



Different ways to support your local school

How can the Church help support the local schools within the parish?

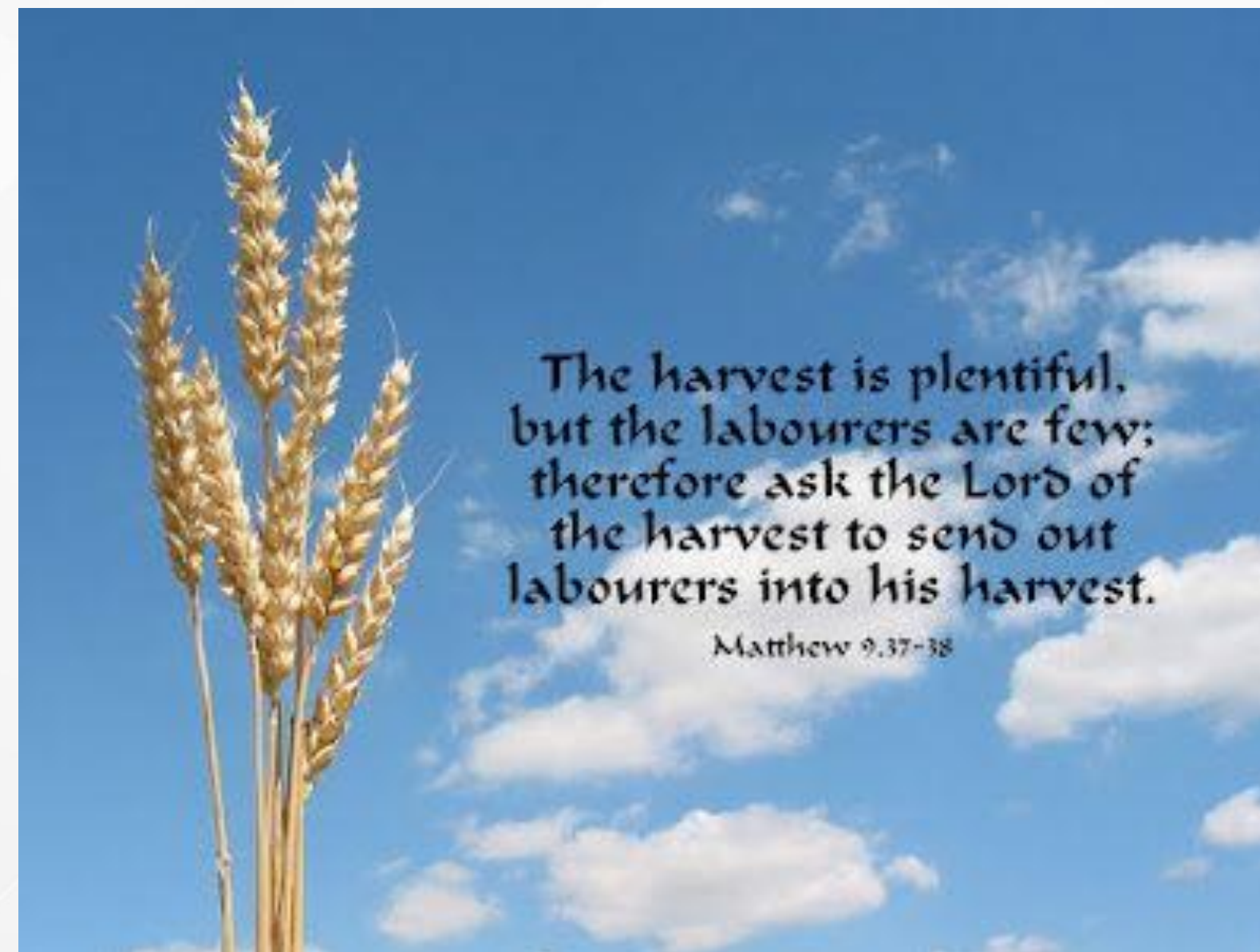
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Theological basis

Matthew 9:35, "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness".



Collective Worship

- Training on what this can look like under the Free resources / growing Faith tab on Leicester DBE website <https://www.leicesterdbe.org/growing-faith/>
- What is the school's context and vision? Consider this when supporting with CW.
- Who can you talk to at the school about CW – lead teacher, head, governor.



Growing Faith

- Growing Faith is the movement that exists to put children, young people and families instinctively at the heart of all the mission and ministry of the Church by changing the culture of the Church of England.
- <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/growing-faith-foundation>
- How can we engage with schools in a way that seeks to connect Church / school and home?



Practical ideas

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE EXPERIENCED IN THE EDUCATION TO HELP SUPPORT SCHOOLS MEANINGFULLY. THIS APPLIES TO EVERYONE IN YOUR CONGREGATION.

Ideas linked to CW about how we could go further with schools:

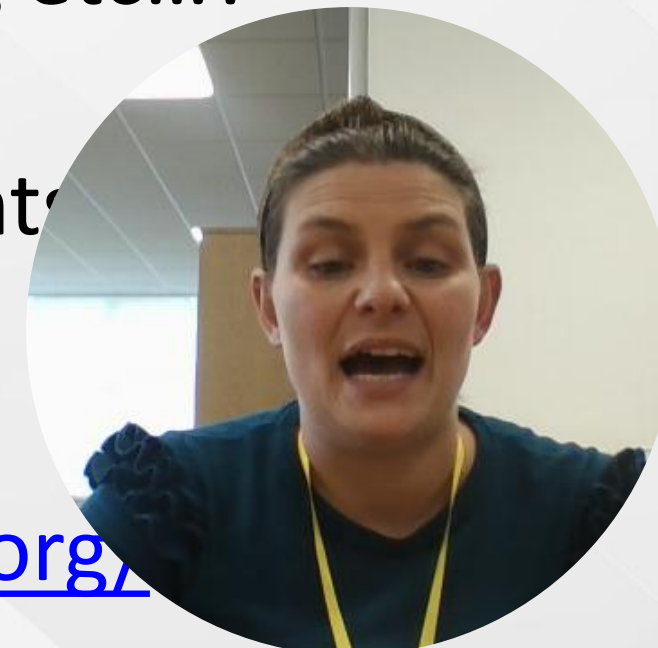
- Could there be a big question box in school that you base your CWs around?
- Could you give pupils challenges to think on or complete before the next CW?
- Could you encourage school to have a CW pupil group to help plan and lead CW?
- Could you encourage pupils to write their own prayers, poems and/or reflections to read out next time?
- Could you invite pupils, staff and parents to events and services in y



Practical ideas

Ideas outside of CW

- Could you write something for the school newsletter connected to something about the Christian faith to engage with. Maybe a question could be posed?
- Could you offer one lunch as a drop in, to answer any questions pupils or adults may have?
- Could there be a pupil and/or staff prayer box that you take back to Church and include in Sunday prayers or small groups?
- Could you offer to listen to children read?
- Could you volunteer to walk pupils to and from Church / swimming etc...?
- Could you volunteer to serve tea and coffee at parents evening?
- Could you offer for work to be displayed at Church and invite parents?
- Could you organise suppers to get to know school community?
- Could you open Church up as an afterschool drop in space?
- Could you help run a prayer space? <https://prayerspacesinschools.org/>



Thinking time

What has resonated with you on this training?

Is there one idea you would like to explore further?

What is involved in taking this forward? Who is involved?

What barriers might there be in taking this forward?





THANK YOU

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