

Collective Worship, Autumn Term 2025

'Creativity: Threads Through the Cross'



We gather as a community for collective worship that is **inspiring, invitational and inclusive**, reflecting the fact that we are a part of a diverse school family and the wider church community. We begin this academic year with a unique set of themes based on an exhibition ('[Threads Through the Cross](#)') that will be hosted by Guildford Cathedral between 25th September and 3rd November. We are mindful that relatively few schools will be visiting the exhibition, so are bringing it right into your collective worship in a variety of different ways. Whilst it might seem strange to be focussing on the salvation story at this point in the school year, we hope that the endpoint of Advent and Christmas will be more meaningful having understood the journey to the Cross. We will also be linking to many 'Autumn term' themes that are a natural part of school life as children settle in to a new term, getting familiar with routines, school values and key events. There will also be a short reflection based on each panel as part of the collective worship materials, which you might wish to extract to use in class collective worship, in addition to the usual material, which will include class-based reflection ideas. In the Advent period of the final 3 weeks of term, we will be featuring creativity from our schools as part of the Christmas art exhibition '**Messages of hope**'.

Week	Theme	Details / follow-up	Bible content*	Reflection ideas	Song** (<i>new songs in italics</i>)
1 (3/9)	Together	Re-gathering and welcoming newcomers – we are all here together	Hebrews 10:24	Draw round your hand and add it to the display	Our school / Back in school again (BBC) or Together (NBD)
2 (8/9)	Creativity	Introducing Jacqui and the Threads Through the Cross panels; how do we 'create'? (NB Spirals, creator)	Genesis 1:26 , 1 st half of verse	Spiral templates: we are creative beings 'made in the image of God'	Creator God (NBD) or All together as a family (BBC)
3 (15/9)	Beginning	Setting the story in the Garden (from Threads Through Creation);	Genesis 2:15-17 & Genesis 3:4-6	Brokenness: what's 'broken' in our world? What might we want fixed?	One world (NBD) or Chain of love (BBC)
4 (22/9)	Chosen	Panel 1: The Annunciation; class/school responsibilities	Luke 1:26-38	Mary's words: 'Let it be to me as you say' Mary's challenge was a big secret. Secret challenge reflective activity	Shine (NBD)
5 (29/9)	Gospel	Panels 2&3: Do not be afraid & Follow the star	Luke 2:10	Good news! School as a place of welcome for all – play with new friends	Let our love show (NBD) or Respect (NBD)
6 (6/10)	Choices	Panels 4&5: Baptism & Temptation	Matthew 4: 8-10	Forks in the road: Choices and consequences	Resilience in me (NBD) or Kindness Song or Truth (NBD)
7 (13/10)	Meeting	Panel 6: Transfiguration; special places to feel close to God / nature	Matthew 17:1-5	My special place – tiny pictures	It's not just a pile of old bricks (BBC)
8 (20/10)	Weeping	Panels 7&8: Jerusalem (Palm Sunday & Temple); spoiling a special place / injustice	Ecclesiastes 3: 1&4 'A time to....'	Tealights of Justice for things that are wrong	Justice (NBD) or Chain of love (BBC)
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9 (3/11)	Humility	Panels 9&10: Washing of feet; serving others in our community	John 13:12-14	Go and wash your hands and think about who you might serve	Let our love show (NBD) or The Golden Rule (NBD)
10 (10/11)	Remember	Panel 11: 'Do this to remember me'; link to Remembrance (separate CW materials as well)	Luke 22:19-20	Remembering: poppies to remember brave people	Listen to: Remembrance Song (NBD)
11 (17/11)	Surrender	Panel 12: Garden & Panel 13: The Cross (detail)	Luke 22: 41-45	Heavy stones: making hard decisions	To listen to: Sign your cross (NBD)
12 (24/11)	Risen!	Panel 15: Risen & Panel 17: Ascension	Matthew 28:5-6	Butterflies: hope from despair	
13 (1/12)	Messages of hope 1	Messages of hope: Mary (secret messages)	Luke 1:30-33	Messages of hope for individuals	To listen to: Magnificat
14 (8/12)	Messages of hope 2	Messages in the everyday: innkeeper, shepherds & angels	Luke 2:10	Messages of hope for every day	To sing: Mary had a baby (BBC) The Virgin Mary had a baby boy (BBC), The Angels Knew (NBD)
15 (15/12)	Messages of hope 3	Messages for the nations: Magi	Matthew 2:1-2	Messages of hope for the nations	or school choice

**** Please check words to songs before you use them! Song references:** BBC – BBC resources, links to online version; NBD – Nick & Becky Drake songs; POPUK – free access to a huge songbank: [FREE song bank / for primary schools](#)

Songs:

Creator God actions [Official Actions: Creator God - Worship For Everyone](#)

Sign your cross actions: [Nick & Becky Drake - Sign Your Cross \(Acoustic Version\) // Worship For Everyone](#)

*** OPTIONAL:** You may wish to use any Bible words we reference in the script earlier on in each collective worship, in addition to the place that they are explored as part of the 'Words for worship' section. In this way, you might encourage children to think how these words might be relevant to this term's theme, or specifically to your school community, which may be especially relevant for any Church schools. You might like to use these questions:

- *I wonder what you think these words mean?*
- *I wonder how these words might connect with today's story or our school's vision & values?*
- *I wonder how these words might help us in the life of our school?*

NB You can find extra Harvest and Remembrance resources on our website, should you want to add in something during the relevant weeks in your school calendar.

Link to Harvest collective worship resources: [Documents](#)

Link to Remembrance collective worship resources: