

Pupil Worship Team Meeting with Rev'd Jax and Mrs Wesley



Friday 21st January 2022

Welcome

The meeting started by the team welcoming Rev'd Jax and Mrs Wesley and thanking them for joining the Pupil Worship Team for the meeting.

Themes for Collective Worship



Maddie started by introducing the first item of the agenda. There was a discussion about the themes of The Pupil Led Collective Worship explored since the beginning of 2022. She explained how the theme of Random Acts of Kindness had captured the imagination of the entire school. The team told Rev'd Jax and Mrs Wesley about how each class had looked back in history to find out about people who had performed Random Acts of Kindness in the past. The stories outlined in the meeting were Harold Lowe, an officer on board the Titanic who went back to the sinking ship in his life boat to save 6 people. The next story shared was about Anthony Nolan, a little boy

with a blood cancer. Tragically, Anthony never found the matching donor he needed and he died when he was just eight years old but his mum Shirley launched the world's first stem cell register in 1974. Anthony's story has given the hope of a lifesaving transplant to thousands of people with blood cancer or a blood disorder. Rev'd Jax said she remembered the Anthony Nolan Trust being launched when she was a child and how gifting an organ was a wonderful and compassionate Act of Kindness. Mrs Wesley asked us to think about when we had shown compassion through our random acts of kindness.

1 Corinthians 12



Next, there was a discussion following on from the last meeting with Rev'd Jax around the theme of our spiritual gifts. We told Rev'd Jax we had taken up her challenge of reading and reflecting on the scripture 1 Corinthians's 12. Rev'd Jax was really impressed with the child friendly version studied by Oak Class. Rev'd Jax asked the team to share their thoughts and reflections with her. Scarlett said the human body was a metaphor for the Earth and all the body parts were people. In God's eyes, we are all equal. We are all the same but different. Charlie said that God cares about all of us not just certain people. He loves people of all races and religions and he does not care what you look like on the outside but what you are like on the

inside; everyone is important to God. Rev'd Jax talked about how we all have unique gifts and talents and when we share our gifts with others we can achieve amazing things; working together for God. Martha told Rev'd Jax that she interpreted the letter as a metaphor for war because if one soldier is killed or injured in the war it would have an impact on the whole troop. Mrs Wesley commented that her son, Sam is an army officer and even though he is the leader, his entire troop are treated as equals.

The Wedding of Cana



The next item was a reflection on The Wedding of Cana. Daisie started by saying that Rev'd Jax had asked the whole school to read and think about this story from the Bible. Daisie explained that this was a piece of scripture about a mighty miracle when Jesus turned water into wine. All the wine had run out and Jesus turned the water into wine. This was Jesus' first miracle. In changing the water to wine, Jesus revealed his glory and that he was the Son of God. The disciples put their faith in him. The worship team asked Rev'd Jax and Mrs Wesley for their comments on the miracle. Rev'd Jax said the Wedding took place in a place called Galilee which was extremely hot and dusty. The water used was likely to be the water Jesus used to wash the guest's feet before the wedding. Rev'd Jax added the temperature would have been about 45 degrees and

asked everyone how long they could cope with that heat! Daisie then read an extract from the story using Desmond Tutu's Bible for Children. This exploration concluded with everyone agreeing that the story shows us how much God loves us, and how He is there to help us through tough times.

Courageous Advocacy



Jack introduced the next item on the agenda. He talked about our fundraising so far this school year and future fundraising ideas. Jack said the Worship Team had come up with the idea of running a Sparsholt's Got Talent Event in aid of Karis Kids. The idea would be to charge 'one or two quid for Karis Kids' to enter the competition, and ask for a voluntary contribution from the audience. This would take place in the school day. Everyone agreed it would be a fun and very popular event and a fabulous fundraiser. Rev'd Jax and Mrs Wesley said they thought it was a brilliant idea. Rev'd Jax reported that at the moment Karis Kids need school uniform and school books. We are hoping to hit our target of £500 by the end of the spring term. Rev'd Jax commented that Karis Kids will be amazed and so happy by this amount!

Updated School Prayer

Issie reported that we have successfully introduced our updated school prayer, which now reflects our care for our environment and planet and our sustainability focus. Rev'd Jax agreed how precious our planet is and that everyone should look after it and commented

that without the love of God, there wouldn't be our amazing world. We then recited our school prayer together.

Collective Worship Themes for the Spring Term

Next, we looked at the Collective Worship themes for the spring term. Rev'd Jax said that she would like The Pupil Worship Team to help her with the Ash Wednesday Worship. There will be a planning meeting before this Worship takes place. Rev'd Jax also agreed to produce a video reflection talk on the Life of Desmond Tutu to include in our pre-recorded worship.

The Meeting closed with our school blessing.

**Lord of the loving heart,
May mine be loving to,
Lord of the gentle hands,
May mine be gentle too.
Lord of the willing feet,
May mine be willing too,
So may I grow more like you
In all I say and do.**



Minutes written by representatives from the Pupil Worship Team
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