Reflection

Reflection is a time of calm thought and consideration. It is a time when you are able to think about the things we have talked about in Collective Worship and relate these to how you live your life.



<u>Reflection:</u> What are saints? What saints can you think of? Modern day saints?

Who are the saints in your lives?

Write your ideas on a post-it note

What or who could we pray for this week? Write your prayers on a post-it note.





Ephesians 5:8-9 - ⁸ At one time you lived in darkness. Now you are living in the light that comes from the Lord. Live as children who have the light of the Lord in them. ⁹ This light gives us truth. It makes us right with God and makes us good.





Theme: Remembrance



Micah 4:3-5 - ³ He will judge between many people. He will decide for strong nations that are far away. Then they will beat their swords into plows, and their spears into cutting hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and they will never learn war any more. ⁴ Every man will sit under his vine and under his fig tree, with no one to make him afraid. For the mouth of the Lord of All has spoken. ⁵ All the nations may walk in the name of their god. But we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever. **Reflection:** Where can you bring joy?

Write a prayer for peace

What or who could we pray for this week? Write your prayers on a post-it note. Write your ideas on a post-it note







Mark 12:31 - ³¹ "The second Law is this: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' No other Law is greater than these."

Reflection: How can we look after each other to prevent unkindness?

What are your wise words of wisdom to others to help prevent bullying?

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Write your ideas on a post-it note





Theme: Helping others



Matthew 5:14 - ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. You cannot hide a city that is on a mountain.

Reflection: What difference can we make?

How can we help others?

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Theme: Advent



Genesis 12:1-8 - Abram and Sarai

12 GOD told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you.

²⁻³ I'll make you a great nation and bless you. I'll make you famous; you'll be a blessing. I'll bless those who bless you; those who curse you I'll curse. All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you." ⁴⁻⁶ So Abram left just as GOD said, and Lot left with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot with him, along with all the possessions and people they had gotten in Haran, and set out for the land of Canaan and arrived safe and sound. Abram passed through the country as far as Shechem and the Oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites occupied the land.

⁷ GOD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your children." Abram built an altar at the place GOD had appeared to him. ⁸ He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent between Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. He built an altar there and prayed to GOD. Abram trusted in God and God kept his promise.

Reflection: Why is it important to keep promises?

Do you always keep your promises? How can we get better at keeping promises?

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Isaiah 40:3-5 - 3-5 Thunder in the desert! "Prepare for God's arrival! Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God. Fill in the valleys, level off the hills, Smooth out the ruts, clear out the rocks. Then God's bright glory will shine and everyone will see it. Yes. Just as GOD has said."

Reflection: How can we be more open to listening?

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> Write your ideas on a post-it note





Theme: John the Baptist



Mark 1:1-8 John the Baptizer

1¹⁻³ The good news of Jesus Christ—the Message!—begins here, following to the letter the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Watch closely: I'm sending my preacher ahead of you; He'll make the road smooth for you. Thunder in the desert! Prepare for God's arrival! Make the road smooth and straight! ⁴⁻⁶ John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life. John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey.

⁷⁻⁸ As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out." John the Baptist listened to God and made a difference to many people.

Reflection: Have you done anything this week that you would like to be forgiven for? How can you ask for forgiveness? What or who could we pray for this week? Write your ideas on a post-it note.





Theme: Christmas and Mary



Luke 2:26-38 The Message (MSG)

²⁵⁻³² In Jerusalem at the time, there was a man, Simeon by name, a good man, a man who lived in the prayerful expectancy of help for Israel. And the Holy Spirit was on him. The Holy Spirit had shown him that he would see the Messiah of God before he died. Led by the Spirit, he entered the Temple. As the parents of the child Jesus brought him in to carry out the rituals of the Law, Simeon took him into his arms and blessed God: God, you can now release your servant; release me in peace as you promised. With my own eyes I've seen your salvation; it's now out in the open for everyone to see: A God-revealing light to the non-Jewish nations, and of glory for your people Israel. ³³⁻³⁵ Jesus' father and mother were speechless with surprise at these words. Simeon went on to bless them, and said to Mary his mother, This child marks both the failure and the recovery of many in Israel, A figure misunderstood and contradicted—the pain of a sword-thrust through you— But the rejection will force honesty, as God reveals who they really are.

Mary showed massive courage to trust in God; it would have been very difficult to do what she did in those times.

Reflection: How can you show courage in your life? To do what? In what way?

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