



Celebrating Holy Communion

The school enjoys a long standing partnership with Holy Trinity Church in Bracknell. Students and staff are warmly welcomed to voluntarily attend termly Holy Communion services, which are planned and organised by local clergy in partnership with the school.

Visiting speakers, particularly clergy from across the two deaneries, are invited to preach and to celebrate the Eucharist. Other parts of the service - including leading the intercessions, music, and serving alongside the clergy - are undertaken by students and staff.

We recognise the rich and varied tradition of Anglican prayer and worship and seek appropriate opportunities to reflect this in our collective worship. During Holy Communion services liturgy is used in order that the school community can participate in the regularity and set order of Anglican worship and to recognise the central significance of the Eucharist. In these we observe the cycle of the Anglican year and – where possible – services are held on Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day.

Here are some recent thoughts from members of the school community:

- “At Ranelagh, the Holy Communion services are special and bring the church and school together in a way that I never felt in other schools.”
- “I am not a Christian, so I don’t take communion, but I enjoy attending services to listen to the sermon and sing the hymns”
- I have “attended every one over the past 6 years that I have been at Ranelagh. A really good opportunity to practise my faith in a different environment”
- “I value the regular opportunity to take communion alongside the students whom I teach.”
- Year 7 Holy Communion service is a “good chance to unite the year group at the beginning of their Ranelagh journey – lovely that parents attend”