

First a word about Christian endurance...

Most good things in life only come with time, patience, dedicated effort and endurance. This is also true in the realm of faith.



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Please watch Bishop Mike talk about what endurance means to a Christian in his 5 minute video found [here](#) recorded especially for those delivering this resource.

How Long, O Lord?

Endurance is the ability to continue with an unpleasant or difficult situation, experience, or activity **over a long period of time**.

Endurance right now is important to us all. This year has felt, and continues to feel, like the season in which we are all learning about what it means to truly endure.

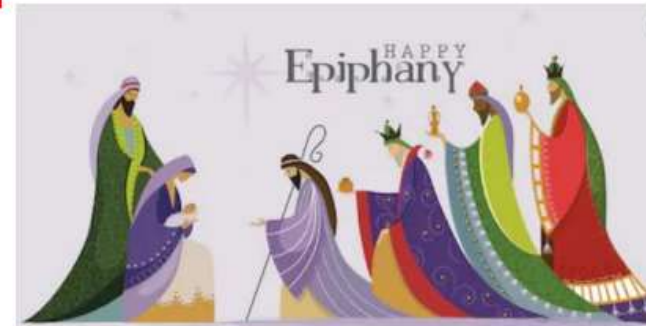
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HEBREWS 12:1













... and Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany, which always falls on 6 January, marks the beginning of a season which recognises Jesus to be the Son of God.

Epiphany celebrates the time when Jesus was shown to the three kings (or wise men). It is often lumped together with Christmas as the Three Kings parade in as part of our annual nativity play but actually Epiphany, or Three Kings Day, follows Christmas. It celebrates the fact that Jesus had come into the world for everyone, not just the Jews. The story can be found in Matthew 2:1-12.










Collective Worship Planner – Spring 1 2026

Week beginning	Big Question/	Monday (Led by Mrs McArdle)	Tuesday (Singing Worship)	Wellbeing Wednesday	Thursday (Visitor)	Celebration Friday
5 th January	What gifts can we share with the world?		Epiphany led by Mrs McArdle Explore the story of the Wise Men and the idea of giving our time, talents, and kindness as gifts.	What gifts can we offer? Present activity	Led by George and Janet Grime	
12 th January	How can one small action make a big difference?	Baptism of Christ (Matthew 3:17)		Link to Martin Luther King Jr and "The Barrow Way" – small acts of courage and kindness change things.	Led by Revd. Gilbert	
19 th January	Why is it important to work together?	British Values – Tolerance led by Mrs Cox		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity activity	Led by Revd. Daleen	
26 th January	How can we be a light to others?	The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)		How can we be a light to others class activity	Led by Paul Adnitt	
2 nd February		Candlemas (Luke 2:22-40)			Led by Jake	
9 th February	What does love really look like?	Children's Mental Health Week led by Mrs Tate		Safer Internet Day activity led by Mr Briggs	Led by Revd. Daleen	



Collective Worship Planner – Spring 2 2026

Week beginning	Big Question/ Focus	Monday (Big Question/ Headteacher)	Tuesday (Singing Worship)	Wellbeing Wednesday	Thursday (Visitor)	Celebration Friday
23 rd February	LENT Why do people choose to give things up?	Explore Lent as a time for reflection, self-control, and making positive changes.		Lent promises	Led by Jake	
2 nd March	LENT What does it mean to live fairly and kindly?	What does it mean to live fairly and kindly? <i>St David's Day (1 Mar), Fairtrade Fortnight, World Book Day</i>		Road Safety Week activity	Led by Paul Adnitt	
9 th March	LENT What does it mean to say "yes" to helping others?	Explore trust, service, and caring relationships. Mary's "yes" to God, and mothers' love.		Bethany Postcards	Led by Revd. Daleen	
16 th March		Water Safety Awareness week		Water Safety Awareness activity	Led by Revd. Gilbert	Getting ready for Bethany visit next week worship
23 rd March	Why do we remember Jesus' journey to the cross?	Palm Sunday led by Year 2	Last Supper led by Year 4	Good Friday led by Year 5	Easter Sunday led by Year 6	