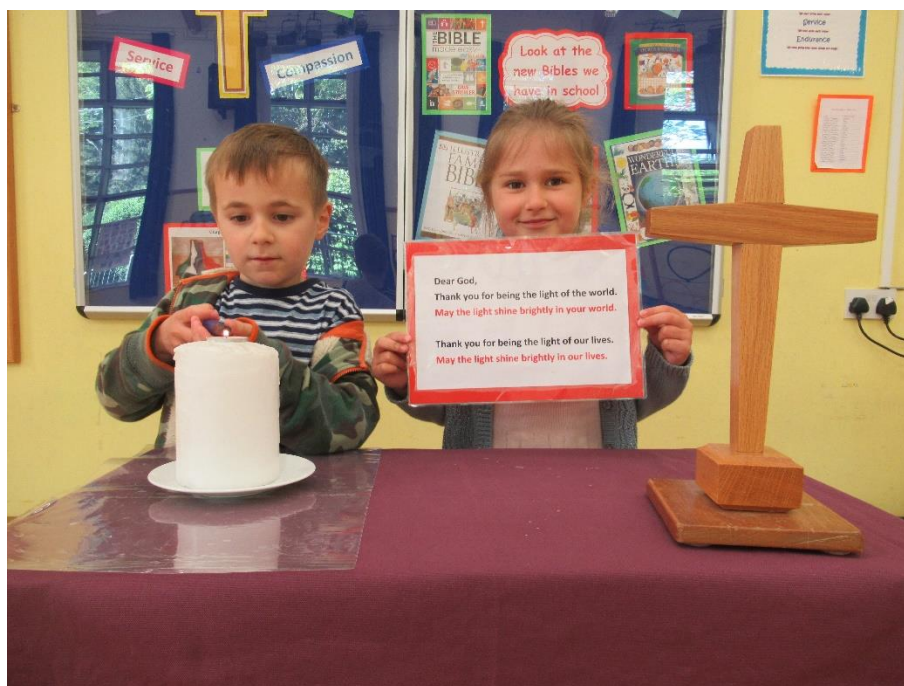


## Collective Worship - Monday June 8th 2020



### Candle Prayer

Dear God,

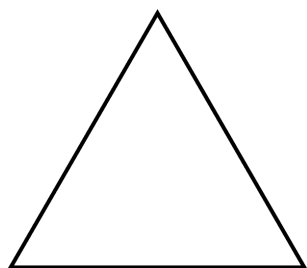
Thank you for being the light of the world.

**May the light shine brightly in your world.**

Thank you for being the light of our lives.

**May the light shine brightly in our lives.**

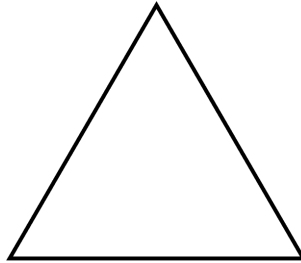
Last week our collective worship was about Pentecost, the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit.



Christians believe in the Trinity (tri = three like a triangle which has three sides). By this, they mean that although they believe that there is only one God, there are different aspects to God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This is difficult to understand: it is three-in-one. Like the triangle, whichever way you look

at it, there are three sides that make up one triangle. We can think of the Holy Trinity like this:

God the Father



God the Son

The Holy Spirit

Each part makes up God



This leaf is a shamrock, a plant that grows in Ireland - it's a kind of clover. St Patrick was a Christian missionary in Ireland many years ago and he later became Ireland's patron saint. He and his friends used to puzzle about the mystery of the three-in-one God. The story goes that one day, Patrick's friends asked him to explain the mystery of the Trinity. He looked at the ground and saw shamrocks growing among the grass at

his feet. He picked one and showed it to his friends, saying, 'Look at this beautiful little shamrock. Do you think it has one leaf or three?'

Patrick's friends looked and looked, but they couldn't answer; the shamrock looked like one leaf, but it clearly had three parts. Patrick reassured them, 'The mystery of this shamrock is like the mystery of the Trinity; there are three parts, but they are all part of one.'

Rev T has made a film clip explaining the Trinity for older children here:

<https://youtu.be/nMbHXcXO5Bc>

**Reflection**

Christians around the world continue to puzzle over the mystery of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. There is one God, but three different ways of knowing about God. They use symbols based on the triangle pattern or plants like the shamrock to help them with this kind of ‘three-in-one thinking’.

When Christians get together, they often use the prayer below. The words were first used by St Paul to end his letter to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 13.14). Rev T often ends his collective worship in school with these words.

**Prayer**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen

**Hymn: Everywhere Around Me**

<https://youtu.be/RiqOsZh4bpk>