

Collective Worship Updates

Term 1 – Hope

Tuesday 9th September 2025

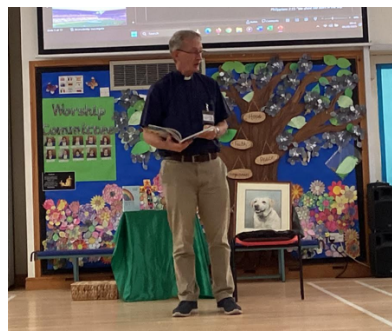
It is always wonderful to have visiting members from the churches in Tewkesbury come to lead Collective Worship in school, and this week we welcomed our first visitor of the year, Stephen from Holy Trinity.

Stephen brought in a picture of his dog, Amber, and shared a real-life story. One evening, Amber and Rocken (a friend's dog who was visiting) were in the house while the adults went out. During a thunderstorm, Amber was startled and jumped up at the door. The door opened, and both Amber and Rocken ran out into the night.

When the grown-ups returned and realised the dogs were missing, they searched everywhere with no luck. Even the police didn't know where they were. Finally, they called the vets and were relieved to hear that Amber and Rocken had been found safe and well.

Stephen linked this to one of Jesus' parables, the story of the Lost Sheep, reminding us that just as we search for those we love when they are lost, God never gives up on us. It was a powerful reminder of how much God cares for each one of us.

Stephen also reminded the children about the upcoming Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity, as well as the iSing Pop project happening in the school following shortly after.



Thursday 19th September 25

Thursday's collective worship was led by Mr Stanton, who introduced the children to the new Bibles now available in classrooms. These include the *Storybook Bible* for KS1, the *Rainbow Good News Bible*, and *The Bible for Young Adventurers*—produced by the ultimate adventurer himself, Bear Grylls! To help explore the significance of these resources, Mr Stanton invited Mr Shaw to join him in using our *Language of Spirituality* framework: *myself, others, the world, and beyond*. The two teachers interviewed one another, sharing how reading the Bible has shaped their own lives—deepening their relationship with God, guiding their care for others, reminding them of God's love for the world, and helping them to wrestle with those big 'beyond' questions of meaning and purpose.

It was a rich and thought-provoking worship, and the children were encouraged to see the Bible as a source of guidance, inspiration, and adventure in their own lives.



Children's Rainbow bible



Bear Grylls Explorers Bible



Jesus Story book bible



Thursday 16th October 25

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Father Nick back to lead our collective worship. He began by capturing everyone's imagination with an amazing fact — just how far the moon is from the Earth! This led beautifully into a reflection on Psalm 8, which Father Nick described as one of the “ancient pop songs” of the Bible. Together, we explored how this psalm celebrates the greatness and majesty of God, while also reminding us of our smallness in the vastness of creation. Yet, despite our size, the psalm poses a wonderful question — why does God know us and love us so deeply? Father Nick helped us see that this love gives our lives value and purpose. It was excellent to have him back, bringing such an important and inspiring perspective to our school's collective worship.



Tuesday 20th October 25

This week's Collective Worship was led by Simon from Holy Trinity, who arrived with a surprise item — a bright orange pumpkin! Simon explained that Halloween is actually the evening before the Christian festival of *All Saints' Day*, a time to celebrate saints both known and unknown.

He then carved the pumpkin, scooping out the messy insides before cutting out a cross and placing a candle inside. Simon used this as a powerful reminder that *"Jesus is the light of the world."* Together, we memorised the verse:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

It was a wonderful reminder to let our own light shine brightly.

