

The Magdalen Church of England / Methodist School
Wainfleet All Saints

Our School Vision

Inspired by William Waynflete and John Wesley we have a vision to be an *aspirational* school delivering excellence in learning by being *creative, inclusive, and resilient* so that we can all serve in God's world to the best of our ability.

Our school Vision is based upon Genesis 16:13

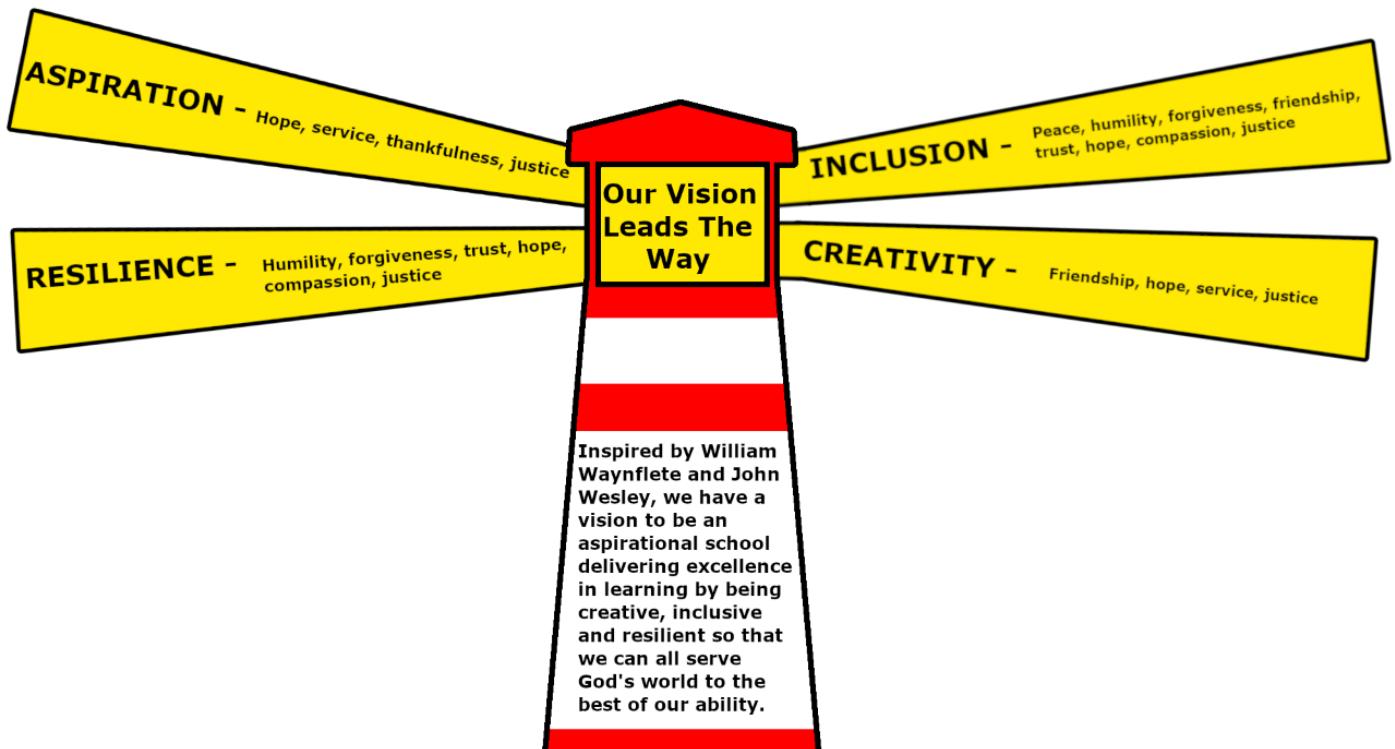
She gave this name to the Lord, who spoke to her. "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."

To us, this means that each and every member of our school community; staff, pupils, parents and visitors are 'seen' by us. Everything that we do within The Magdalen Church of England/Methodist Primary School is for the benefit of **ALL**. We strive to support every member of our school to know that we are here to support them to flourish within God's world.

Our Leading Lights

Aspiration Creativity Inclusion Resilience

These four leading lights taken from our church school vision run all through our school life, linking to our Ten Magdalen Values



Collective Worship : Our Mission

Our school community thrives within the love of God. Our collective worship is the heartbeat of the school; a daily opportunity for us to pause, be still and share God's Word, considering how the Love of God can be taken into our day to day lives.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15.12

Our Vision, leading lights and Values form the foundation of our daily worship.

The Church of England states that Collective worship gives pupils and school staff the opportunity to:

- Engage in an act of community.
- Express praise and thanksgiving to God.
- Be still and reflect.
- Explore the big questions of life and respond to national events.
- Foster respect and deepen spiritual awareness.
- Reflect on the character of God and on the teachings of Christ.
- Affirm Christian values and attitudes.
- Share each other's joys and challenges.
- Celebrate special times in the Christian calendar.

The Evaluation Schedule for SIAMS details the expectations for school worship and asserts that school worship should, among other things ...

- Be inspiring and transformational.
- Include a range of creative opportunities eg music, silence, symbol, drama
- Develop the Christian vision, values, and ethos of the school.

Pattern of Worship

Christian music is played as children enter the hall.

Children are seated in a horseshoe shape with the worship table in the centre.

The Head Teacher, or SLT In her absence, leads Monday's worship, Introducing 'The One Thing' for the week. Pastor Sue Alldread / Father Aiden will lead the worship on alternate Tuesdays.

Choral Worship is celebrated on Wednesdays. Teaching staff lead Key Stage worship on Thursdays and the week culminates with Friday Faith which is also led by teaching staff.

Our Worship table is positioned at the front of all collective worships. The cloth denotes the Church of England's Liturgical calendar – see table below. The worship table is used to display the candle of reflection, the Bible and the LAAT candles of Excellence, Exploration and Enjoyment.

Green	Used during 'Ordinary time' between the main festivals and seasons. This covers most of the year and can represent growth.
Red	Used to either mark saints' days where it represents their death as a martyr, or to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit (for Pentecost / Whitsun).
White	Represents being pure, in celebrations such as baptisms, weddings, and some funerals. Also used for celebrations either on its own or with gold. It is also used for saints who did not die as martyrs.
Gold	Key celebrations, for example Christmas Day and Easter Sunday. Provision is also made for Gold days to be dressed in White.
Purple	Used for times of preparation and waiting, the reflective seasons. Key times are Advent and Lent.

Christian entrance music plays softly as children enter the hall - children are invited to sing along if they wish to, or to sit quietly and reflect. The school vision is displayed.

On a Monday, each class brings their cube to the hall. Class cubes illustrate the Biblical origin of each class' name. Collective Worship Councillors receive each cube and assemble them to create a structure in the form of a cross, to symbolise us coming together to worship in one place.

We start with the greeting "May the Peace of the Lord be with you" and the response, "and also with you." The worship power point is displayed and 'clicker' controlled by the worship leader.

Each week's worship refers to 'The One Thing' - the main, non-negotiable message that we want the children to remember and act out in their daily lives.

2 children (one from KS1 and another from KS2) are seated at the Worship@Wainfleet table throughout worship to record the act of worship and their response to it in the Record Book.

A child is chosen to light the candle and a moment of reflection is introduced. A few responses are taken from the children, and this is followed by the song which we stand to sing. The main worship then proceeds and concludes with a prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.


A different child is selected to blow out the candle as a final opportunity for reflection is given as we review 'The One Thing' that we are taking away for the worship.

Music is played as the classes leave the hall.

Classes leave worship one at a time, standing when asked. The blessing "May the Peace of the Lord go with you" is given to each class in turn, with the response "and also with you".

Our school uses the 'Big Start assemblies' resource as the basis of our whole school worship. This resource has been carefully selected to provide a consistent pattern and approach, enabling worship to provide opportunities for children and staff to engage in a shared and meaningful experience linked to the love and teachings of Christ. Big Start Assemblies closely correlates to Understanding Christianity. We also enhance our provision, as appropriate, with the 'Roots & Fruits' resource, from Imaginor.

We believe that it is vital for Collective Worship to reflect the context of the school and the community that we serve as well as our place in the wider world. We encourage staff to deliver acts of worship that reflect the world in which we live – placing British Values, global citizenship and clear Christian Values in one place.

Friday worship is called  .

This is an opportunity for the school community to gather in the hall to celebrate and praise. Our children are closely involved in the planning and delivery of this act of worship. They select the music, compose and lead the prayers. We celebrate members of our school family who have demonstrated the school Vision &

Values within their day to day life, acting as role models to others. Our Star of the Week children are applauded and we re-visit 'The One Thing' from that week's worship.