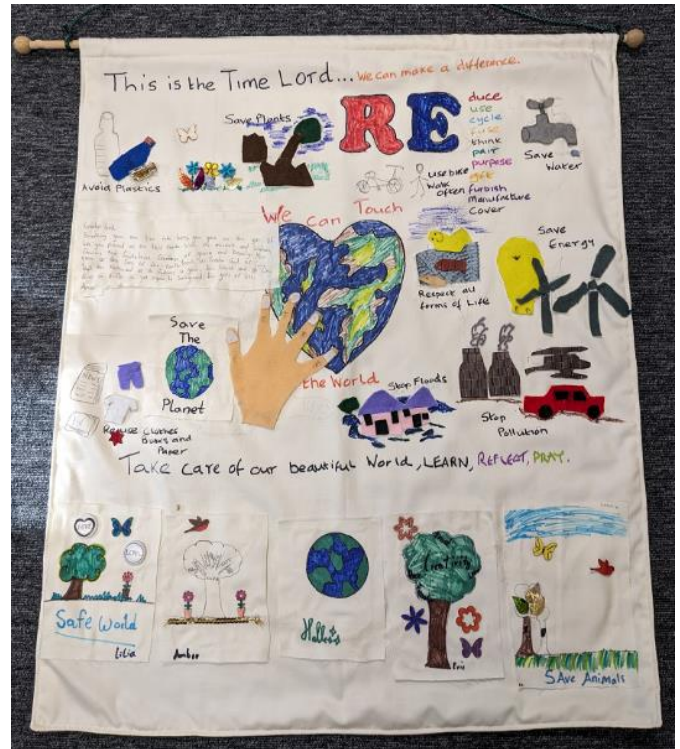


Spring 2 2024 Church webpage

Collective Worship

This term, our collective worship theme is set by Bishop Dagmar's Lent Challenge. The Lent Challenge 2024 is about taking action to care for creation in a time of climate crisis, remembering that we have hope in God and God's plans for our good future. This is the Time to care for our beautiful world. As we journey through Lent, we'll hear stories about the environment from the Bible and from around the world – stories of creation and beauty, and stories of loss and damage. We'll be inspired by adults and children around the world who are agents of change – planning, building, planting and praying – and get ideas for how we can join in. The Bible is full of stories about unlikely people who were leaders and agents of change because they trusted in God and God's plans. During this time of Lent, we take time to reflect on our actions towards the environment – individually and collectively. Throughout the world there are some wonderful works happening to try and combat climate change and restore the wonder of creation so that humanity can live with the beauty and peace of all creation. We all learn from the examples of others and once we see the success of a small action taken, it encourages us to think that we can do the same, or more, where we are.



Our Big Questions are:

What kind of world do we want to see?

What small actions can we do to care for our environment?

Collective Worship Spring 2 highlights:

Week 1 – As we embark on Bishop Dagmar's 2024 Lent Challenge, we reflect on the message that we may only be small now but just like the acorn grows into an oak tree, we will grow big and mighty. We can make a big difference for the future little ones. Our theme for the week is flooding and considering the impact of flooding on our environment. We also celebrate World Book Day and reflect on our emotion of the week – jealousy.

Week 2 – This week in Collective Worship, we continue to respond to the Bishop's Lent Challenge and reflect on the Bible story of Noah and God's covenant. Together we reflect on how we can make our environment even more beautiful. We look forward to welcoming mothers and female carers to our virtual celebration in advance of Mothers' Day. Our emotion of the week is nervous.

Week 3 – As we continue to respond to the Bishop's Lent Challenge, we reflect on Psalm 8 which talks about the awesome nature of the world. This week we think about plastic use and how we can act to encourage recycling. We are also delighted to welcome GenR8 into school to lead our Collective Worship in advance of Easter. Our emotion of the week is guilt.

Week 4 – This week we think about our hopes for our environment and our energy use as we respond to the Bishop's Lent challenge and think about the difference we can make. We also enjoyed Rowan Class leading their class assembly. Our emotion of the week is calm.

Week 5 – This week, we conclude the Lent Challenge from the Bishop by reflecting on the big question 'What kind of world do you want to see?' and linking this to our Spring 1 theme of service, we consider how we can make a difference. Thank you to Rev Felicity for leading our Holly Week Church Service. Our emotion of the week is frustrated.

Our Church Community

Thank you to all the mums and female carers who were able to take time out of their very busy days to join us virtually, for our **Mothers' Day** events, as each class shared their reflections about their mums. Each child had

thought about what makes their mums so special and the children presented their thoughts through words of thanks, sharing a handmade card or a poem.

Mrs Bonfield, our sewing volunteer, worked with the children to produce the wall hanging seen above in response to the Lent Challenge.

After an ever-popular visit from GenR8, the children told us: "I enjoyed GenR8 because we learnt about the story of Easter. Jillian wrote Easter on a whiteboard but she spelt it EESTHAR. Then we helped her fix it. The GenR8 team acted out the story of Jesus coming back to life after crucifixion. I enjoyed it because it was fun and Mike put on swimming goggles and pretended to swim to Jesus. We met Jo and Lucy and Jo split red paint onto the fluffy white carpet and wanted to move to Timbuktu. Lucy told Jo he should go home and apologise to his Dad. We learnt the GenR8 waves and did the seal of approval."

Patch-rick, the Petersfield Giraffe, has now been installed at a location in Cambridge as part of the Cambridge Standing Tall trail. We do hope you can go and see Patch-rick and his friends in Cambridge this spring. Trail maps are available in Cambridge for a voluntary donation of £1. You can find out more on the website: <https://www.break-charity.org/charity/>.

Religious Education (RE)

This term, Mrs Penrose met with the County RE advisor to review the school curriculum in line with the New Agreed RE Syllabus.

Following REActive Church which is led by volunteers at St Andrew's church, the children said: "I enjoyed REActive Church because we got to make an Easter garden full of stuff. We drew a palm leaf, made a wine glass and plate and a cross out of straws and make the tomb Jesus was in. We learnt the Easter story and how Jesus had died on the Cross. We also got to act out a story from the Bible. On one of the stations we got to drink some squash which acted like wine and eat flatbread as if it were the bread he ate. We got to make the tomb out of playdough and added it to our Easter garden."