

Collective Worship

This term, our collective worship (planned with Rev. Felicity and Barrington) has enabled us to respond to Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge.



'Live Life Full this Lent'

Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge 2023: "is about living as full a life as we can with the encouragement of Jesus' words in the Gospel of John – 'I have come that you might have life in all its fullness' We will take the simple idea of a cup that can be full, half full or empty; a cup that we can fill with good or negative things; a cup that God wants to fill to overflowing so that we can have an abundant life; another person's cup that we can help to fill by our actions and words. Join us on this challenge as we explore what makes us truly happy and how we can spread that happiness to others."



Collective Worship Spring 2 highlights:

Week 1 – This week, we focused on the beginning of Lent. As we prepare for Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge, we reflected on why and how Christians mark Lent. As we 'Live Life to the Full', we considered how we could 'turn over a new leaf' and take something up for Lent – it could be something as simple as making someone smile or saying thank you – or try to give something up during Lent.

Week 2 – This week we start Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge thinking about Living Life to the full. We will take the simple idea of a cup that can be full, half-full or empty; a cup that we can fill with good or negative things; a cup that God wants to fill to overflowing so that we can have an abundant life; another person's cup that we can help to fill by our actions and words.

Week 3 – In collective worship this week, we reflect on how Christians believe that they are always protected by God because He knows where they are (like a good shepherd), he keeps them safe and he rescue them in danger. As we respond to Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge, we reflect on how we can make a positive difference in the world.

Week 4 – This week in collective worship, we welcome GenR8 into school. Using our windows (looking), mirrors (reflecting) and doors (responding through actions and words) analogy, we respond to Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge by thinking about how we can fill each other's cup so we can all live life in all its fullness.

Week 5 – In collective worship this week, we learn about how Jesus wanted his followers to find happiness. Therefore, we should learn how to be happy and to look after ourselves so we can help those around us in our community and the wider world. Self-care is one way to create personal happiness, it helps to fill own cup and then we can help others. This week we also reflected with a GenR8 video responding to the challenges the world faces at this time.

Week 6 – As Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge draws to a close and we prepare to celebrate Easter over the school holidays, we visit St Andrew's Church for our Lent Service. A refreshed person with a full, or nearly full cup, has plenty to give to others and it is in this place that we can give of our best to our schools, our communities and our world. We reflect on how we can ensure our cup is full.

Our Church Community

Following GenR8's visit, our pupils reported: "I really liked it when GenR8 did the story about Jesus because it looked real. This time the theme was about being thoughtful and not being mean and that it is the thought that counts. They did a mini-play about when Jesus was put in the tomb and then the people guarding the tomb found that a giant rock had been moved and the body of Jesus was gone. They showed us the actions and we had to join in with them. I liked the GenR8 assembly because it taught us about God and Jesus and how it inspires us to be like them."

Reverend Felicity and our volunteer worship leaders led our Holy Week Service at St Andrew's. The service included readings, prayers, hymns and an address from Rev. Felicity. We thank St. Andrew's and Rev. Felicity for such a warm welcome and for the gift of a palm cross for all the families, pupils and staff present to take home with them.

As a school, we reflected on Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge in our final collective worship of term. Our whole school response to this was summarised on the poster created following the final collective worship of the term.

"We have been calm and listened to nice peaceful songs"

On the last day of term, a group of pupils from each class presented how their class had shown love for themselves and others throughout the Lent Challenge.

"We have filled our cups by spending time with our family and friends and playing with our friends and siblings."

Pupils in all classes reflected on what fills their cup.

Pupils reflected on God as a shepherd and how we are guided in our lives by Him.

How can we Live Life to the Full by loving ourselves and loving our neighbours?

"We have been persevering. We persevere to complete our hot tasks."

"We have played sports and taken up new hobbies that we are enjoying."

"We have helped our parents around the house and taken care of our siblings."

At the start of the Lent Challenge, pupils thought about what they could either start or stop doing to care for themselves and others.

Thanks to the our successful capital funding bid and the incredible work of Mr Wilson, Vice-Chair of Governors, the major building project, undertaken in the spring term, is complete and ready to share with pupils on the first day of the summer term. This project really has transformed the quality of the learning environment in school.

This term, Mrs Penrose and Governors have attended virtual and in person training hosted by Ely Diocese. A new SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) framework is in place from September 2023. Click [here](#) to read our previous SIAMS report.

Mothers and Female Carers were invited into school virtually as all our pupils reflected on Mothering Sunday 2023. Each class prepared thoughtful words about their mothers to show their appreciation for the huge impact they have on each of their lives and to make the female carers in their life feel special.

Our Ely Diocese regional Advisor EDRA joined us for our Holy Week Service at St Andrew's. During the walk to and from church, children explained our inclusive, invitational approach to collective worship and how they take part in leading worship, reflecting on our collective worship means to them.

Religious Education

As part of our RE curriculum, pupils from KS2 visited St. Andrew's Church again last Wednesday to participate in REActive Church sessions, where they learned from wonderful Church volunteers about Christian traditions during Holy Week and Easter. Pupils said: 'I liked REActive Church because we went up to St Andrews church and did lots of activities with adult helpers.'