

# Service outlines

There are lots of ways that you could combine the elements of this Toolkit to create church services. Here are a few suggestions – feel free to adapt them to the particular style of worship of your church, and to include other elements appropriate to the requirements of your church.

The following outlines are suggested

- ◆ An all-age service on the theme of vocation
- ◆ An adult service on the theme of vocation
- ◆ A service on letting faith transform our work
- ◆ A service on being Christian in a multicultural society
- ◆ A service on the general theme of education

## An all-age service on the theme of vocation

Opening songs

Stand up, sit down

Use this activity to briefly interview a pupil, a teacher and a governor or someone else in a supporting role in education

DVD clip one – *Christian Teachers Transform Lives*

Song of praise

All-age talk on Nehemiah – including Bible readings

Prayer on Nehemiah's story

Song of commitment

Footprints activity – giving thanks for those who have taught us

Closing songs



## An adult service on the theme of vocation

Opening songs

Vocation, vacation – a light-hearted sketch to introduce the theme

Interview a teacher – using the cartoons in the PowerPoint presentation and focusing on their sense of calling to teach

Songs of praise

Sermon on vocation – based on the story of Nehemiah, including DVD clip one – *Christian Teachers Transform Lives*

Liturgy – a prayer to be faithful to the callings God has given us

Song of worship or commitment

Commissioning teachers – as an example of recognising and honouring the vocations of some members of the church

Closing song

## A service on letting faith transform our work

Opening responses and call to worship

Opening hymn

Sketch – What were you building?

DVD clip two – *Christian Teachers Transform Teaching* - this could lead into a short interview with a teacher about the way their faith has transformed their work

Songs of worship

Sermon on Letting faith transform our work – including Bible readings

Song of commitment

Intercessions – including prayers for people involved in education

Closing song



## A service on being Christian in a multicultural society

**Opening songs** and introduction to service – acknowledge the multicultural nature of your congregation or local community as appropriate

**DVD clip:** *Secondary pupils – a good teacher is . . .*

Invite the congregation to briefly discuss what makes a good teacher. The clip includes pupils from different ethnic backgrounds and is a wonderful reminder of the multicultural nature of many schools.

**Interview a teacher** – using the cartoon depicting the multifaith classroom with appropriate questions



**Songs of praise and worship**

**Sermon - Living for Christ in a non-Christian culture** – on the theme of Daniel, to include Bible readings and DVD clip three – *Christian Teachers Transform Learning*

**Song of commitment**

**DVD clip – Rt Revd James Jones, Bishop of Liverpool**

The Bishop talks about the importance of praying for teachers. Emphasise the need to pray for teachers being faithful to God in multi-cultural classrooms.

**Intercessions** – prayers for the church and the wider world

**Closing songs**

## A service on the general theme of education

### Opening songs

[Tell me about your school](#) – get different generations talking together about their experience of school.

[DVD clip one](#) – *Christian Teachers Transform Lives*, to introduce the theme

[Interview a teacher](#) or someone else involved in education – using the [cartoons](#), or simply asking what they have to celebrate in their role and what are the challenges they have to face.

### Songs of worship

[Sermon and Bible reading](#) on one of the suggested Bible passages

### Song of commitment

[DVD clip: Joel Edwards – why teachers matter](#)

[Prayers for people involved in education](#)

### Closing hymn

