

Collective Worship Leadership Programme

	Preparing the space <i>A sense of anticipation</i>	An inclusive community <i>Everyone together</i>	Invitational Worship <i>Talking and listening to God</i>	Christian Tradition <i>Our history and traditions</i>
BRONZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add or remove furniture to get the space ready Dress the worship table with suitable objects or symbols Welcome everyone to worship by standing at the door as they enter the space Choose quiet music for the start of worship Support leaders with ICT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light the candle at the start of worship and read an inclusive blessing Introduce response time as a time to think or a time to pray Welcome visitors and introduce myself Design a poster explaining worship time to children younger than myself Choose a song everyone can sing no matter their beliefs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a prayer thanking God for the children in the school and share it in worship Learn which words make prayer invitational and practice these. Make a reflection tree for your classroom or a shared space in school. Ensure children have the chance to include a written prayer if they want to. Learn the Lord's Prayer and lead others in saying it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find prayers and reflections for happy times Find prayers and reflections for sad times Use the correct liturgical colour for the worship table and find out what it means Write an explanation of the pattern of worship over the week Find your favourite story in the Bible and write about why you like it
SILVER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List places in the school which feel special and explain why Describe the changes which happen when preparing a space for worship Find a percussion instrument which can be used to focus attention during reflection time e.g. rainstick Find a video clip which can be used during reflection time Lead the school in a moment of silent reflection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design a poster for the current value for display. Make sure it is relevant for all. Join in with Early Years Collective Worship – then design a collective worship session for them myself Design a collective worship questionnaire for children to answer. Collect in results and share with staff Find a new inclusive song for the week. Plan and deliver class worship including a drama based on a bible story. Allow everyone the opportunity to think about what the story might mean to them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a reflection activity that helps children to think about an environmental issue. Include the opportunity to reflect or pray Explore the prayer spaces in school website and select an activity to run at breaktime Find special objects for children to hold in their hands while reflecting quietly during worship Arrange to interview your local clergy and ask about the liturgy and how it brings Christians closer to God Find a five finger prayer to read in worship or write your own 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose songs which are appropriate for an upcoming Christian festival e.g. Christmas or Easter Find out your schools top 10 favourite worship songs Explore different bibles across the school and how they are used Explain the seasons of the liturgical calendar Listen to traditional Christian hymns and choose one to share and explain in worship
GOLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead a walk with a governor around the school pointing out areas where collective worship takes place and any resources used Visit the local church and sketch which things in the building help Christians worship Design the ideal worship space – based on the 5 senses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce an inclusive 'how to' guide which might help a visitor who leads worship at your school Invite a local group in for a collective worship you have planned especially for them Explore stories from world religions which could be used in worship to teach Christian values Create a dramatic interpretation of a Bible story and act it out during a time of worship Find the same Bible story from different versions or books which would suit different age groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research the National Portrait Gallery website for pictures which tell Bible stories. How could these help you and others reflect on God? Choose a poem or meditative reading to use in worship which could help others listen or talk to God Make a collage of global issues that could be concerns for prayer. Invite the local clergy to talk to you about traditional prayer gestures and postures Create an outdoor reflective prayer space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at the Anglican book of Common Worship, and find some greetings, confessions, and intercessions Contribute ideas for celebrating an upcoming festival e.g. Lent or Advent Write a blessing which acknowledges the Trinity Research how a cathedral organises their worship. You might want to write the Dean a letter Find out about the Eucharist