



Overview Collective Worship Calendar, based on the Lectionary

Autumn Term 2026 to end of Summer Term 2027

Detailed outlines with explanation of the Bible passage, suggestions for collective worship, hymns/songs and discussion questions for use in Form Time or at home are published termly on the LDBS website.

Week Beginning Colour is for that Sunday in church.	Reading(s) Taken from the Lectionary for the Sunday of that week.	Theme	National Holidays/ Observations
31 August 2026	Exodus 3.1–15 Romans 12.9–end	God calls us and is holy. We are to act as if we are called.	National Read a Book Day (6/9)
7 September 2026	Exodus 12.1–14 Romans 13.8–end	God loves and saves his people. Love is the fulfilment of the law.	
14 September 2026	Exodus 14.19–end Romans 14.1–12	God leads, whatever the circumstances.	Education Sunday (13/9)
21 September 2026	Exodus 16.2–15 Psalms 145. 1–8	God provides; we can tell others about it.	National Teaching Assistant Day (26/9)
28 September 2026	Exodus 17.1–7 Philippians 2.1–13	God is among us and leads by humble example.	National Poetry Day (2/10)
5 October 2026	Exodus 20.1–4, 7–9, 12–20 Psalms 19	God helps us by telling us what to do.	
12 October 2026	Psalms 106.1–6, 19–23 Isaiah 25. 1–9	God hears and answers our prayers.	National Week of Prayer (10/10–18/10)
19 Oct 2026 (Half-term)	Psalms 147.1–7 Luke 10.1–9	Good news is good to tell.	Festival of Luke the Evangelist (19/10)
26 October 2026	Psalms 90.1–6, 13–17 Matthew 22.34–end	Being God's children means we are loved. The Greatest Commandment.	
2 November 2026	1 John 3.1–3 Matthew 5.1–12	Being God's children means we are blessed. Beatitudes.	All Souls Day (1/11) Guy Fawkes/ Bonfire Night (3/11)
8 November 2026 (Remembrance)	Matthew 25.1–13 Proverbs 6.12–16, 6.17–20	Being God's children means we can be wise.	Remembrance Day (11/11) World Kindness Day (13/11)
16 November 2026	Matthew 25.14–30	Being God's children means we use what we're given carefully.	World Children's Day (20/11)
23 November	Ephesians 1.15–end Matthew 25.31–40	Jesus Christ, the servant King.	Christ the King

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30 November 2026 (First week of Advent)	Isaiah 64.1-9 Mark 13.24-37	Jesus is coming: he came and is coming again.	Advent Begins Volunteer Day (5/12)
7 December 2026 (Second week of Advent)	Isaiah 40.1-11 Mark 1.1-8	Jesus is coming: he is better than any other before.	Human Rights Day (10/12)
14 December 2026 (Third week of Advent)	Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 Luke 1.46-55	Jesus is coming: he brings joy.	International Human Solidarity Day (20/12)
21 December 2026 (Fourth week of Advent)	Psalms 89.1-4,19-26 Luke 1.26-38	Jesus is coming: it was promised, and his love and power will be established forever.	
4 January 2027	Isaiah 49:5-7 Matthew 2:1-12	Called to Flourish: Seeing the Light – the Magi.	(Epiphany 6/01)
11 January 2027	Genesis 1:1-5 Mark 1:4-11	Called to Flourish: Knowing who you are – the baptism of Jesus.	(Baptism of Jesus 10/01)
18 January 2027	1 Samuel 3:1-10 John 1.35-42	Called to Flourish: Listening for your calling. (Samuel. The Disciples)	
25 January 2027	Jonah 3. 1-5, 10 Mark 1. 14-20	Called to Flourish: Choosing a new direction. (Jonah. The Disciples)	
1 February 2027	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Mark 1:21-28	Called to Flourish: Using your influence well. (Jesus' authority)	
8 February 2027	Isaiah 40:27-31 Mark 1:29-39	Called to Flourish: Finding strength for the journey.	Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent (10/02)
15 February 2027 (Half-term)	Genesis 9:8-17 Mark 1:9-15	Choosing the Way: Courage in challenge.	
22 February 2027	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Mark 9:2-9	Choosing the Way: Moments of wonder.	
1 March 2027	Exodus 20:1-17 John 2:13-22	Choosing the Way: Living with integrity.	World Wildlife Day (3/03) World Book Day (4/03) Mothering Sunday (7/03)
8 March 2027	Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Choosing the Way: Love that changes lives.	International Women's Day (8/03)
15 March 2027	Jeremiah 31:31-34 John 12:20-33	Choosing the Way: Sacrifice and growth.	
22 March 2027	Isaiah 50:4-9 Mark 11:1-11	Choosing the Way: Servant leadership.	Palm Sunday (21/03) World Water Day (22/03)

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25 March 2027 (Maundy Thursday)	Micah 6:6-8 John 13:4-15, 34-35	Choosing the Way: Love, whatever the cost Part 1.	
26 March 2027 (Good Friday)	Isaiah 53 John 18-19	Choosing the Way: Love, whatever the cost Part 2.	Easter Sunday (28/03)
12 April 2027	Acts 3: 12-19 Luke 24:36-48	Living the Way: Recognising hope.	
19 April 2027	Psalms 23 John 10:11-18	Living the Way: Guidance and care.	Earth Day (22/04)
26 April 2027	Acts 8:26-40 John 15:1-8	Living the Way: Belonging together.	
3 May 2027 (Bank Holiday)	Acts 10:44-48 John 15:9-17	Living the Way: Friendship.	Ascension Day (6/05)
10 May 2027	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 John 17:6-19	Living the Way: Unity.	
17 May 2027	Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	Living the Way: Living with courage.	Pentecost (16/05)
24 May 2027	Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	Living the Way: Community and relationship.	Trinity Sunday (23/05) World Day for Cultural Diversity (21/05)
31 May 2027 (Half-term)	Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Mark 2:23-3:6	Kingdom Seeds: Rest is right.	
7 June 2027	Genesis 3:8-15 Psalms 130	Kingdom Seeds: Second chances.	Volunteers' week (1- 7/06)
14 June 2027	Ezekiel 17:22-24 Mark 4:26-34	Kingdom Seeds: Small acts, big impact.	
21 June 2027	Job 38:1-11 Mark 4:35-41	Kingdom Seeds: Peace in uncertainty.	World Refugee Day (20/06)
28 June 2027	Lamentations 3:22-33 Mark 5:21-43	Kingdom Seeds: Faith brings hope.	

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5 July 2027	Mark 6:1-13 Ezekial 2:1-5	Kingdom Seeds: Speaking truth with courage.	
12 July 2027	Psalm 85:8-13	Kingdom Seeds: The promise of peace.	
19 July 2027	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Kingdom Seeds: Rest and renewal.	

The Church Year starts at Advent. In church different colours represent different seasons. You might want to use tablecloths in different colours in your collective worship to represent the time in the Church Year.

Purple: Penance and Preparation	Red: Sacrifice, the Holy Spirit	Green: Hope, Life and Growth	Gold: Joy and Celebration	White: Purity	No colour: Desolation
					
Purple is used for times of deep thinking and reflection. It is also sometimes used at adult funerals.	Red is used for saints' days who have died as martyrs and also represents the flame of the Holy Spirit.	Green is used to represent quiet growth during the time between festivals and seasons.	Gold used for special occasions.	White represents purity (as opposed to sin which is scarlet). It often represents a season of celebration rather than a day.	On these two days of the year the church is stripped bare of all decoration and flowers.
Used during Advent and Lent	Pentecost/Whitsun Martyr's saints' days	Used throughout Ordinary Time.	Used for special days of celebration, such as Easter Day and Christmas	Used in the seasons of Easter and Christmas and for saints who were not martyred.	Good Friday and Holy Saturday

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