



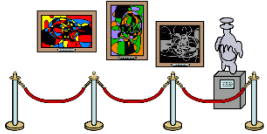

Church schools praying together across the Diocese

Week beginning	Schools	Topic	Ideas for your focus table or school hall display
16 th April 2018	All Schools in the Lancaster District 	The 16 th April is 'Save the Elephant Day'. Give thanks to God for his amazing creation and awesome creatures like the elephant. Say sorry for the ways in which the world is being spoilt and species of animals put in danger. Pray for those who are working to stop poachers and the destruction of the elephants' natural habitat There is additional information on the WWF website.	Pictures of elephants Toy elephants Pictures of other endangered species Information about the work of the WWF Make elephants from Play dough Write prayers on elephant shapes Enjoy stories about Elmer
Dear Creator God, We thank you for your awesome creation, for all the different kinds of animals especially the elephants. Give courage to those who are campaigning to save the elephants from being killed by poachers. Give wisdom to those who are working to save and protect the habitat where elephants live. Lord, help us to be more aware of the environment around us, how beautiful it is and all the ways in which we can work to look after it. Amen This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the Lancaster District.			
23 rd April 2018	All Schools in the Chorley District	The church remembers: 25 th April St Mark, 29 th April St Catherine. Pray for people who are working as missionaries to spread the good news about Jesus. St Mark wrote the Gospel, pray for the work of the Bible Society. www.biblesociety.org.uk	A selection of Bibles. A few posters/pictures from the Bible Society web site.
Father God, we remember this week and give thanks for the life and Gospel of St Mark. We pray for your blessing upon the work of the Bible society and all those working to translate the Bible so it can be read by everyone in the world. Give courage, Lord to those people who are travelling with Bibles to distant places to make sure everyone can have a Bible of their own. Amen. This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the Chorley District.			



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<p>30th April 2018</p>	<p>All Schools in the Pendle District</p>	<p>The 30th April is National Honesty Day. Discuss a few dilemmas, pray for the courage to always tell the truth. Proverbs 12v17, Proverbs 12v22, Luke 6v31, Eph 4v25, Col 3v9, 2Cor 8v21, 2Tim 2v15</p> <p>Jesus said 'I am the truth, the way and the life.'</p>	<p>Honesty – A dictionary definition A list of related words from a thesaurus</p> <p>Play a true or false game and talk about what truth is and the importance of telling the truth</p>
<p>Lord Jesus, You always told the truth and you taught us to always be truthful. May we follow your example. Give us the courage to tell the truth in tricky circumstances and to stand up for truth when truth is being challenged. May we be good role models for truth in our community. Amen</p> <p>This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the Pendle District.</p>			
<p>7th May 2018</p>	<p>All Schools in the Hyndburn/Ribble Valley District</p>	<p>The Church celebrates Ascension Day this year on 10th May, on this festival day we are remembering when Jesus said goodbye to his disciples and ascended to be with his father in heaven. As he left he promised that he would be with us always.</p> <p>Say prayers of thanks that Jesus is with us. Prayers for people you would like Jesus to comfort and bring peace.</p>	<p>Images/paintings of the Ascension.</p> <p>A big speech bubble – Jesus said 'I am with you always'.</p> 
<p>Lord Jesus, As you left your disciples and returned to your Father in heaven you told them that you will be with us always. Help us to never forget that. May we feel your presence with us today and everyday. Thank you for being our constant friend. Amen</p> <p>This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the Hyndburn/Ribble Valley District.</p>			



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<p>14th May 2018</p>	<p>All Schools in the Fylde District</p> 	<p>The 18th May is National Museum day. Are museums important? Why? Give thanks for the joy of learning about and seeing new things. Give thanks for all the information we know about in times gone by because of museums. Talk about the ways in which museums have changed and are now more interactive. Ask members of staff to talk about their experiences of visiting museums that has had an impact on them.</p>	<p>Pictures of famous museums world wide</p> <p>Talk about museums the children have visited. What do the children enjoy about museums?</p> <p>A wall of bricks of knowledge and fascinating facts</p>
<p>Give the children a brick on which to write or draw something they have seen in a museum or learnt because of a visit to a museum. Create a wall of thanks to God for all these fascinating facts, the joy of learning and the gift of curiosity. Amen</p> <p>This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the Fylde District.</p>			
<p>21st May 2018</p>	<p>All Schools in the Burnley District</p>	<p>Yesterday the church celebrated the festival of Pentecost. This festival is regarded as the birth of the church and the disciples began to spread the good news about Jesus around the world.</p> <p>Pray for the courage to be good witnesses and as a school, reach out into the community by putting our Christian values into action.</p>	<p>A Happy Birthday Church Cake Pictures of paintings of Pentecost Pictures of flames and doves</p> <p>Map and pictures of the community and surrounding area.</p> <p>Pictures of churches and Christians around the world</p>
<p>Lord Jesus, you kept your promise and sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to be our comforter and helper. When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit they became bold and full of courage. Help us, like them, to tell everyone about you. May we reach out into the community and share your love with everyone. We pray that the Holy Spirit would give us patience, kindness, joy and peace. Amen</p>  <p>This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the Burnley District.</p>			

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<p>4th June 2018</p>	<p>All Schools in the Wyre District</p>	<p>Pray for an event/issue/situation that is in the news at this time.</p>	
<p>This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the Wyre District.</p>			
<p>11th June 2018</p>	<p>All Schools in the West Lancashire District</p>	<p>14th June is world Blood Donor day. Pray for doctors and nurses, all who work in the health service and scientists finding new medicine.</p>	<p>Health care uniforms First Aid Kit Pictures of medicine and people being treated by nurses.</p> 
<p>Dear Father God, you showed us through Jesus how to care and have compassion. We thank you for all the people who work in the health service. For Doctors and nurses in hospitals and the local community. We ask that you give knowledge and skill to the scientists who are finding new medicines. Thank you for dentists and chemists, for those caring for old people and people with disabilities. May all show care and compassion to one another and always be willing to help others in need. Amen.</p> <p>This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the West Lancashire District.</p>			


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<p>18th June 2018</p>	<p>All schools in the Preston District</p>	<p>20th June is World Refugee Day. Pray for those who have been driven from their homes by war, fear or hunger</p>	<p>A carrier bag of belongings. Life jacket Blankets and water Tent</p> 
<p>Dear God, there are many people in the world who are leaving their homes because of fear, war and hunger. May they find places of refuge where they feel warm and welcome. Take away their fears, Lord, and help them to make new homes. Give wisdom to governments and authorities so all refugees are helped in the best way possible. Amen</p> <p>This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the Preston District.</p>			
<p>25th June 2018</p>	<p>All Schools in the Blackburn with Darwen District</p>	<p>Sometimes we are just so busy that we forget to stop and pray. God knows and understands when we are busy but life is so much better if we spend time even if it is only a few moments being still with him.</p>	<p>Be still and Know that I am God. My peace I give you.</p> 
<p>Enjoy being still Spend a few moments in silence talking to God and listening to him. Light a few extra candles and play some quiet music. Perhaps use the Taize chant 'O Lord hear our prayer'</p> <p>This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the Blackburn with Darwen District.</p>			
<p>2nd July 2018</p>	<p>All Schools in the South Ribble District</p>	<p>The 7th July is World Chocolate day Celebrate the gift of chocolate. Is chocolate something we should be giving thanks for? Why? Why not?</p>	<p>Pictures of all the products that involve chocolate in some form Pictures of chocolatey hands and faces</p>

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		<p>This an opportunity to remind the children about Fairtrade and the difference fairly traded chocolate makes to the lives of cocoa farmers.</p> <p>Challenge the children to discover how chocolate was invented.</p> <p>Where in the world does cocoa grow?</p> <p>From bean to bar, how?</p>	<p>Enjoy chocolate tasting</p> <p>Although not every child will like chocolate and some diets may prohibit them from eating it most children do love chocolate and of course lots of variations are available.</p>
<p>Thank you God for chocolate.</p> <p>Eat chocolate as your Amen.</p> <p>You could eat bitter chocolate and say sorry, eat milk chocolate and say thank you, eat crunchy choc and pray for difficult situations, eat chocolate filled with caramel and think of the gifts we have been given, be creative.</p> <p>Eat coloured sugar coated chocolate (such as M&Ms) and pray for things associated with the different colours.</p> <p>This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the South Ribble District.</p>			
<p>9th July 2018</p>	<p>All Schools in the Blackpool and Wigan Districts</p>	<p>This week we pray for events, issues, people etc. in school. We often forget to pray about the immediate things around us that need prayer. E.g. trips, staff changes, sports days, end of term show etc.</p>	<p>Newsletters photos Places being visited.</p>
<p>You need to create your own prayer to incorporate the things happening in school.</p> <p>This week we pray particularly for our friends in all the Diocesan family of schools in the Blackpool and Wigan Districts.</p>			

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<p>16th July 2018</p>		<p>Hurray for holidays! Pray for holidays, times of fun and rest, keeping safe and children moving to new schools.</p>	<p>A bucket and spade New school bag Cycle helmet Holiday tickets Holiday clothing Rubber ring and deckchair</p>
<p>Lord Jesus, it's holiday time again! Hurray!</p> <p>Thank you God for fun and rest. Be with us Lord as we have a break from school, we pray that we make good use of our time and that we all have a great holiday time. Please protect us all and keep us safe wherever we may be. May all the teachers in the schools relax and re-energise. There are many children and young people in our Diocesan family who will be saying goodbye this week and moving on to new schools in September; replace any worry with excitement. Thank you. Amen.</p>			