



# Livingston United Parish Church

Worshipping Together, Sharing Good News, Serving Christ in the Community

## ***Cluster Assemblies: Introduction for Teachers***

### **Introduction**

Cluster assemblies offer an opportunity for a single year group across the schools to gather together for a time of shared reflection. Usually, there will be five schools involved: Bankton, Bellsquarry, Dedridge, St. Ninian's and Williamston.

Cluster assemblies take place in the main hall of the Lanthorn Community Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge and begin at 1.30pm. We always aim to be finished so that schools can leave by 2.30pm.

### **Music**

Each school is invited to suggest one song to be included in the assembly. Please email these to [dphilip@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dphilip@churchofscotland.org.uk) two days before the assembly, along with any words you would like included in a PowerPoint. Music tracks can also be sent by email or can be brought on CD on the day. A clavino is available should a member of staff prefer to play the music live.

We already have many common songs including those by Fischy Music, Out of the Ark and Kevin Mayhew.

### **Pupil Participation**

Ideally, cluster assemblies will be pupil led, with a member of our team acting as compere. Each school will be given a suggested activity to prepare about two weeks before the assembly. These are not meant to be onerous and needn't take up much time, but will allow pupils to think about the theme of the assembly in advance.

During the assembly, each school will have the opportunity to present what they have prepared – this is an opportunity to share learning and is not about providing a polished performance. The presentation can be done by the whole class or by a selected group of pupils, whatever you prefer. Again, if schools wish to use PowerPoint, please email it to [dphilip@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dphilip@churchofscotland.org.uk) two days before the assembly. Acoustics in the Lanthorn are not great, so it is preferable if pupils can use the handheld microphones provided.

A running order will be provided to staff on the day, together with an Education Scotland Religious Observance Template which can be used as evidence of an RO activity.

### **Any Questions?**

Please contact Darren Philip, Youth & Children's Development Worker at [dphilip@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dphilip@churchofscotland.org.uk) or on 07861 455121.