

## **Summer 1 2025 Church webpage**

### **Collective Worship**

This half term, our theme is forgiveness.

Forgiveness is the means by which damaged relationships are restored. The dictionary definition is: to stop blaming, being angry or wanting to punish. The Bible teaches us, it is on an act of will motivated by love. For Christians, Jesus' death on the cross is the ultimate revelation of God's all forgiving love and his sacrifice stands as a source of inspiration to forgive others no matter what the cost.

Our big questions are:

When we all make mistakes, how do we put them right?

How do we forgive other people when they make a mistake?

### **Collective Worship summer 1 highlights:**

**Week 1** – Our theme for this half term is 'forgiveness'. To launch our theme, Rev Felicity shared the parable of the forgiving father. Together we explore times when we have said sorry and the impact on people when friends let us down.

**Week 2** – In collective worship, we considered how the story of Zacchaeus demonstrates how being forgiven can change our attitudes and behaviour and give us a fresh start. We considered the rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral and Martin Luther King's statement about forgiveness being permanent.

**Week 3** - Thank you to Ash class for leading their class assembly. This week, we continue our theme of forgiveness by hearing Amazing Grace – a story of forgiveness written by John Newman who lived from 1725-1807. In addition, we join together to reflect on the 80th anniversary of VE day.

**Week 4** – This week, we are exploring the experiences of people who are able to forgive in extraordinary circumstances and in doing so, inspire others to forgive. We are exploring forgiveness and reconciliation through the text 'Lucy's Quarrel' and also the parable of the unforgiving servant.

**Week 5** – In our final week of our theme on forgiveness, we consider the cross as a symbol of Jesus' death and resurrection which is central to the Christian belief of forgiveness. As we reflect on how, as a school, we demonstrate forgiveness, considering our big questions— When we all make mistakes, how do we put them right? How do we forgive other people?

### **Our Church Community**

Our school choir performed for a second time in collective worship – their numbers continue to grow as a result.

Our Ely Diocese Regional Advisor (EDRA) visited in person for the Ofsted feedback and virtually to plan the summer term visit alongside a foundation governor.

Petersfield fell silent for two minutes at midday on the 80th anniversary of VE day. We remembered all those who had sacrificed so much during WWII and reflected on the importance of peace in the world.

### **Religious Education (RE)**

Though the visit did not focus on RE, as this is inspected as part of our SIAMS inspection, our Ofsted report references our RE provision following the discussion about the strengths of Petersfield.