

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		TBC	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	TBC	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	TBC	One world (NBD) or Chain of love (BBC)
4 (22/9)	Chosen	Panel 1: The Annunciation; class/school responsibilities	Luke 1:26-38	TBC	Shine (NBD)
5 (29/9)	Gospel	Panels 2&3: Do not be afraid & Follow the star	Luke 2 & Matthew 2	TBC	Let our love show (NBD) or Respect (NBD)
6 (6/10)	Choices	Panels 4&5: Baptism & Temptation	Mark 1 & Mark 4	TBC	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	TBC	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	Matthew 21; Ecclesiastes 'A time to'	TBC	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	Luke 7 & John 13 'Do as I have done'	TBC	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)	Matthew 26	TBC	Listen to: Remembrance Song (NBD)
11 (17/11)	Surrender	Panel 12: Garden & Panel 13: The Cross (detail)	Luke 13	TBC	To listen to: Sign your cross (NBD)
12 (24/11)	Risen!	Panel 15: Risen & Panel 17: Ascension	Matthew 28	TBC	
13 (1/12)	Messages of hope 1	Messages of hope: Mary (secret messages)	Luke 1	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	Messages of hope for every day	To sing: Mary had a baby (BBC) The Virgin Mary had a baby boy (BBC), or school choice
15 (15/12)	Messages of hope 3	Messages for the nations: Magi	Matthew 2	Messages of hope for the nations	

**** 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: [Harvest - Diocese of Guildford](#)

Link to Remembrance collective worship resources: [Remembrance - Diocese of Guildford](#)