

Collective Worship Newsletter

September/October 2025

Inspiring All To Soar To New Heights

'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles' (Isaiah 40:31)

Welcome to the first Collective Worship newsletter of this academic year! Our theme for this half-term is **Compassion**. Every **Monday**, we have had a visiting member of the clergy exploring where compassion is shown in the Bible. On **Tuesday**, Miss Bailey has been continuing the theme of compassion, but linking it to our school vision, values and spirituality definition. On **Wednesday**, we have class-based worship using Picture News, where current events are brought to life in classrooms using thought-provoking stories, and tools to inspire curiosity and critical thinking, using links to the Bible and theological underpinning. Our **Thursday**, worship is very popular with pupils and staff alike, as we worship through singing! The children at Downham certainly love to sing! Our week of worship concludes on a **Friday**, where we celebrate our successes of the week and join to thank God for our gifts, talents and achievements.

Worship Group

Worship Group, led by Miss Bailey, meet every Tuesday from 12.45-1.15pm in Woodpeckers Class. All new members are welcome!

Contact Info

For any questions about Collective Worship, please contact Miss Bailey.

Family Service

Family Service is held at The Parish Church of St Margaret, Downham on the first Sunday of every month at 11am. All are welcome!



Our Favourite Hymns!

Our Worship Group voted on their favourite songs/hymns to sing...here are the winners! Please ask your child to sing them to you (they can all be found on Youtube). Is your favourite on the list?

- **Waves Of Mercy**
- **Slingshot**
- **My Lighthouse**
- **Speak Your Name**
- **All Through History**
- **How Great Is Our God**
- **Our God Is A Great Big God**



Revd Jacqui turned the Parable of the Good Samaritan into a fruity tale, using bananas and oranges to show off differences, compassion, mercy, and smashing social barriers!

Katie Gowland, from Billericay Baptist Church, delivered a thought-provoking Collective Worship, linked to the Bible story of Dorcas, about how her grandmother showed compassion by knitting wonderful blankets and clothing for her future grandchildren to enjoy and remember her by. We learnt that gifts don't have to be expensive, like electronic games, to be precious.



We have also explored the parables of Jesus healing the leper and feeding a crowd of 5,000 with only five loaves and two fish!

