Emmaus Road  Luke 24 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Guru Nanak and the robber (Pg 179) |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Come and Praise  Disc 2  Give me oil Track 4 | Come and Praise  Disc 1  Who put the colours in the rainbow? Track 8 | Come and Praise  Disc 2  One More Step Track 7 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Come and Praise  Disc 1  He’s got the whole world Track 15 |
| Welcome | The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory. | Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. | Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. | Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: let us sing to God with thankful hearts. | Jesus, the light of the world is here.  Let us give thanks for all the gifts he has given. |
| Farewell | Jesus, lord of time, hold us in your eternity. Jesus, image of God, travel with us the life of faith. Jesus, friend of sinners, heal the brokenness of our world. Amen. | God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit help us to serve you now and always. | God, you are everything to us, Accept the work of our hands this day, take our lives, give us your peace and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. | In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; Amen | Let’s say together…  May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you for ever more. Amen. |

# Cycle A Summer 2 Justice

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| Week/ Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Justice for the poor  Christian Aid |  | Jewish Stories  A Shofar in the coffee cup |  |  |
| 2 | Standing up for others who are treated unjustly  The yellow star |  | Sikh Stories  Guru Nanak, Bhai Lalo and Malik Bhago |  |  |
| 3 | Making a difference  Jubilee debt campaign  Isaiah 1. 11-16 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Bahai Ghanaiya (Pg 182) |  |  |
| 4 | Including others  The blind beggar  Luke 18 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Eli and Samuel (Pg149) |  |  |
| 5 | God’s Justice  Jonah the groaner |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Lehna and the grass (Pg 180) |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Come and Praise  Disc 2  Give me oil Track 4 | Come and Praise  Disc 1  Who put the colours in the rainbow? Track 8 | Come and Praise  Disc 2  One More Step Track 7 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Come and Praise  Disc 1  He’s got the whole world Track 15 |
| Welcome | The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory. | Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. | Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. | Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: let us sing to God with thankful hearts. | Jesus, the light of the world is here.  Let us give thanks for all the gifts he has given. |
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# Cycle B Autumn 1 Thankfulness

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| Week/ Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Remembering to say thank you  The man who came back  Luke 17 |  | Islamic Stories  The night of the journey |  |  |
| 2 | Saying grace  Food for thought |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Jairus’ Daughter (Pg 63) |  |  |
| 3 | Extravagant thanks  The gift of perfume  Luke 7 |  | Aesop’s Fables  The Lion and the Mouse |  |  |
| 4 | Creation Praise  Psalm 148 |  | The Rice and the Fish  *See below* |  |  |
| 5 | Thankful for the good news  The first Christmas |  | In search of the magic lake  *See below* |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Sing a new song Track 1 | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Bring it all to me Track 2 | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Holding on to the rock Track 4 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  E-N-J-O-Y Track 9 |
| Welcome | The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory. | Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. | Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. | Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: let us sing to God with thankful hearts. | Jesus, the light of the world is here.  Let us give thanks for all the gifts he has given. |
| Farewell | Jesus, lord of time, hold us in your eternity. Jesus, image of God, travel with us the life of faith. Jesus, friend of sinners, heal the brokenness of our world. Amen. | God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit help us to serve you now and always. | God, you are everything to us, Accept the work of our hands this day, take our lives, give us your peace and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. | In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; Amen | Let’s say together…  May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you for ever more. Amen. |

### ****Fish and Rice****

I come from that great country in a large corner of the world called China.  I remember sitting at my grandmother’s feet when I was a young girl.  She would tell me stories about her life when she was a girl.  Her parents worked in the fields. Life was very hard for them, but although they were poor, they were happy.

Everyone was the same. They all worked hard in the fields and ate only fish and rice every day. If someone managed to catch a bird, it was a day of celebration. Another family would be invited to join in with the meal. They ate snakes too, when they found them.

Grandmother had few toys, Her mother made her a rag doll and her father made a little wooden bed for it to sleep in. Any other toys were just pieces of broken crockery, or kitchen tools or containers which had to be given back to be used to prepare the fish and rice.

Grandma had a friend who lived nearby. Her name was Lin. The two girls made up stories about adventures on their horses. Pieces of rope were tied to their imaginary horses and off they would gallop to far away places, where they could find beautiful jewels in caves to bring home to make their parents rich. They thought that if they were rich they would be able to eat the kinds of things that kings and princes ate, which certainly wouldn’t be fish and rice.

One winter the snow came early and stayed for a very long time. Everyone had their stores of rice in sacks, kept safely away from rats and mice. Their dried and salted fish was hung high, near the ceiling.  Grandma’s mother was worried that there would not be enough food to last the winter. The rice was lasting out well, but the fish was nearly used up.  Soon most of the meals were made from rice alone.  The fish was all but finished and then it was gone. Grandma began to realise that she actually loved to eat fish. The rice was so plain without it. She complained to her mother. She said that she did not like to eat rice without fish.

[](https://yogastories.files.wordpress.com/2010/09/fish-and-rice-pic-2.jpeg)Her mother came and sat beside her.

“Rice is very good for us. It keeps us alive. We must be grateful that we have rice to eat. Some people have no fish and no rice at all. How do you think they feel? They must be very hungry. We must be happy because we are not hungry.”

“But I am tired of rice.” Grandma had said.

“You must learn to control yourself and not complain about things that cannot be changed. You will just feel bad and make other people unhappy too. You do not want to make you father unhappy, do you? If he sees you smiling and eating your rice, he will not be upset, because you are not moaning! He is grateful that we still have rice. He can smile about that and so can I. You must learn to smile about your plain rice too.

I asked my grandma if she ever did learn to smile about plain rice. She nodded her head. “My friend, Lin’s family had no fish and no rice. They came to share our rice until winter was over.  That made me very happy – to be able to give them rice, so that they would not starve. I never complained again. I was very grateful to have enough to eat – and I was happy to share it

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### In Search of the Magic Lake

 FIVE HUNDRED YEARS AGO near Cuzco, capital of the Incas, there lived a girl named Ampata with her parents and two older brothers. Her family was poor and farmed the land as best they could to serve their emperor, the Sun King.  Alarmed, they learned that the health of the prince, who had been not well since birth, had worsened. The Sun King feared for the very life of his only son.   
  
 "Our only hope, sire," said the court magician, "is for your son to drink the water from the Magic Lake at the end of the earth. That is where the sky dips so low that it touches the lake's water and charges it with a magical healing power."  The Sun King announced that whoever could bring him water from the Magic Lake at the end of the earth would be richly rewarded. To the Incan people, gold and jewels were so abundant they had no more value than a barrel of corn; it was land, and the honor of joining the royal Inca family, that was a far greater treasure.   
  
But to Ampata's two older brothers, it was the opportunity to serve their Sun King that inspired them to beg their parents to allow them to go. "We know we can find the Magic Lake," they insisted.  "The end of the earth is too far," said the father, crossing his arms. The mother agreed, adding, "Panthers, boa constrictors, falls from rocky ledges - who knows the dangers that could befall you!"  "But our prince will die without the water from the Magic Lake!" they cried. "We must try!" Eventually the parents relented, and Ampata's brothers embarked on the journey.

They traveled for months, trekking through endless mountain ranges, each time thinking the mountain they were climbing on must be the very last one on earth and beyond it they would reach the Magic Lake. But this did not happen. One day, after climbing yet another mountain they had hoped was the last one on earth, only to discover at its summit dozens more peaks in the distance, one of the brothers said, discouraged, "We're not going to find the Magic Lake."  "I know," said the other, panting with exhaustion. "This is hopeless."  "What should we do?"  "Look, the harvest is coming and our parents need us back at the farm. Let's take some water from this mountain lake back to the prince. Who knows? We're far from Cuzco. Maybe the water will help cure him."  They had their doubts, but scooped the jar full of the mountain lake water, sealed it, and presented it to the Sun King at the castle.

But when the court magician poured their water into his flask, it sizzled and evaporated in a flash. The court magician frowned.  "My magic flask holds only water from the Magic Lake," said he. "This water is fake. The men are imposters!"  "How dare you try to trick the royal family!" bellowed the Sun King. "Throw them in prison!"  
  
 News of the young men's fate spread throughout the land. Though her brothers languished in jail, Ampata held out hope since at least they were still alive.  "Absolutely not!" said Ampata's parents, when she pleaded with them to allow her to go in search of the Magic Lake, too. "We'll have no children left at home," they said. But Ampata implored them, saying it was the only way to win her brother's release from prison. Besides, the Sun King's poor son was worse than ever and had slipped into a coma. His situation was desperate.  At last her mother gave her a bag of toasted corn and nuts, and a llama to keep her company. Sighing, her parents bid their youngest child farewell.  
  
On Ampata's first night, she snuggled into the warmth of her llama. But on the second night her sleep was shattered by the cry of a panther. She couldn't endanger her llama, and so she pointed the way back home for her pet and urged her to go, and quickly. That night, Ampata climbed the trees to spend the night safely out of harm's way.  
  
 The crook of a tree trunk is hardly a comfortable bed, but sleeping in the trees can bring unexpected benefits. The next morning Ampata watched, bemused, a pair of scarlet macaws circling overhead, those noisy, gorgeous deep red parrots with white patches on their faces and splotches of blue and yellow on their wings. While she watched, she chewed some toasted corn and nuts, and when the macaws alighted on the next branch, she spread some treats for them, too.  
  
 "Kwahh! Kwahh!" The macaws helped themselves to the treats. "What is a human girl doing in the trees?" Said the other bird, "Kwahh!"  
  
 These bright and engaging birds, more intelligent than most people realize, enjoy talking and interacting with others. Ampata told them her story - of the prince's mysterious sickness, her brothers' failed attempt to save him, and her determination to find the Magic Lake.  
  
 "You will never get there on your own!" said one of the macaws. "Kwahh!" The two birds bobbed their beaks and flew to the edge of the limb.  After a few moments one of them turned to her and said, "We enjoyed your tasty treats! And we know how to help you."  
  
The macaws rubbed their backs against one another in a kind of dance. After three feathers fell, they picked them up and flew to Ampata.  Said one macaw, setting the feathers in her lap, "These three feathers have magic. Hold them together as a fan. They will take you wherever you want to go, and they will protect you from danger."  
  
She spread the three feathers and tied the bottom of the fan with a ribbon of wool from her hair. "I can never thank you enough," she said to the two macaws. Holding the fan before her, she said, "If you please, will you take me to the Magic Lake at the end of the earth?"  
  
 As if she were a feather herself, Ampata was lifted far above the trees and whisked to the mountains. Thousands of feet below her, the snow-topped peaks of the Andes Mountains - the world's longest mountain range - raced by and Ampata nervously clutched her fan. At last, she was lowered ever so gently onto the very last peak, and her feet alighted. There before her sparkled the Magic Lake. Indeed, where the sky touched the water, the water in the Magic Lake fizzed and sparkled. Ampata knew she had reached the end of the earth. She tucked the fan into her braided waistband.  
  
 Suddenly from the woods slithered a giant rattlesnake, many times larger than she! Shaking its rattle and flicking its long red tongue, it seemed to fly toward her. Horrified, Ampata snatched the fan up before her face and closed her eyes, knowing that if it did not protect her, she was doomed. A loud clump. She lowered the fan to just above her nose and was amazed to see the giant rattlesnake had collapsed on the ground. The rattle at the end of its tail, teetering, pitched over.  
  
 The next moment a huge red scorpion, snapping its sharp front claws, surprised her from behind. It scampered toward her on its many legs so quickly that she barely had time to raise the fan. Though as soon as she did, the sound of its rushing along the ground toward her stopped. The scorpion lay on its back as if asleep; its many legs waved in the air and then settled down to rest.  
  
Carefully stepping around the scorpion and the rattlesnake, Ampata headed to the shore of the Magic Lake. Suddenly a low humming started behind her. Spinning around, she saw what looked like a low, dark cloud. Soon the humming became louder and the dark cloud became bigger and darker. She realized with horror that a swarm of ferocious army ants was about to surround her. Quickly she shot the fan in front of her face, not knowing if the feathers would protect her from so many ants coming from so many different directions. Yet in the next few seconds no ants bit her feet and climbed her legs. Trembling, she peaked through the feathers. The swarm of deadly army ants silently lay around her, dead.  
  
 Ampata kept the fan in front of her face while she hurried to the Magic Lake and, with her other hand, dipped the jar into the magic waters. As soon as the jar was filled and sealed shut, she gripped the fan and said, "Right away please, take me to the castle of the Sun King."  
  
 The next moment, she was facing the Sun King's castle and its walls of huge interlocking cut stone.  When she announced she had brought water from the Magic Lake, the girl was ushered upstairs to the sick prince's room. Ampata gave her jar to the court magician, a looming man who regarded her suspiciously. But when he poured the water from her jar into his magic flask and it did not sizzle or disappear, he smiled and glanced at her with excitement. He dipped his finger into the flask and let a few droplets fall onto the lips of the pale-faced young prince. The sick man's lips parted, his tongue flicked out for a moment to taste the water, and then his eyes opened. Everyone in the royal bedroom cheered, and the prince smiled.  
  
 "Drink this, Your Highness," said the court magician, handing him the flask with Ampata's water from the Magic Lake. The prince took one long gulp and sat up. "I feel better," he said, and color rushed back to his cheeks.  The Sun King was overjoyed. "You did it!" he exclaimed to Ampata. "You brought back water from the Magic Lake." She relayed her adventures and the Sun King was impressed. "You may live here and join the royal family," said he.  
  
 "If you please, sir," said Ampata, "may I ask three favors instead?"  
 "Of course - whatever you want."  
"First, would you release my two brothers from prison? I'm sure they are sorry for their mistake and would like nothing better than a second chance to serve you again."  
Consider it done," said the Sun King. "What else?"  
 "I'd like to return these three magic feathers to my friends, the scarlet macaws." Instantly, the fan pried itself free of her waistband, shot upward in the air, quickly spun around and flew out an empty window.  
 "It looks like that's taken care of, too," smiled the Sun King. "What is your third wish?"  
 "Would you grant my parents large flocks of llama, alpacas and vicunas, and enough land to herd them so they will not be poor in their old age, and so my brothers and I can take care of them?"  
 "My dear girl, I'll gladly grant this on one condition - that you promise to visit us often at the castle as our treasured friend, since you choose not to join the Incan royal family at this time."

As it turns out, years later Ampata joined the royal family after all; from many visits with the prince a close friendship deepened to love. And none were prouder and happier at their royal wedding than Ampata's parents and two older brothers.

# Cycle B Autumn 2 Compassion

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| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | God’s compassion for his people  Footprints in the sand |  | Jewish Stories  A baby in the Bulrushes |  |  |
| 2 | Showing compassion to others by sharing what we have  Loaves and Fish  Matthew 14 |  | Islamic Stories  The birth of the Prophet Muhammad |  |  |
| 3 | Compassion for the elderly  Ruth and Naomi  Ruth 1 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  St Francis (Pg 92) |  |  |
| 4 | Compassion for neighbours in need  The kind stranger  Luke 10 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Flags and Needles (Pg 177) |  |  |
| 5 | Compassion for the poor  Kind Dorcas  Acts 9 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Nanak and the holy men (Pg 176) |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Sing a new song Track 1 | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Bring it all to me Track 2 | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Holding on to the rock Track 4 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  E-N-J-O-Y Track 9 |
| Welcome | The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory. | Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. | Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. | Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: let us sing to God with thankful hearts. | Jesus, the light of the world is here.  Let us give thanks for all the gifts he has given. |
| Farewell | Jesus, lord of time, hold us in your eternity. Jesus, image of God, travel with us the life of faith. Jesus, friend of sinners, heal the brokenness of our world. Amen. | God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit help us to serve you now and always. | God, you are everything to us, Accept the work of our hands this day, take our lives, give us your peace and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. | In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; Amen | Let’s say together…  May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you for ever more. Amen. |

# Cycle B Spring 1 Friendship

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| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Friendship in good times and bad  Jonathon and David  1 Samuel 18 |  | Sikh Stories  The princes and the Guru’s cloak |  |  |
| 2 | Friendship, the greatest treasure  The story of Little Bear |  | A Tapestry of Tales  The Ramayana (Pg 102) |  |  |
| 3 | Friends Again  The garden of Gethsemane  Matthew 26 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  The Hare-mark on the moon  (Pg 47) |  |  |
| 4 | Friends in trouble  Down through the roof  Luke 5 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Elijah and his mantle (Pg 170) |  |  |
| 5 | Trusting our friends  The helpful servant  2 Kings 5 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  The Magic Herb Mountain (Pg 107) |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  We will find a way Track 9 | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  You are an inspiration Track 8 | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  Bad times don’t last Track 5 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  We’re on this road Track 2 |
| Welcome | The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory. | Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. | Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. | Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: let us sing to God with thankful hearts. | Jesus, the light of the world is here.  Let us give thanks for all the gifts he has given. |
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# Cycle B Spring 2 Hope

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| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Jesus the hope of the world  The story of Simeon  Luke 2 v 22-35 |  | Buddhist Stories  The four sights |  |  |
| 2 | The rainbow, a symbol of hope.  A special promise  Genesis 6-9 |  | Hindu Stories  The birth of the blue god |  |  |
| 3 | Planting hope  Story of the mustard seed |  | Jewish Stories  The story of Hannukah |  |  |
| 4 | Hope for the future – a new heaven and a new earth  I wish tonight by Lois Rock |  | A Tapestry of Tales  David the shepherd boy (Pg 151) |  |  |
| 5 | Bringing hope to others  Story of the Toy Box Charity |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Israelites escape from Egypt (Pg 141) |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  We will find a way Track 9 | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  You are an inspiration Track 8 | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  Bad times don’t last Track 5 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  We’re on this road Track 2 |
| Welcome | The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory. | Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. | Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. | Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: let us sing to God with thankful hearts. | Jesus, the light of the world is here.  Let us give thanks for all the gifts he has given. |
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# Cycle B Summer 1 Truthfulness

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| Week/ Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Truth and deception  The bad brother  Genesis 27 |  | Buddhist Stories  The search for truth |  |  |
| 2 | Choosing the truth  A sad day  Genesis 3 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Saint Christopher (Pg 91) |  |  |
| 3 | Standing for the truth  Saint Lucy |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Sita in the fire (Pg 107) |  |  |
| 4 | Seeing the truth  A miracle on the Damascus road  Acts 9 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Ibrahim and the idols (Pg 113) |  |  |
| 5 | Searching for the truth  Who made me? |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Elijah and the prophets of Baal  (Pg 169) |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Come and Praise  Disc 2  Give me oil Track 4 | Come and Praise  Disc 1  Who put the colours in the rainbow? Track 8 | Come and Praise  Disc 2  One More Step Track 7 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Come and Praise  Disc 1  He’s got the whole world Track 15 |
| Welcome | The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory. | Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. | Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. | Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs: let us sing to God with thankful hearts. | Jesus, the light of the world is here.  Let us give thanks for all the gifts he has given. |
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# Cycle B Summer 2 Humility

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| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Showing humility by serving others  John 13 v1-20 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  How can a demon be killed?  (Pg 96) |  |  |
| 2 | Humility to seek help  A soldier’s faith  Luke 7 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Guru Nanak chooses a successor  (Pg 181) |  |  |
| 3 | Humility to take advice  Story of Daedalus and Icarus *or*  The two prayers  Matthew 6 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  A woman at the gates of Mekkah  (Pg 181) |  |  |
| 4 | Living a humble life  Story of St Columba |  | Sikh Stories  The emperor and the langar |  |  |
| 5 | Learning humility  Joseph the dreamer  Genesis 49 |  | Sikh Stories  The milk and the jasmine flower |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Come and Praise  Disc 2  Give me oil Track 4 | Come and Praise  Disc 1  Who put the colours in the rainbow? Track 8 | Come and Praise  Disc 2  One More Step Track 7 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Come and Praise  Disc 1  He’s got the whole world Track 15 |
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# Cycle C Autumn 1 Generosity

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| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Unconditional generosity  The big party  Matthew 22/ Luke 14 |  | Sikh Stories  The story of Bhai Lalo |  |  |
| 2 | The joy of being generous  The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister |  | A Tapestry of Tales  The Monkey Bridge (Pg 48) |  |  |
| 3 | Giving time generously  Solomon’s fame  1 Kings 10 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Esther the Jewish queen (Pg 160) |  |  |
| 4 | Giving generously  A story about charitable giving |  | Hindu Stories  The god and the wicked witch |  |  |
| 5 | Generosity for future generations  The man who planted trees |  | Sikh Stories  The rich man and the needle of heaven |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Sing a new song Track 1 | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Bring it all to me Track 2 | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  Holding on to the rock Track 4 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Fischy Music  Bring it All to Me  E-N-J-O-Y Track 9 |
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# Cycle C Autumn 2 Respect & Reverence

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| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Respect and the reverence for God’s creation  The story of St Hilda and Caedmon |  | Islamic Stories  The night of the journey |  |  |
| 2 | Respect and reverence for animals  St Francis and the wolf of Gubbio |  | A Tapestry of Tales  How Umar became a Muslim  (Pg 121) |  |  |
| 3 | Respect and reverence for sacred objects  The last supper  Matthew 26 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Muhammad washing  (Pg 124) |  |  |
| 4 | Respect and reverence for God  Blessings |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Papa Panov  (Pg 202) |  |  |
| 5 | Respecting and reverence for others  Mother Teresa |  | A Tapestry of Tales  The student and the ants  (Pg 219) |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
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# Cycle C Spring 1 Wisdom

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| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Wisdom for the tree of life  Well know proverbs |  | Buddhist Stories  Buddha’s first teaching |  |  |
| 2 | The wisdom of building on secure foundations  The two houses  Matthew 7/ Luke 6 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Soloman the wise  (Pg 155) |  |  |
| 3 | Learning wisdom from our parents  Words from Proverbs 1v8-9 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Prince Siddharta, the Buddha  (Pg 44) |  |  |
| 4 | The wise king  A wise new ruler  1 Kings 2,3 |  | Buddhist Stories  The story of Kisagotami |  |  |
| 5 | Making wise decisions  The true mother  1 Kings 3 |  | Sikh Stories  The merchant and the 500 coins |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  We will find a way Track 9 | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  You are an inspiration Track 8 | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  Bad times don’t last Track 5 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Fischy Music  We’re on this road  We’re on this road Track 2 |
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# Cycle C Spring 2 Perseverance

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| Week/ Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Persevering with the truth  Down the well |  | Sikh Stories  The story of Guru Ram Das |  |  |
| 2 | Persevering to finish the job  A time to build |  | Islamic Stories  The story of Hajra |  |  |
| 3 | Persevering to the end  Jane Tomlinson and her fight for life |  | A Tapestry of Tales  The Story of Hannukah (Pg 157) |  |  |
| 4 | God’s persevering love  The lost sheep |  | A Tapestry of Tales  Let my people go! (Pg 143) |  |  |
| 5 | Perseverance and self belief  The hare and the tortoise |  | Islamic Stories  Musa follows a wise man |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
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# Cycle C Summer 1 Service

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| 1 | Sacrificial service  The story of Hannah Senesh |  | The Magic Paintbrush  Julia Donaldson |  |  |
| 2 | A queen saves her people  A test of courage  Esther 4,5 |  | The Mousehole Cat  Antonia Barber |  |  |
| 3 | Awards for service – OBE, MBE, CBE  The story of Ian Redmond |  | Room on the Broom  Julia Donaldson |  |  |
| 4 | Courageous service  The hero of Haarlem |  | The Lion who Wanted to Love  Giles Andreae |  |  |
| 5 | Serving the community  The story of the Trussell Trust |  | One Winter’s Day  Christine Butler |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
| Hymn | Come and Praise  Disc 2  Give me oil Track 4 | Come and Praise  Disc 1  Who put the colours in the rainbow? Track 8 | Come and Praise  Disc 2  One More Step Track 7 | All songs or prep for celebrations. | Come and Praise  Disc 1  He’s got the whole world Track 15 |
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# Cycle C Summer 2 Responsibility

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| Content | Values for Life | Led by our friends from St Mary’s Church | Stories from other religions and cultures. | Singing Worship | Celebration Worship |
| 1 | Taking responsibility for what we say  Be Careful!  James 3 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  King Midas |  |  |
| 2 | Taking responsibility for our time  The ant and the grasshopper  Proverbs 6.6-8 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  The Thirsty Camel |  |  |
| 3 | Taking responsibility for managing our anger  A house of prayer  Matthew 21 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  The coins of Elijah |  |  |
| 4 | Using our gifts responsibly  Parable of the three servants  Matthew 25 |  | A Tapestry of Tales  The Greedy King |  |  |
| 5 | Taking responsibility for our family members  The man who grew feathers |  | Jewish Stories  The Escape from Egypt |  |  |
| 6 | Messy Church | Worship Leader’s choice. | Worship Leader’s choice |  |  |
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