

Term 3

Respect Collective Worship Updates

20.1.26

Simon from Trinity led our collective worship, focusing on the story of the Prodigal Son. The story tells of a father and his two sons, brought to life through some great acting from selected children. The younger son chose to take his inheritance early, leaving home and spending the money on fun and enjoyment. When the money ran out, his so-called friends disappeared and he was left with nothing. Desperate, he found work on a farm and became so hungry that he even considered eating the pigs' food. Eventually, he came to his senses and remembered that even the servants in his father's house were better cared for than he was. Hoping only to be accepted back as a servant, he returned home. Instead, his father ran to meet him, embraced him, and celebrated his return with a party. Simon reminded us of our value in God's sight, comparing it to a crumpled £5 note that is still worth £5. Like the father in the story, God sees us as valuable, even when we make mistakes.



29.1.26

On Thursday, Fr Nick from the Abbey led our Collective Worship, reminding us of the respect that Jesus has for all people, especially children. Fr Nick brought in a some art work from the Abbey and he selected a group of children to investigate it. Children identified Jesus with children in the photo, as well as the Abbey. We discussed what the halo around Jesus' head symbolises and as well as the verse around the edges which came from Matthew 19:4 in the bible.

‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

A reminder that Jesus was never too busy or too important to be with anyone, including children. On Sunday, the Abbey will be hosting a special 'Wild Worship' event especially for children, see the advert below for details.



13.2.26

Father Nick led Collective Worship on Thursday where we looked at our favourite Winter Olympic Sports events! We looked how we should treat our rivals (with respect) before two children attempted to cause the other to lose balance whilst each of them stood on one leg - eventually the more proactive children won. Children then read some famous passages from St. Paul in the bible about running the race of life and being steadfast. Fr Nick then took us through a series of prayers using our language of Spirituality framework - myself, others, the world and beyond. Here is the prayer we said for the 'world'.

"Dear God, we think of the nations gathered for the games. We pray that the world would become stronger through peace and faster to show mercy. May the spirit of fair play and respect spread from the sports field into every country, reminding us that we are one human family, bound together in hope."

