

Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 9:23-25

I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

Hebrews 12:1-3

As for us, we have this large crowd of witnesses around us. So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne. Think of what he went through; how he put up with so much hatred from sinners! So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up.

Ephesians 4:15-17

Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head. Under his control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.

2 Peter 1:5-7

For this very reason do your best to add goodness to your faith; to your goodness add knowledge; to your knowledge add self-control; to your self-control add endurance; to your endurance add godliness; to your godliness add Christian affection; and to your Christian affection add love.

Worship resources you may find useful

www.worshipworkshop.org.uk

http://www.transformingworship.org.uk/TransformingWorship/?page_id=253

www.assemblies.org.uk

<http://cowo.culham.ac.uk>

www.bdeducation.org.uk/collective-worship.html

<http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/pages/2626.htm#AssemblystoriesaboutJesus>

Diocesan Assemblies for Summer Term available after 12th March

www.leicester.anglican.org/diocese-office/education



Capture the Vision of 2012 Games



'Let us run with determination the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus in whom our faith depends.'

Hebrews 12.1-2

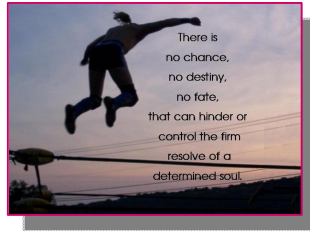


"To use the power of the Games to inspire change."

Getting Started

You may like to use the Olympic values as your theme for worship, these could be:

**Excellence; Friendship;
Respect: Courage;
Determination; Inspiration
and Equality.**



Or you could begin your theme with a key Bible verse such as: 'Encourage one another and help one another.' 1 Thessalonians 5.11



Liturgy for giving and receiving

When you receive the Deanery baton and light in your school/church you may like to use the following words:

Receiving the Baton & Light

Those giving:

Will you receive this Deanery baton and light into your Church/School, as a sign of the spirit of the 2012 Games?

Those receiving:

We accept this baton and light into our Church/School.

Those giving:

Do you accept the challenge to share and celebrate with others the light that God gives us?

Those receiving:

We accept the challenge!

Vision of 2012 Games

Diocesan Song

CDs available from Board of Education

CELEBRATE THE LIGHT

At the very start of time and space
You made the world and human race
You cried out let there be light
To separate day and night

Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate the wonderful light (x2)

That light has shone since that day
It guides our paths and shows the way
We see this light in Jesus your Son
So let us help to pass it on

Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate the wonderful light (x2)

So let our lights shine in the world
In every boy and every girl
United as the lights shine bright
Making such a glorious sight

Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate the wonderful light (x2)

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Prayers

A prayer for those involved in sports

O God, you gave us bodies -
as well as minds and hearts -
with which to praise and worship you.
Our sports and exercises are a fitting
use of the gifts and talents you have given us.
Bless our workouts and the games we play,
and those with whom we exercise or compete.
Give us strength, endurance, courage and agility
as we compete or train.
Keep us safe and healthy as we celebrate
our physical and mental skills in sport.
Almighty God,
hear our prayer.
Amen.



A prayer to help us live as a community

A Safe Place for All

May our school/village/town/city be a safe place:

By day and by night, for young and old, for rich and poor, for people of every colour and every faith.

May our school/village/town/city be a safe place:

For those we know, for those who are visitors, for sports men and women and for spectators, for people of every colour and every race.

May we be a community.

Amen.