

CHURCH SCHOOLS

A Church Perspective

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18th Century

- 1683-1761 Griffith Jones
- 1716-1761 Rector of Llanddowror
- 3 month 'Circulating Schools'
- Taught reading - nothing else
- Sole aim - enable people to read the Bible
- 1731-1761 - 3,325 schools held
- Wales had a literate majority!

19th Century

- British and Foreign Schools Society
- 1811 - National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church.
- 1833 - 146 National Schools in Wales
- 1846 - 1,100 National Schools in Wales
- education funding mainly voluntary

19th Century : continued

- 1847 - Commission on Education in Wales
- Sectarian tension developing
- 1865 - Llangefni
- Legislation - Right of Withdrawal
- State funding developing
- 1902 - 'Rome on the Rates' !

20th Century

- 1944 Education Act
- Voluntary Aided & Voluntary Controlled
- church schools more established by public finances than ever before
- 1971 The Durham Report - The Fourth R
- 1990s - Inspection!
- 1998 Schools Standards & Framework Act
- Instrument of Government / Trust Deed

Ethos Statement

- Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church in Wales and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level.
- The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

21st Century

- faith schools debate
- 2002 The Dering Report - The Way Ahead
- Devolution : Wales / England funding differences
- 2004 - Church in Wales RE Syllabus
- 2006 - New Inspection Framework
- 2009 - Church in Wales Education Review
- 2010 – Church School of the Future (Chadwick)
- 2013 – (another!) New Inspection Framework

2004 Church in Wales RE Syllabus (Primary)

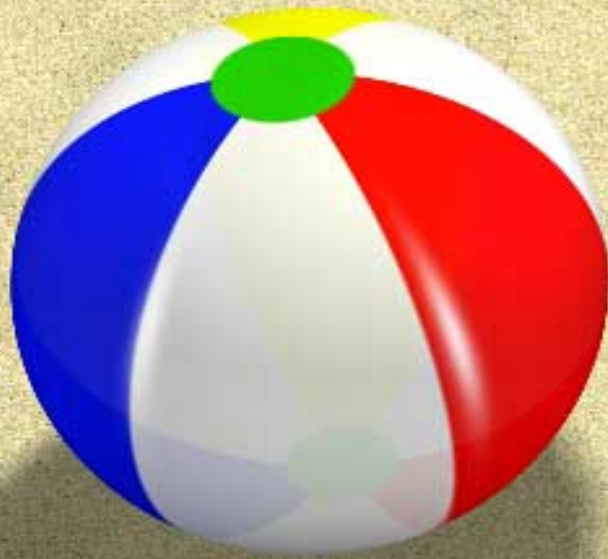
- Never existed bilingually before!
- Early Years - Year 6
- 6 Strands - Church, Festivals, Bible, Jesus, Christian Life and Values, Other Faiths
- Non-Comparative
- Secondary syllabus?

2006 Church in Wales Inspection Framework

- Different to England (SIAS) - Section 48/50
- Self-Evaluation
- Listening to Learners
- Uses ESTYN 1-4 (5) scale
 - sector leading, good, adequate, unsatisfactory
- Distinctive Christian Character
- Value Driven School
- What is the effect of a Church School on the experience of the learner?
- 2013 – ‘raises the bar’ – data driven

DEVELOPING YOUR CHURCH SCHOOL

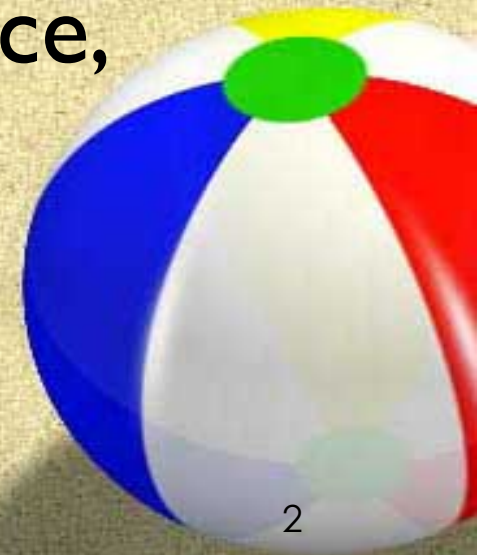
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Christian Values For Schools

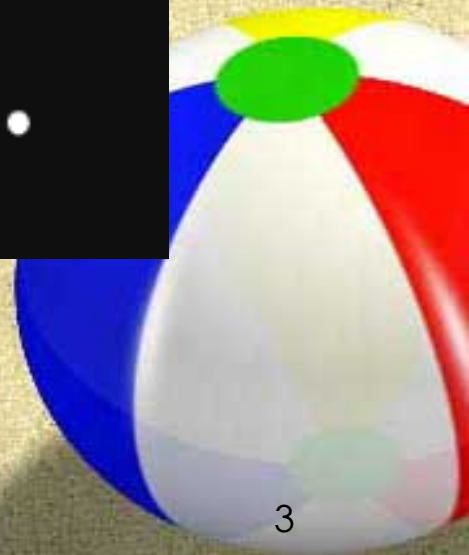
➤ Reverence, Wisdom, Thankfulness,
Humility, Endurance, Service,
Compassion, Trust, Peace,
Forgiveness, Friendship, Justice,
Hope, Creation, Koinonia

➤ www.christianvalues4schools.org





Think different.



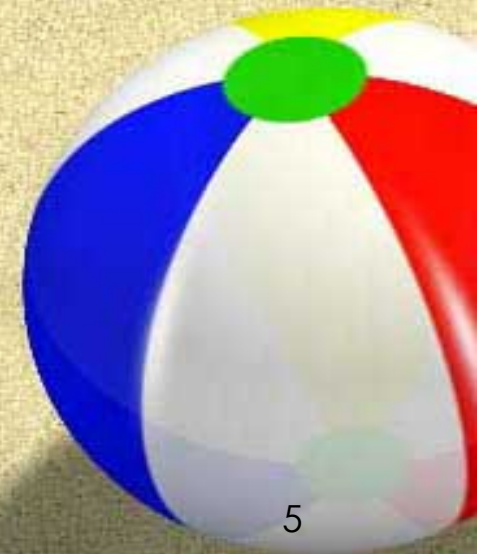
CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT?

- What's the best thing about your school?
- What's the best thing about your school as a Church School?



AND AGAIN

➤ Imagine that your school were no longer a Church School



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➤ What would you miss?

➤ What would be different?

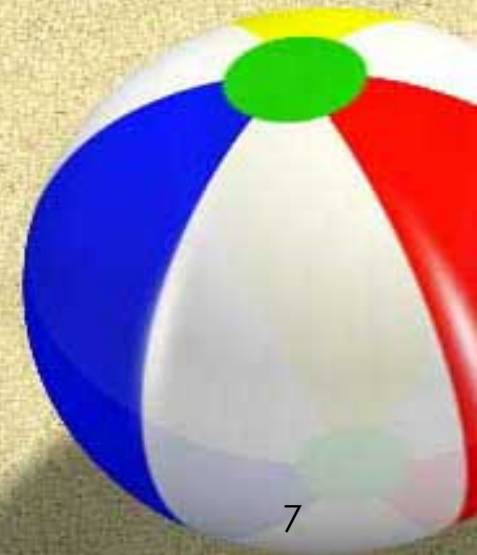
➤ What impact would it have on ...

➤ pupils / learning / staff / community?



What we're searching for

DISTINCTIVE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER



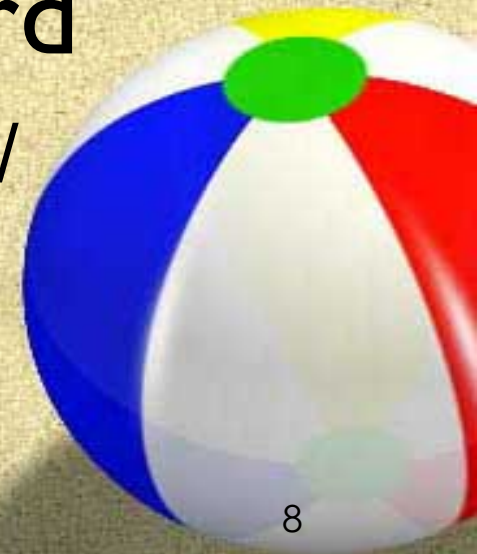
DCC - put it into words?

➤ SELF - EVALUATION

➤ CiW Self-Evaluation Toolkit

➤ CiW S.50 Judgment Record

➤ <http://www.churchschoolscymru.org/llandaff/resources/open/>



Tips and Tricks

TOP 10

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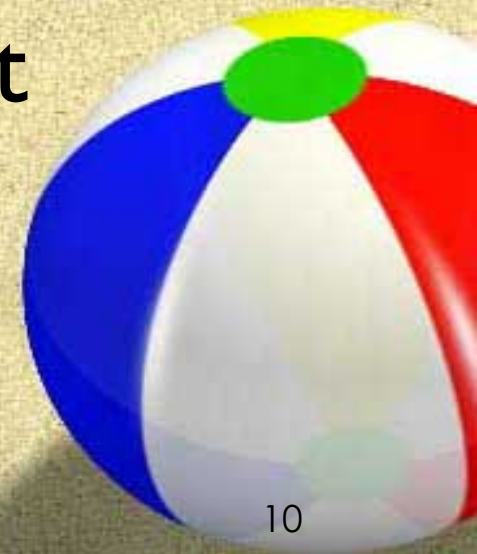
➤ BORING PAPERWORK

- Instrument of Government

 - Ethos Statement

- Policies - set in DCC context

 - Worship, RE, Behaviour, Bullying



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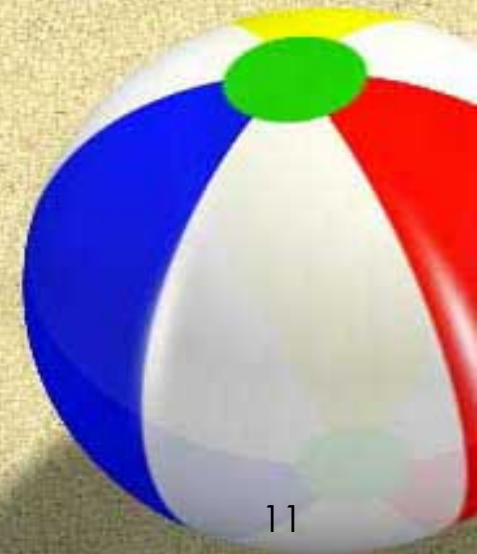
➤ AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- Church School

- DCC

- Based on Christian Values

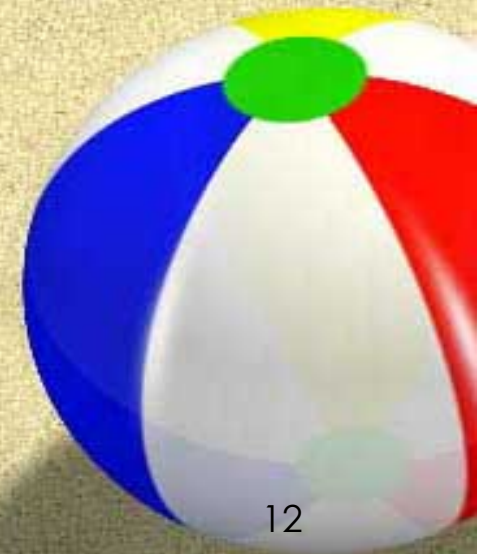
 - Enable Participation in Worship - life skill



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➤ USE OF PARISH

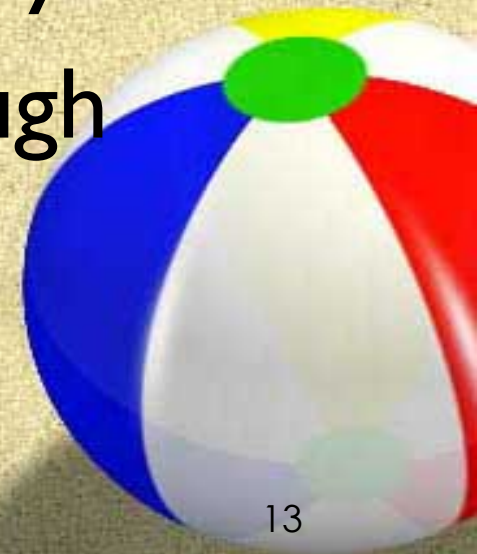
- How does parish support school?
- Place of the school in parish life?



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➤ USE OF CLERGY / PARISH

- whole school / class / year
- other worship leaders / deanery?
- worked out and thought through



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➤ FOCUS FOR WORSHIP

➤ Size matters! - the bigger the better

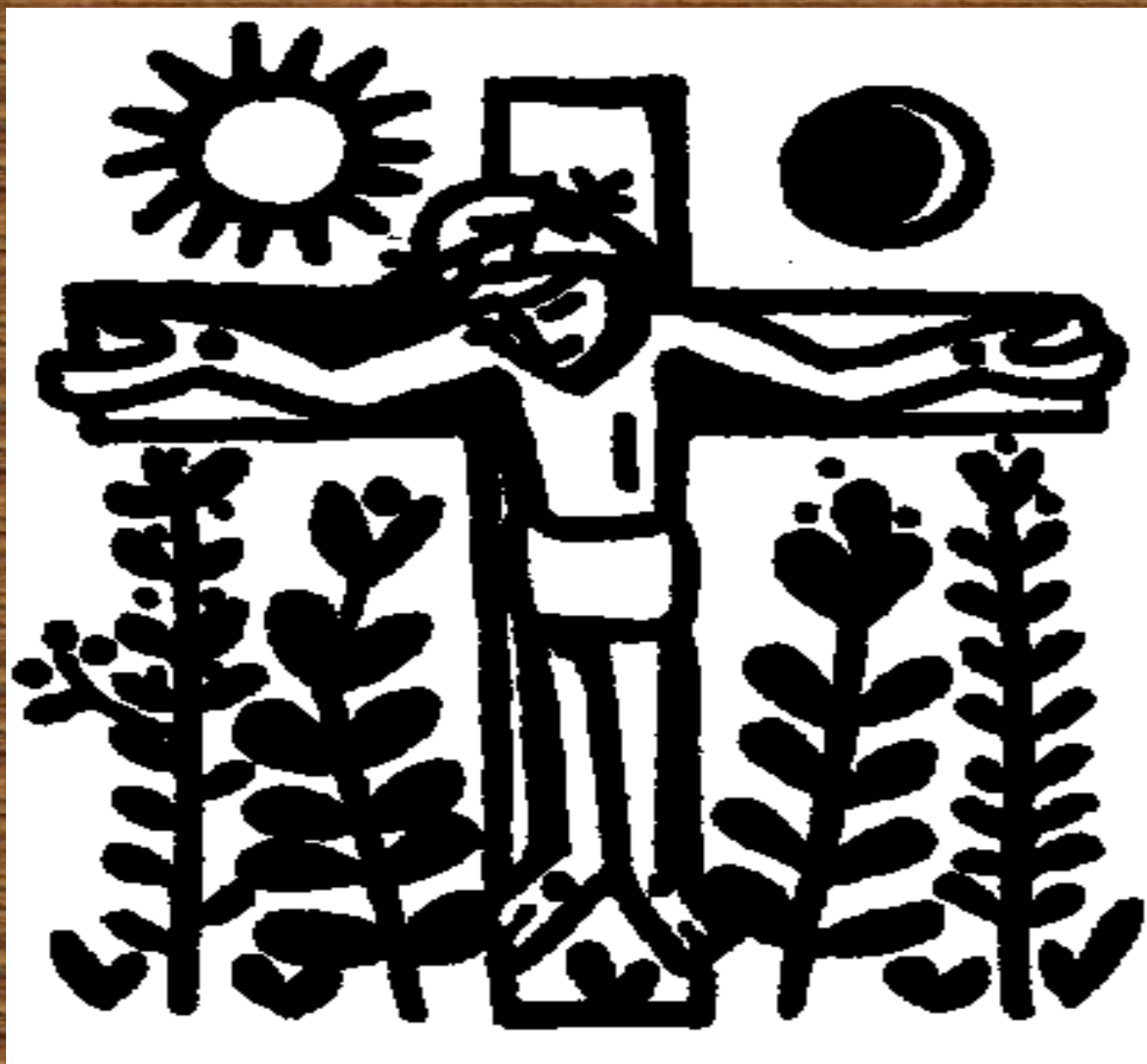
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➤ Project your focus





JESUS IS HELPED BY SIMON OF CYRENE

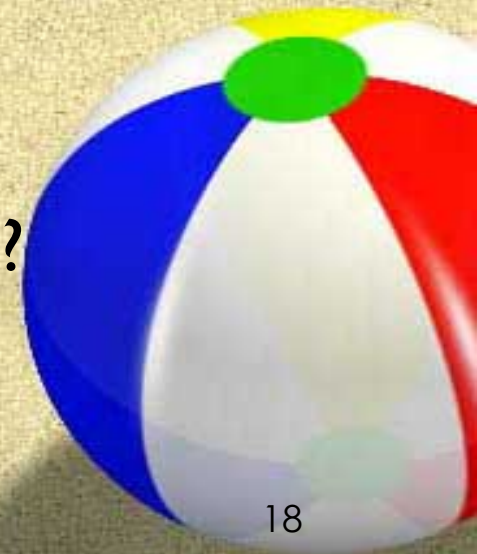


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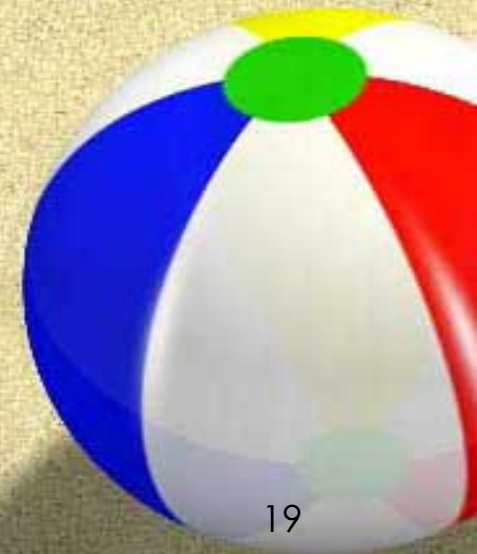
- **DISTINCTIVE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER - embed it!**
 - visually - at pupil eye level
 - prayers - at pupil eye level
 - cross-curricula
 - recycling/healthy eating or stewardship?
 - looking after that which God has given to us



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➤ WORSHIP PLANNING

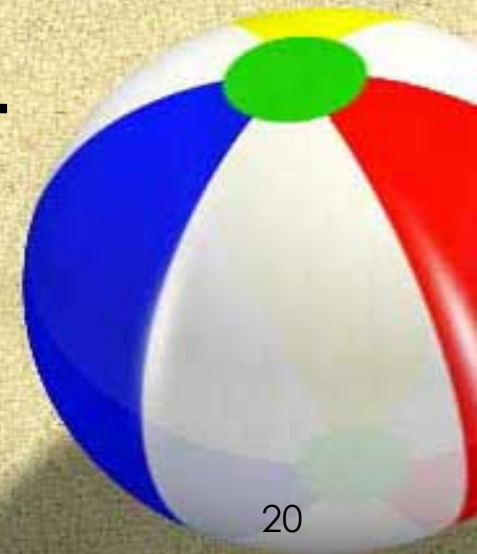
- take time (years!) to put planning scheme together - worth it in the end!



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➤ CHURCH'S YEAR

➤ Advent, EPIPHANY, ASH
WEDS, Lent, Holy Week,
ASCENSION, Pentecost, ALL
SAINTS, local Saints



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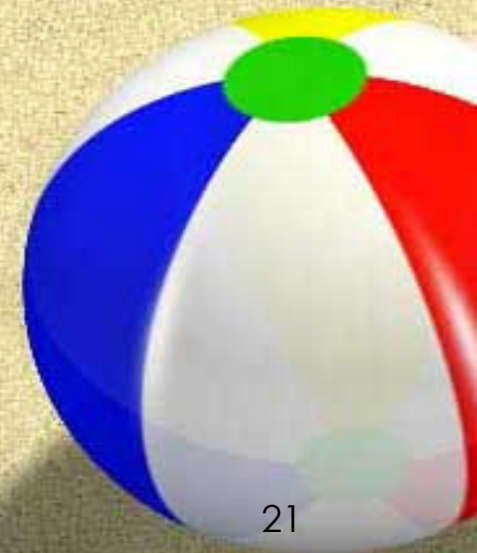
➤ ANGLICAN WORSHIP

➤ Responses

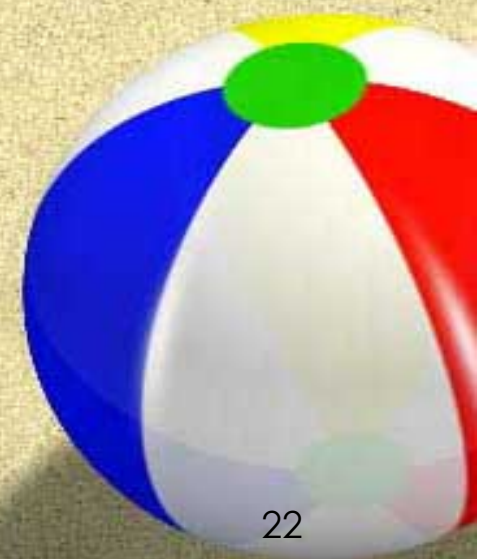
➤ Quiet

➤ Collects

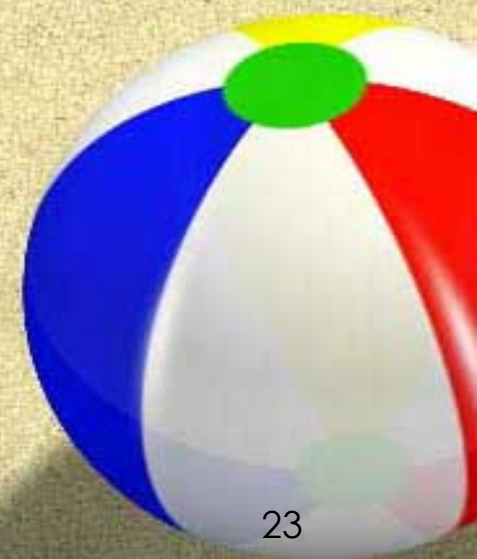
➤ [http://www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/
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Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the
wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to
your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Tips and Tricks I

➤ **CONFIDENCE !!!**





Noah: 'Sorry, but that Woodpecker has to go!'

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