



Collective Worship

25th April

Let's be beacons of hope - don't just exist, do good with your life and be courageous

This week in collective worship we have focused on the different ways that we can use hope.

Thought for the week

We all have the capacity to be a beacon of hope. As the next generation, as the youth in this world, YOU have the ability to think in solutions and find a way forward that will enable the people of the world to live well together. You have the ability to break down the stereotypes that we see in the world and make sure that your voice is heard with meaningful participation. When Jesus died, and rose again, He gave us hope for a better future, and with His message of hope, if we choose to, we can build a brighter future for everyone.

We are a global village; we live in this world together, so let's have the courage to give hope to the community that we live in to ensure that we can all flourish.

**Having hope will give you courage
Job 11: 18-19**



This week in collective worship

This week we have focused on what happened after Easter Day and the hope that we were left with when Jesus rose from the grave. Vicar Suzanne spoke to us about how Jesus revealed Himself to different people after His resurrection but some people doubted and had to see for themselves that it was true. We heard the story of Thomas. We

heard about how the cross and resurrection represent a journey of faith; the cross has become a symbol of hope. We reflected on the fact that

Pope Francis said: 'All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in his strong and mighty hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey. Jesus is alive and is with us always, shedding the tears of those who suffer and adding to the beauty of life through the small acts of love carried out by each of us.'

We have also reflected back to the testimonies from witnesses that we heard just before the holidays during our Easter liturgy reflection; Mr Taylor challenged us to consider how we can turn the messages we heard into messages of hope. This is the hope that helps us to get through the tough times; the hope that we can be more understanding of others; the hope to grow our faith; the hope that we can be pleased for others; the hope that we can be satisfied with what we have; the hope that we grow in confidence; the hope that we can stand up for others and stand out for doing the right thing; the hope that we are open to trying to understand more about other people. The hope that we can live together in a way that ensures everyone can be the best version of themselves and truly flourish.

Pupil voice

'I hope that I will build my confidence and not be afraid to share my ideas more often in class.'

Heavenly Father,

Prayer for the week

Thank you for the hope you have given us through the cross. Help us to have the courage to use that hope so that we can live our lives in a way that makes the world a fairer, safer place to live.

Amen



Each person uniquely made in God's image merits the best that we can give.