

Christian Distinctiveness Meeting, 2nd March 2026

Attending: James Osler, Rev Richard Priest, Andrea Grafton, Katherine Bloomer
Karen Winterburn, Edward Buchan

Copy to: Amber Batson (Chair), Rev Suzanne Grindrod (Priest in Charge)

RP opened in prayer.

Minutes from 2nd March 2026	Christingle – raised £40 for The Children’s Society. Pros and cons with both online giving or cash collection. Easter Egg Hunt – 23/3. The Worship Council led a hunt in church for Hercules. After Easter Experience – 24/4. Positive feedback from pupils and staff. Volunteers were impressed with behaviour and active engagement from pupils. Rogation Service – 15/6 Indoors due to weather. Involvement of Gardening Club and Worship Council. Suggestion to use a microphone so words can be heard.	
Upcoming Events T6 and T1	Leavers Service – confirmed for 15th July 9.15am. School to plan, Rev Suzanne to lead. Richard is happy to handout Bibles. We will have leaflets for the Y7 Ice-cream social. Mrs Nathanson is leaving after 16 years – a thank you to be included. Back to School Service and BBQ – confirmed for Sunday 6th September. To advertise to new families and whole school. Harvest – date not yet agreed for St Peter’s. Not w/c 28 Sept. Or 8th October – Make a Difference Day. Katherine to liaise with James.	KB
Church/School links	Values Storytelling with Reception pupils – took place on 18/5 and 8/6. To continue in new academic year. NWMA Wild church – Transition session on 17th June. School has 10 It’s Your Move booklets left from last year. Jessie will be in touch to book the autumn session with Chameleon. Partnership award – Katherine has updated this. Meeting agreed with the content. PCC approval required – Andrea to arrange via email and let Karen know. Karen to send before end of this term ready for September panel. Sabbatical – Rev Suzanne will be taking a 3 month sabbatical in 2027 (after Easter) so will not be available.	AG KW
Collective Worship	Evaluation – to re-establish guidelines with new Y6 in September.	KW/JO

	Resources – Katherine will send through for T1 on Friendship during the summer.	KB
Worship Council/ Pupil Voice	T6 – Last meeting on 29/6, to lead worship on 8/7. 2026/7 Focus – Karen and James are meeting to agree priorities for the new academic year and will let Katherine know how Worship Council can support. Worship Cloth – this is looking worse for wear. Richard volunteered to clean with upholstery stuff. Maybe time to refresh.	KW/JO RP
RE	WIRE award – in the process of completing the application, following the Spirited Arts competition. Spirited Arts – launched in a CW at the beginning of term with great enthusiasm by Mrs Ford. Well received by pupils. James will contact volunteers for judging. St Peter's would like to display some in church over the summer. Karen to lend display boards from SSQ. Church visits – James to remind staff to book for T1 or T2. Monitoring - Richard has completed monitoring at both schools. Positive feedback about how all staff seek to bring the subject to life. New syllabus – this has taken a lot of planning and support. The meeting recorded its thanks to James and Louise for all their hard work.	JO JO KW JO
SIAMS	<i>Embed the language of spirituality across the school so that pupils and adults can see spirituality pervades all areas of school life.</i> A whole school project created a wall hanging around light and spirituality, led by Alica Ford. This is displayed in the school and through the newsletter. Thanks to Ms Ford for all her hard work on this. The flames 'spark' imagery has been shared on the website, in the school newsletter, on the Worship table and in each classroom. <i>Extend the opportunities for pupils to develop an understanding of Christianity as a global religion so that they might deepen their knowledge and appreciation of diversity in religious and non-religious worldviews</i> James attended Bristol Diocese training: Championing Difference - Christianity as a Global World Faith and will book the follow up to access the resources.	

	Katherine will use the global Christianity focus for the Harvest service, and during Advent we will reflect on different Nativity scenes from across the world.	
Courageous Advocacy	Making a Difference – Agents of Change. James needs to check in with each class. The theme has been caring for creation/climate justice: <i>Phoenix</i> – visiting villagers gardens to explore how they make them wildlife friendly and giving feedback with suggestions to improve this. <i>Hercules</i> – have been doing a bee project. Staff will review, assess and look at what happens in the new academic year.	JO
Any Other Business	Risk assessments for school visits to church – each class completes one for local visits and crossing the road. Andrea kindly agreed to add one for school church services and church visits and will share with school. Forest School – the school has made an application to the Bristol Diocese Education Foundation. They will also look at a request for Time and Talents from the local community.	AG
Date of next meeting	Tuesday 13 th October 2026, 1.30pm	