CLAYTON ST JOHN CofE PRIMARY

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Ratified by Governors:	04/02/2025	Signed Head of School: Gemma Emsley Full Governing Body
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'Growing together in God's Love'

A member of the bdat family

Safeguarding Statement of Intent

At Clayton St John CofE Primary we respect and value all children and are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our pupils so they can learn, in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe every pupil should be able to participate in all school activities in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from harm. This is the responsibility of every adult employed by, or invited to deliver services at Clayton St John CofE. We recognise our responsibility to safeguard all who access the school and promote the welfare of all our pupils by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect and bullying. We also work to ensure that our pupils are aware of Online Safety and who to talk to if they feel vulnerable or scared.

Vision Statement

'Growing together in God's Love'

Rooted deeply in God's love, we flourish as individuals and as a community.
Within a nurturing environment, we develop curiosity, creativity and a love of learning.
We learn and grow when things go well, and things go wrong. In all we do we hope to be the best we can be.

Ephesians 3 v 16 and Jeremiah 17 v 7 & 8

Statement of Intent

At Clayton St John CofE Primary we strive to ensure that our pupils are safeguarded against any form of harm. We ensure that our staff are trained appropriately, can identify signs of abuse and follow policy and procedures for reporting concerns, disclosures and allegations.

Our Vision

At Clayton St John CofE Primary we pride ourselves on developing a positive ethos built on the foundations of the Christian faith. This ethos is based on the following Values and principles that, as stakeholders, we all aim to uphold:

RESPECT

Resilience: To take risks and be confident to have a go and not giving up when mistakes are made.

Encouragement: We are motivated by our family, friends and teachers and rejoice in God's love.

Security: The love, care and responsibility we are given make us feel safe at school.

Pride: Achieving individual goals and successes to be the best we can be.

Empathy: The ability to understand and share the feelings of others.

Collaboration: Working together we respect our differences and listen to each other.

Trust: With faith in God's love and each other, we can live the life we want to live.

Aims and Purpose

At Clayton St John CofE Primary school our aims of collective worship are to:

- Develop a sense of reverence, spiritual awareness and growth of the whole person;
- Provide an opportunity for children to share in a daily act of worship;
- Increase pupil's knowledge if Christian values, traditions, beliefs, celebrations and patterns of worship;
- Work with the clergy at Clayton St Johns to strengthen community links
- Enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- Enable children to explore their own beliefs;
- Promote a common ethos with shared values;
- Show mutual respect and tolerance for social, spiritual and cultural diversity.

Collective Worship

We understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose is to show reverence to God. Collective worship involves all members of the school coming together and participating in an assembly. We expect everyone to take an active part in this assembly.

In line with the Education Reform Act 1988, which states that collective worship should be "wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character", we base our assemblies on the teachings of Christ and traditions of the Christian church. However, we conduct our assemblies in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members of the school community.

While the majority of acts of worship in our school are Christian, we also hold assemblies that reflect other religious traditions that are represented in the school and wider community.

Principles

At Clayton ST Johns CE Primary School, acts of Collective Worship should:

- Be 'Inclusive'
- Be child-centred, related to the pupil's own experiences and relevant to their interests
- Acknowledge diversity and affirm each pupil's own life-stance
- Foster a sense of community; a sense of shared values, identity, perception, outlook and purpose
- Be 'educational'
- Provide learning experiences; properly prepared, executed and evaluated
- Be explicitly related to other curricular activity and links forged
- Provide opportunities to reflect on educational purpose and to celebrate a range of educational achievements
- Be 'spiritual'
- Provide an opportunity for time to gather, to be still, to reflect in an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity; a time to refresh the spirit
- Be a 'special' time with a distinctive atmosphere, one that is conducive to worship
- Enable children to feel calm, relaxed and secure

- Provide opportunities for pupils to lead and participate in a variety of spiritual activities, such as worship, singing, dancing, drama, prayer, quiet contemplation and meditation
- Provide opportunities or space for individual reflection and a variety of individual responses.

Organisation of collective worship

We hold a daily act of collective worship in our school which provides the rights of pupils to reflect individually on spiritual issues. It provides the opportunity for staff and pupils to share in the development of the whole school ethos as well as promoting and supporting the promotion of Christian values.

Practices and Strategies

Clayton St John adopts the following.

- Collective Worship will take place once a day on a daily basis – one each for Key Stages 1 and 2
- Children will be encouraged to enter and exit the hall in an orderly, calm and quiet manner
- Worship will be opened with 'Good Morning' followed by 'Peace Be With You'
- Music may be played for entering and leaving
- The candle will be lit to signify the presence and reminder that God is with us
- Collective Worship will open and close with a calling
- The hall will display a table centre piece with Christian artefacts
- Pupils will be invited to plan, lead and join in the procedures and practices
- A hymn or song will be sung that links to the theme or value
- There will be reference or a reading from the bible.
- Weekly themes will be taken from the values and traditions of the Christian faith as well as topics taught as part of the school curriculum including PSHE

Right of withdrawal

Parents can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act.

The Head of School keeps a record of all children who withdraw from collective worship.

Monitoring and review

The collective worship policy is reviewed every 2-3 years.

Appendix 1

Worship Timetable

Monday – Key Stage celebration

Tuesday – Key Stage Worship: Clergy led alternating weekly between Key Stages

Wednesday – Key Stage Worship: Singing His Praises (Key Stage)

Thursday – Key Stage Worship: Clergy led alternating weekly between Key Stages

Friday – Key Stage Worship

Appendix 2

Hymns

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StVHybGlxpY BBC Come and Praise book 1

Autumn 1 –

1. Brother sister let me serve you

2. Be still for the presence of the Lord is moving in this place

3. Communion Song (Behold the Lamb – Stuart Townsend - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alvX9Fa53-o

4. Sharing bread (Harvest)

5. We will remember the soldiers once more (Remembrance)

Autumn 2 –

1. Peace, perfect peace

2. Spirit of peace

3. Light of the world (Advent)

Spring 1

1. This is my song, oh God of all the nations (Finlandia - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6OxSYe8_e4Y

Spring 2

1. See what a morning (Easter – Stuart Townend https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xM-fpXayUg)

2. From heaven you came helpless babe (Servant King – Easter)

Summer 1-

1. What the Lord has done in me (Hillsong - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4njuR8l3Ck

2. In Christ Alone (Stuart Townend - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCeSOY5tisI)

Summer 2 –

1. The Lord's my shepherd (Stuart Townsend - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eIQQayhpak)
2. The apostles' creed (I believe in God the father - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtUNQpu2b7

Appendix 3

Example Collective worship plan.

TERM	WEEK	Day	Date	ASSEMBLY LEAD	ASSEMBLY NAME	THEMES / VALUES	*Extra details if applicable*	BIBLE PASSAGES	CURRICULUM LINKS/ RESOURCES
		M	02/01	Clayton Baptist Church	No school today				
		T	03/01	SLT	A New Year:	Fresh Start.	Opportunity to reflect and consider how as individual we can make changes or continue with good habits. How we can look after everyone in school – inclusion and tolerance.		SPCK assembly -in file
		W	04/01	St Johns	Jesus A Special Baby - Part 1	Inclusion and Compassion.	Recap The Shepherds who were invited to visit Jesus. Humble, lowly, yet invited to visit a new-born King of Heaven. They were included. How would they recognise the right baby? Must have been lots of babies born… "And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger. "Luke 2:12 Compassion - gave them a clue, helped them find the baby. How do we include people? How do we show compassion?	Luke 2: 8-12	bdat poster: ICARE: INCLUSION: We understand everyone is equal without exception. COMPASSION. We care for each other. We respect each other and treat our friends and colleagues how we would expect to be treated.
		T	05/01	SLT	Sing Praise Behaviour and safeguarding.	Praise and Worship	Selection of Praise and Worship Songs. Encourage to Praise with words from the Psalm	Psalm 146:2	See Praise him from the Psalms Sheet for Praise and Worship sessions.
		F	06/01	SLT	Let's Celebrate Assembly	Celebration	Weekly Celebration of School Achievements		
		Day	Date	ASSEMBLY LEAD	ASSEMBLY NAME	THEMES / VALUES	*Extra details if applicable*	BIBLE PASSAGES	CURRICULUM LINKS/ RESOURCES
	2	M	09/01	Clayton Baptist	Jesus A Special Baby - Part 2	How we are all important and should value ourselves and each other,	Jesus is presented in the temple at 8 days old. He would have looked like any other baby. HOWEVER, two people (old people) who may have been overlooked by many -recognised Jesus, we too need to look beyond outward appearance to see	Luke 2: 21-40	SPCK assemblies: Presenting Jesus at the Temple and Candlemas information

							characteristics of Jesus in others and in ourselves.		
		T	10/01	SLT	R.E.S.P.E.C.T. (SPCK)	Respect (British Values & Church of England Education Value (Dignity and Respect)	Time to consider how we treat people.		Civil rights movement (Martin Luther King Jr and Aretha Franklin song RESPCET - and meaning behind that is a possibility?
		W	11/01	St Johns	Jesus -A special Toddler Part 3	Perseverance, thoughtfulness, and Epiphany (making Known)	More visitors to see Jesus. The Magi/ Wise men. They were committed to a long journey. The preserved in following a star. The believed it was leading them somewhere, to someone important. It was worth bringing valuable and meaningful gifts. They visited Jesus the child in a house and presented him with gift.	Matthew 2: 1-12	
		T	12/01	SLT	Sing Praise	Praise and Worship	Selection of Praise and Worship Songs. Encourage to Praise with words from the Psalm	Psalm 8:9	See Praise him from the Psalms Sheet for Praise and Worship sessions.
		F	13/01	SLT	Let's Celebrate Assembly	Celebration	Weekly Celebration of School Achievements		
Autumn Term 1		**Day**	**Date**	**ASSEMBLY LEAD**	**ASSEMBLY NAME**	**THEMES / VALUES**	***Extra details if applicable***	**BIBLE PASSAGES**	**CURRICULUM LINKS/ RESOURCES**
	3	M	16/01	Clayton Baptist	Hedgehogs or Rhinos? The cost of Jealousy and Anger. I want that - SPCK	Anger, Jealousy	Herod felt threatened by this new king. He ordered babies under the age of two to be killed. Anger and jealousy drove him to act to try and protect himself. He harmed others. He did not live out 'love your neighbour as yourself'	Matthew 2: 13-18	bdat poster- ICARE ASPIRATION: we expect nothing but the best from others and ourselves. *Herod's actions did not reflect aspiration.*

		T	17/01	SLT	Chinese New Year (on the 22nd of Jan this year)	Hope	The festival focuses on spending time with family and friends, being kind to one another, hoping for enough food to eat and enough money to live on, remembering people who have died.		
		W	18/01	St Johns	Jesus A special boy Part 4	Importance of learning and having a positive approach to learning.	Jesus and his family return to Nazareth after Joseph had a dream and was told it was safe to return. Everyone who had tried to kill Jesus was now dead. The focus of this assembly is Jesus getting lost in the temple, and how people were amazed at how wise and knowledgeable he was and his understanding.	Matthew 2: 19-23 Luke 2:41-53	
		T	19/01	SLT	Sing Praise	Praise and Worship	Selection of Praise and Worship Songs. Encourage to Praise with words from the Psalm	Psalm 65:8	See Praise him from the Psalms Sheet for Praise and Worship sessions.
		F	20/01	SLT	Let's Celebrate Assembly	Celebration	Weekly Celebration of School Achievements		
Autumn Term 1	4	Day	Date	ASSEMBLY LEAD	ASSEMBLY NAME	THEMES / VALUES	*Extra details if applicable*	**BIBLE PASSAGES**	CURRICULUM LINKS/ RESOURCES
		M	23/01	Clayton Baptist	Preparing the way! Jesus' the Man -he comes the lamb.	Being prepared and get ready - there are always challenges to face.	John the Baptist. Jesus' cousin who lived in the desert. He was preparing people for Jesus. Jesus -the rescuer. How do you prepare for something?	Matthew 3:1-12 John 1	Prepare for tests? Prepare for projects to be handed in?

		T	24/01	SLT & worship committee	Anne Frank Assembly.	Persecution and Injustice. Challenge towards being generous and open to others.	Looks at Anne Frank and her family. And gives time for reflection that all around the world people are still abused because of their race or their religion: and challenges pupils to consider are we always generous and open towards other people?		Holocaust Memorial Week
		W	25/01	St Johns	Preparing the way! -Jesus the man -This is my Son	The wait is over! Patience Trust.	John meets Jesus and the baptises him. John is filled with Joy -this is the moment he has been waiting for all his life! John baptises Jesus and so begins the great rescue of humankind. John had to trust God and wait patiently to see Jesus the Lamb of God.	Matthew 3: 13-17 John 1	
		T	26/01	SLT	Sing Praise	Praise and Worship	Selection of Praise and Worship Songs. Encourage to Praise with words from the Psalm	Psalm 98: 4	See Praise him from the Psalms Sheet for Praise and Worship sessions.
		F	27/01	SLT	Let's Celebrate Assembly	Celebration	Weekly Celebration of School Achievements		Holocaust Memorial Day
Autumn Term 2	5	**Day**	**Date**	**ASSEMBLY LEAD**	**ASSEMBLY NAME**	**THEMES / VALUES**	***Extra details if applicable***	**BIBLE PASSAGES**	**CURRICULUM LINKS/ RESOURCES**
		M	30/01	Clayton Baptist	Jesus Mission Begins: Tempted in the desert	Trust and Responsibility	Jesus's rescue mission begins. He spends time alone preparing - but he is tempted -just like Eve was in the garden -but this time - Jesus TRUSTS God all the way. He has the responsibility of rescuing people, and he sticks to the plan.	Matthew 4: 1 -11	

							Are you trustworthy when given responsibility?		
		T	31/01	SLT & Worship committee	*Broken Friendships matter Adapted SPCK*	Friendships and saying sorry.	Encourage pupils to think about the importance of friendships and how broken friendships can affect everyone around us.	Matthew 4: 18-22 Luke 5: 1-11	
		W	01/02	St Johns	Jesus calls his first friends. The twelve disciples	Making Friends	Jesus invited twelve men to be his disciples (helpers/friends). He didn't pick fancy, rich people to be his friends, he chose men who he knew needed him. His first friends were men because Jesus was a Jewish teacher and Jewish teachers had male students that learned from them. Jesus also had lots of other friends too. We will meet them later. But all the people who met Jesus -had their lives changed forever. Who are your friends? How do they change you for the better?	Matthew 4: 18-22 Luke 5: 1-11	
		T	02/02	SLT	Sing Praise	Praise and Worship	Selection of Praise and Worship Songs. Encourage to Praise with words from the Psalm	Psalm 150: 6	See Praise him from the Psalms Sheet for Praise and Worship sessions.
		F	03/02	SLT	Let's Celebrate Assembly	Celebration	Weekly Celebration of School Achievements		
Autumn Term 2	6	**Day**	**Date**	**ASSEMBLY LEAD**	**ASSEMBLY NAME**	**THEMES / VALUES**	***Extra details if applicable***	**BIBLE PASSAGES**	**CURRICULUM LINKS/ RESOURCES**
		M	06/02	Clayton Baptist	Teach us to Pray Jesus -Part 1	Being genuine. Being yourself. Authenticity.	Jesus and his friends are taught -how NOT to pray. Don't need a special voice, big words, don't need to be an important person. Because God	Matthew 6	Link to school prayer

							is always listening. You just have to talk. Don't pretend to be something you aren't. Be of good character - showing integrity.		
		T	07/02	SLT & worship committee	Tu Bishvat -The New Year of Trees *Judaism (SPCK)* Good one for Worship Council -contains Drama and potential to consider an ecological theme: tree planting.	Encourage appreciation and understanding of other religious ceremonies. Acceptance and tolerance OR Global awareness and environmental themed assembly	A festival that is celebrated in a number of diverse ways. Some have 're-discovered' this festival as a moment in the Jewish calendar to focus on mindfulness towards nature and human interaction with it. Could adapt to an environmental themed assembly. Global awareness.		Bdat -ICARE Poster: -inclusion -learning from others and developing an understanding of difference and diversity within a religious context.
		W	08/02	St Johns	Teach us to Pray Jesus – Part 2	Building good relationships - through conversation and prayer.	Jesus and his friends - the disciples. Jesus teaches them HOW TO pray. He introduces them to a framework they can use to help them, just talk, to God their father in Heaven. We know this as The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6	Link to school prayer.
		T	09/02	SLT	Sing Praise	Praise and Worship	Selection of Praise and Worship Songs. Encourage to Praise with words from the Psalm	Psalm 145: 21	See Praise him from the Psalms Sheet for Praise and Worship sessions.
		F	10/02	SLT	Let's Celebrate Assembly	Celebration	Weekly Celebration of School Achievement		
HALF TERM HOLIDAY									