

Clutton Church of England Primary School



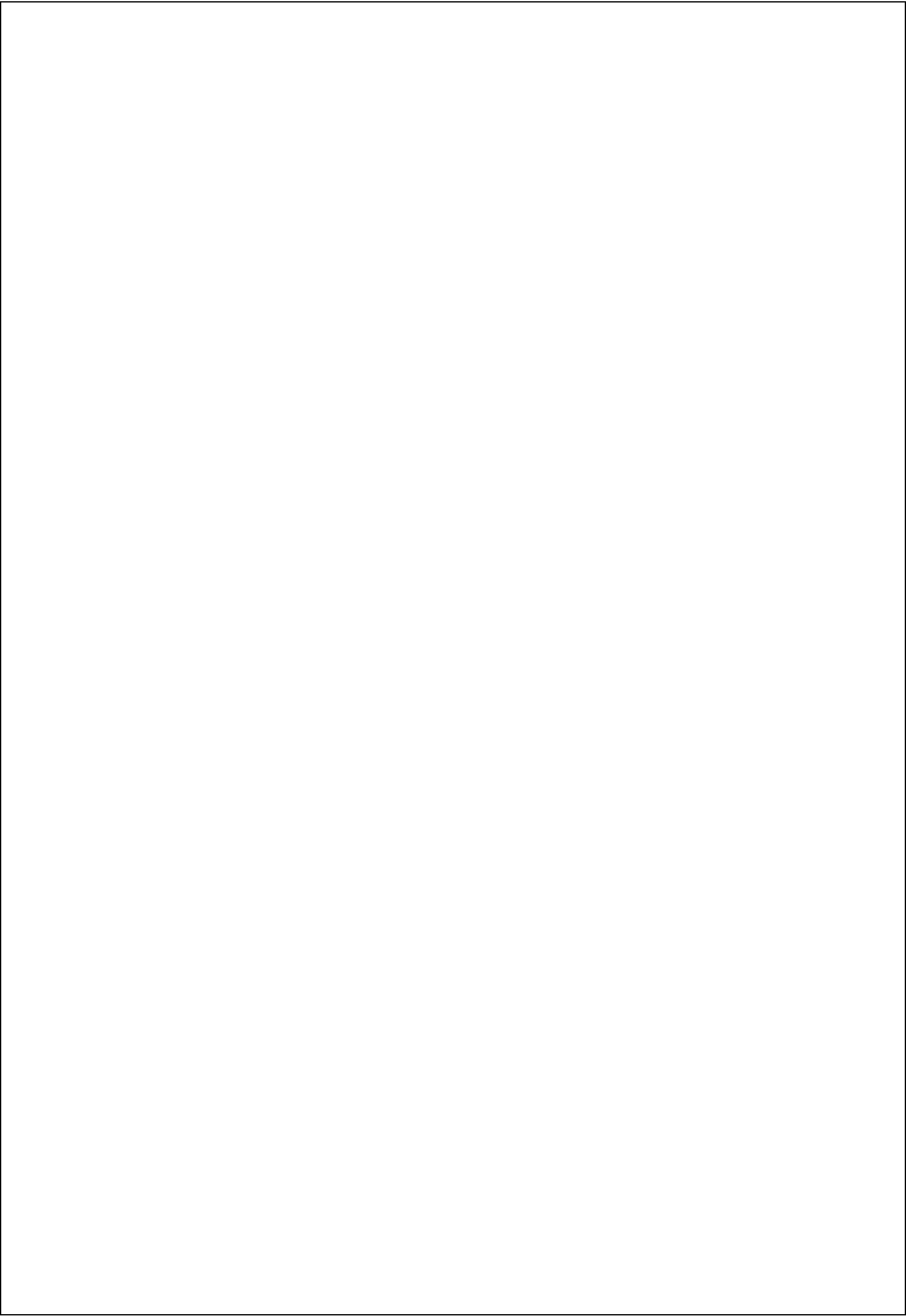
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Aims and objectives

At Clutton Church of England Primary School, the daily act of collective worship is viewed as an integral and important part of school life. Our act of Collective Worship is central to the life and purposes of our school and concentrates largely on the affirmation and celebration of the Christian beliefs, traditions and our school's values.

Through collective worship in our school we aim to:

- provide an opportunity for children to worship God;
- help children enter into a loving relationship with God
- provide an experience of worship that will allow children to respond to the presence, power and peace of God
- encourage pupil participation and response whether through active involvement in the presentation of worship, partner discussion of philosophical questions or through listening to and joining in the worship offered
- introduce children to Christian language and symbolism and the cycle of the church year
- explore a variety of ways of praying and introduce children to some well-known Christian prayers, e.g. Lord's Prayer
- strengthen and support the school community giving expression to and reaffirming the Christian values of the school
- celebrate the gifts that each child brings to the school community, recognising the uniqueness of each individual made in the image of God
- encourage children to reflect on the puzzling questions that life poses and to respond to the wonder and mystery of the world around them
- foster a concern for others within the school and wider world
- encourage respect for others religious beliefs and practices
- foster an appreciation of the created world and an awareness of our responsibility for it.

Legal Framework

As a school we recognise the need to ensure that there is a daily act of collective worship for all pupils (in line with the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988) and a timetable for daily collective worship has been agreed. The daily act of collective worship takes into account the age aptitude and background of pupils.

Parents have the right to withdraw children from collective worship and arrangements will be made to accommodate these children. Withdrawal from collective worship will only be made following discussions with the Executive Principal and a written request from parents.

Our vision

Together we Grow, Together we Shine.
Matthew 13: 31 - 32

Christian Values

At Clutton Church of England Primary School, we focus on twelve Christian values on a two-year cycle, following 'Roots and Fruits' Christian collective worship guidance. These values are built into the ethos and teaching of the school and are modelled by everyone who works at the school. We teach the children that every person is created in God's image. Regardless of differences, we are all part of God's family.

Year A						
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Christian Value	Generosity	Compassion	Courage	Forgiveness	Friendship	Respect
Parable / story focus	Widow's mite Luke 21v1-4	The compassionate Father Luke 15 v 11-32	Daniel and the Den of Lion's Daniel 6	Unforgiving servant Matthew 18 v 21-35	Good Samaritan Luke 10 v 25 - 37	Servant's duty Luke 17 v 7-10
British Value	Democracy	Mutual respect and tolerance	Liberty	Tolerance	Mutual respect	Mutual respect
Global Learning	International day of democracy	International day of tolerance	World day of social justice	World Press Freedom day	International day of Friendship	Refugee Day
Year B						
Christian Value	Thankfulness	Trust	Perseverance	Justice	Service	Truthfulness
Parable / story focus	10 lepers Luke 17 v 11-19	Centurion's servant Matthew 8 v 5-13	Lost coin and sheep Luke 15 v 1- 10	Persistent widow / unjust judge Luke 18 v 1-8	Labourers in the vineyard Matthew 20 v 1-16	Pharisee and tax collector Luke 18v9-14
British Value	Liberty	Rule of Law	Democracy	Rule of Law	Rule of Law	Mutual respect and tolerance
Global Learning	International day of democracy	Human Rights Day	World day of social justice	Zero discrimination Day	International day of families	International day of Hope

Planning, Delivery and Evaluation

At Clutton Church of England Primary, our collective worship planning reflects our values focus for that term, the Church calendar, our school development priorities and current events. Our worship reflects our Christian beliefs and values and we are also committed to respecting each other's faith stance and culture, showing tolerance and understanding regardless of pupils' beliefs. The Ethos Group contribute ideas to planning and identify ways that collective worship themes can be developed across school.

Collective Worship usually takes place in the hall and an appropriate atmosphere is created through the use of:

- Christian signs and symbols
- candles
- music
- a focal point
- prayer
- song
- ritual and liturgical responses

Pupils play a key role in worship, through planned contributions, drama,

prayers, lighting candles and spontaneous contributions during worship.

Prayer and Reflection

Collective worship always includes a time of prayer and/or reflection, including hymn practice. A range of prayers is used including the Lord's Prayer and prayers written by the children and others. They are introduced in an appropriate manner with a short time of quiet for personal reflection and prayer. Worship begins with a bidding prayer and simple liturgy is used when lighting the candle.

See appendix 1 for further details as to the structure of worship.

Record Keeping, Evaluation and Monitoring

Pupil evaluations of worship are recorded. SLT monitor collective worship regularly through observations and using pupil voice. Staff CPD is provided for those that lead collective worship.

Visits and Visitors

As part of the curriculum, Clutton Church of England Primary School ensures that appropriate visits are made available for the children in order for them to have first-hand experiences and gain a greater understanding of various places of worship.

Visitors to the school are welcomed and enabled to share their experiences and knowledge. The churches in Coddington and Farndon are a valuable resource, with the whole school attending at key times of the year including Harvest, Christmas and Easter in addition to visits linked to the RE curriculum. Members of the Church community attend and contribute to our whole school services each term.

The Collective Worship Lead and foundation governor liaise to discuss various aspects of the spiritual life of the school and this ensures an effective line of communication between the school and the governing body regarding these matters.

Equal Opportunities

All pupils, regardless of academic ability, age, gender and ethnic origin will have access to a wide range of appropriate activities to support their understanding of R.E. At each Key Stage, the teacher will draw from other religions as appropriate to acknowledge and celebrate the religious beliefs of the children within the class.

Appendix 1

Clutton CE Primary School Planning for Worship

Date of Worship:
Names of Worship Leader/s:
Name of child on candles:

WELCOME

How will you create a special 'space' where we can feel welcome and prepare to meet with God?

Music playing as children enter.
Choose a child to light candles and say welcome prayer.



LEARNING

What would you like us to learn about God and His world that will be inspiring and thought provoking?



REFLECTING

How will you help us to reflect upon what God might be saying to us through our worship?



RESPONDING

How do you think we might respond (be challenged or inspired to take action) as a result of worship together? How will the prayer be used to help us draw close to God?



Hymn: