

All Age Service for Education Sunday 10.9.2017

Welcome, Notices and brief explanation.

Opening Prayers

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God of our days and years,
You know us as we are.
You knew us in our mother's womb,
You knew us in our childhood
Our schooldays, our studying, our work, our leisure,
Each day is held in the palm of your hand.
We can never hide from you.

Today, this time is set apart for you.
Restore us in the likeness of Christ
so that wherever we go our lives may glorify you.
Amen.

Songs x2 involving children if possible

Talk 1 Pecky's New Term with PowerPoint

Reading (Luke 6:46-49 GNT)

The Two House Builders

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and yet don't do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Anyone who comes to me and listens to

my words and obeys them—I will show you what he is like. ⁴⁸ He is like a man who, in building his house, dug deep and laid the foundation on rock. The river flooded over and hit that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But anyone who hears my words and does not obey them is like a man who built his house without laying a foundation; when the flood hit that house it fell at once—and what a terrible crash that was!"

Song

Confession

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the Father forgive *us*
by the death of his Son
and strengthen *us*
to live in the power of the Spirit
all *our* days.

Talk – What do we build on?

- 1. Hearing Jesus words and building on them.**
- 2. What do we build our lives on? Take lego house apart and talk about some of the things that people might build their lives on Work, Friends, Holidays, Games, Celbs, Girlfriends/boyfriends**
- 3. Not saying that the sand is BAD - just not much good as your foundation in a storm.**
- 4. What are the words of Jesus that we should remember and build on? TALK – need the Bible to do this.**
- 5. Everytime we read the Bible – we'll hear more of God and Jesus that we should obey and live our lives on. Maybe to forgive others, even those who have hurt us, maybe it's to serve others by doing hard things for them (foot washing) maybe it's to help feed or make others better.**

Prayers from 4 or 5 people involved in different aspects of education. An item for prayer will be shared before the service so

that it can be on the screen, then they can explain a little more.during this time. The girls would love to be a part of the service if you still require some willing volunteers for the prayers. Amber would like to pray for those who feel left out, find it difficult to make new friends, perhaps are a bit shy or a bit different. Franchesca would like to pray for those who are new starters, both staff and students alike, that they settle in and are happy. Let me know if you would still like them to take part and i'll make sure they've read through their prayers before Sunday. [Please help the new learners starting at Chesterfield College feel safe and confident when embarking on a new college life](#)
[Please help the returning learners at Chesterfield College work hard feel supported and achieve their goals](#)
[Please help the staff at Chesterfield College return after their summer break feel strong & ambitious to face the new challenges ahead](#)
[Please help all the children at Walton Holymoorside School return to school safe & well, and help them in their studies, especially those in year 6 like myself & my sister to do well in their final year in readiness for a new school next year.](#)

Eryn would like to ask for help with being organised to avoid detentions and for teachers to keep learning fun! Amen

Quiet music please, so that the congregation can pray about these requests.

A New Start - thought from congregation member

SONGS first one quieter for thought/prayer about new things.

Closing prayer and Blessing

Lord God, we thank you for the education we have received at so many different schools, colleges and universities. Thank you for the staff who have shown us dedication, patience and wisdom. Thank you for the families and friends who have encouraged us through happy and difficult times.

We pray for those with responsibility for the day to day running, overseeing and developing places of education. May they always act to give the very best education to every pupil whatever their talents and needs.

Fill us afresh with your Spirit and inspire us to walk in your ways. In your name Lord, we pray,

Amen

Together:

**We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.**

Amen