

**BRENCHLEY & MATFIELD CE (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL
GOVERNOR'S MONITORING REPORT**

Name of Governor: Claire Aplin
Date of Visit: Thursday 18th October 2018

Event Monitored: Harvest Thanksgiving Service - All Saints Church, Brenchley

The Thanksgiving service opened with a prayer from the Head teacher and closed with a blessing from Rev. Paget along with the school prayer, led by our Head Boy and Head Girl

The service encompassed prayers, hymns and participation from the entire school. A celebration with an open invitation to the Brenchley & Matfield community as a whole including all parents, carers etc. Heavily attended by parents. Some governors and local village people were also present. Each class was given the opportunity to both sing independently and lead prayers.

Each cohort sang a song and between each song, children from that class stood by the altar and united the congregation in prayers. Many prayers were said including ones for our farmers whose crops had endured such a hot summer; thought provoking and enabling the children to reflect upon how our seasons have varying consequences for different people. Poems were recited such as "God is a spring" - highlighting that just as our bodies need water our souls need God's eternal spring. Very clear and age appropriate across all cohorts. Children created their own endings to prayers such as "We can care for the world by.....and we can help other by.....". The parents and villagers brought non-perishable foods to donate to the community store house, the purpose of which was clearly explained to the children and this demonstrated a strong sense of community.

Pupils who wished to say a prayer from each class did so, or held up a picture they had drawn. They took turns and spoke reverently and confidently.

The school thanked God for all we have whilst remembering and praying for those less fortunate.

Signed..... Governor

Signed..... Headteacher