

## DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

### YEAR 2 /TERM 5/ASCENSION

(Ascension Day is 40 days after Easter Day)

This is an opportunity to look at changes in our lives especially those that involve saying goodbye to people. Jesus had to leave his disciples and sometimes people in our lives have to say goodbye for different reasons

SEAL link – New Beginnings

Values link - Hope

GATHER	ENGAGE	RESPOND	SEND
<p>Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you <b>All and also with you.</b></p> <p>God is love <b>all the time.</b> All the time <b>God is love.</b></p>	<p><b>JESUS GOES TO THE FATHER (whole school)</b> <b>Luke 24 v 50-53</b> Call out different ways of saying goodbye in English and some other languages, and have everyone chorus back the word each time with a wave. Ascension Day was Jesus' big 'goodbye' moment - at least to being on earth in one place, at one time and with one group of people at a time. He was returning to God in heaven, but he left a promise and a command which are still true for us today. <u>A way to tell the story together (courtesy of Barnabas in Churches)</u> 40 days after Easter, Jesus climbed a hill with his friends - <i>invite everyone to act out climbing up a hill.</i> It was time for Jesus to go back to God in heaven but he left a very special promise: 'I am always with you' - <i>get everyone to count out these five words on the digits of one hand.</i> And he gave them all a job to do: 'Go into all the world' (<i>invite everyone to point forward with one hand and then describe a big circle</i>) 'and share the good news of God's love' (<i>invite everyone to hold out both hands together as if offering a gift</i>) 'with everybody, everywhere' (<i>invite everyone to point to everybody else in the room as rapidly as possible</i>). And he promised them that the special power to do this would come from God very soon - <i>invite everyone to look puzzled.</i> And then Jesus disappeared before their very eyes - <i>invite everyone to shade their eyes with one hand, looking intently as Jesus leaves and then to react with amazement.</i> And the story says that angels appeared, who said that Jesus would be back one day in the same dramatic way - <i>invite a reaction of shock and joy.</i></p> <p><b>BADGER'S PARTING GIFTS (whole school)</b> <b>Matthew 28 v 20</b> The issue of death and parting is difficult and sensitive. This is a brilliant book with lovely illustrations which will make the story come alive if you can find a way of using them. It gives an important message in a form which can speak to pupils of all ages – that remembering happy times and what others have taught us is vital in dealing with our sadness when someone is gone NB There are many books which deal with this - you may have your own favourites.</p>	<p>Provide an opportunity within school for children to pray for those that they love and miss – eg using heart shaped post-its or colouring in a candle and adding it to a display. You might ask your worship leaders to design this for you.</p> <p>God, grant me the serenity To accept the things I cannot change, to change the things I can, And to know the difference.</p>	<p>May...</p> <p>God the Father watch over us - <i>hands reaching up high above the body</i></p> <p>God the Son walk with us - <i>hands reaching out wide either side of the body</i></p> <p>God the Spirit work through us - <i>hands crossed over the body</i></p> <p>Until we meet again - <i>shake hands or high-five each other</i></p> <p>Amen.</p>

