Collective Worship

Week Commencing: Monday 2nd March 2026

Core Value: Teamwork

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Courage in every step, Faith in every journey.

Opening Reflection

Let us pause, breathe, and take a moment to reflect.

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for bringing us together with different gifts and talents.
Help us to listen with patience, speak with kindness, and work with unity and trust.

Teach us to support one another,
to share both the burdens and the victories, and to always seek the good of our whole community.

May our efforts reflect cooperation, respect, and love.

Amen.

This Week's Theme: Teamwork

Teamwork as a core value means choosing collaboration over competition, unity over ego, and shared success over individual recognition. It’s the belief that together we achieve more—stronger ideas, better results, and lasting impact—when we work together.

Think about the image below. Why is teamwork so important?

Life gives us challenges. Teamwork builds character and helps us become the people we are meant to be.

This Week's Challenge

1) Make a choice to be part of a team this week

2) Commit to understanding what Teamwork means to you individually

3) What aspect of Teamwork have you chosen to work on?

4) Reflect at the end on what changed

A Story of Teamwork

In the Gospel of Mark in the New Testament, Jesus was teaching in a crowded house. So many people gathered that no one else could enter, not even through the door.

Four men came carrying their paralyzed friend, determined to bring him to Jesus for healing. When they couldn't get through the crowd, they didn't give up. Instead, they climbed onto the roof, made an opening, and carefully lowered their friend down in front of Jesus.

Seeing **their faith**, Jesus healed the man—first forgiving his sins, then telling him to rise, take up his mat, and walk.

A Story of Teamwork

What can we learn?

1. Choose Friends Who Lift You Up

The paralyzed man had friends who refused to leave him behind.
Surround yourself with people who support your goals, faith, and growth.

2. Be the Friend Who Shows Up

The four friends didn't just say, "We'll pray for you." They carried him.
Real friendship means helping with homework, encouraging someone who's struggling, or standing by someone who feels alone.

3. Don't Give Up When There's an Obstacle

The crowd blocked the door—but they found another way.
When you face school pressure, team conflicts, or personal challenges, look for creative solutions instead of quitting.

4. Teamwork Makes the Difference

One person couldn't have carried the man alone.
Group projects, sports, clubs, student leadership and the school day all require cooperation and shared effort.

5. Your Faith and Actions Impact Others

The Bible says Jesus saw *their* faith.
Your courage, faith, and kindness can help someone else experience hope.

6. Everyone Needs Help Sometimes

The man couldn't reach Jesus by himself—and that's okay.
It's not weakness to ask for help from friends, teachers, support staff, or family.

Reflection Questions

- **Personal Reflection**

- What role do I usually take in a team (leader, organizer, encourager, listener, worker, etc.)?
- Do I prefer working alone or with others? Why?
- How do I respond when my ideas are not chosen?
- Am I someone others can depend on? Why or why not?
- What strengths do I bring to a team?

- **Responsibility**

- Do I complete my part of group work on time?
- How do my actions affect the success of the whole group?
- Have I ever let a team down? What did I learn from it?
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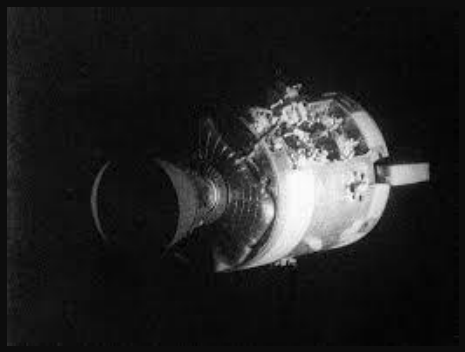
- **Attitude**

- Do I listen carefully to others' ideas, even when I disagree?
- How do I handle conflict within a team?
- Do I encourage others, or do I criticize more than I support?

Story of Teamwork: Apollo 13

In 1970, the spacecraft Apollo 13 was headed to the Moon when an oxygen tank exploded. Suddenly, what was meant to be a routine mission became a fight for survival. On board were three astronauts — Jim Lovell, Fred Haise, and Jack Swigert. With power failing and oxygen running low, they radioed back the now-famous words: “Houston, we’ve had a problem”. Back on Earth, engineers and flight controllers at NASA worked around the clock. They had to invent solutions using only the limited materials available on the spacecraft. In one critical moment, they designed a carbon dioxide filter adapter using plastic bags, cardboard, and duct tape — and guided the astronauts step-by-step to build it in space. No one person saved Apollo 13.It was mathematicians, engineers, technicians, and astronauts — all working together, trusting each other’s expertise, and refusing to give up. Against the odds, the crew safely returned to Earth.



Story of Perseverance: Apollo 13

Why this story shows teamwork:

1 A Shared Goal

The mission instantly changed from landing on the Moon to one clear objective: **bring the crew home alive**. Every decision centred on that common purpose.

2 Different Skills, One Solution

Astronauts in space managed limited power, oxygen, and extreme stress. Engineers on Earth calculated trajectories, rationed energy, and invented fixes. Leaders coordinated communication. Each group had different expertise — but none could succeed alone.

3 Creative Collaboration

When carbon dioxide levels rose dangerously, engineers had to design a solution using only materials already onboard. Teams brainstormed together, tested ideas quickly, and communicated step-by-step instructions to the crew. It was innovation born from cooperation.

4 Trust Under Pressure

The astronauts trusted the ground team completely. Mission Control trusted the astronauts to execute instructions precisely. That mutual trust allowed calm decisions in a life-threatening crisis.

5 No Blame, Only Focus

Instead of arguing over what went wrong, everyone focused on what to do next. The culture emphasized problem-solving over fault-finding.

Teamwork:

Reflection Time

Take a quiet moment.
Think about the teams you're part of — at work, at home, in your community. Picture the faces. Hear the conversations. Remember the shared goals.

Now pause and reflect:
Teamwork is more than dividing tasks.
It is choosing cooperation over control.

It is listening when you could speak.
It is stepping forward when others hesitate — and stepping back when someone else is better suited.

Consider:
Am I contributing part that builds others up?
Do I create space for every voice?

When tension rises, do I add calm or confusion?
Do I celebrate shared success as much as personal achievement?

True teamwork requires humility, trust, and a willingness to serve something bigger than yourself.

Take one breath:
What is one small action you can take today to strengthen the team around you?

Fair Trade Fortnight 2026
Start Date/Time
Feb 23, 2026 12:00 AM
End Date/Time
March 8, 2026 12:00 AM

Fair Trade Fortnight Event Summary

A two-week campaign promoting Fair Trade, encouraging people to choose products that support better prices, working conditions, and sustainable production.

Check this out

https://www.weareincludability.co.uk/event/fair-trade-fortnight-2026#Main

Fair Trade and Teamwork

Fairtrade Fortnight shows us that:

- A clear goal unites people
- Everyone's contribution counts
- Trust and fairness strengthen relationships
- Diversity makes teams stronger
- Long-term cooperation creates lasting change

Whether in school, work, sports, or community projects, the same principles apply.

Scripture Soundbites

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 (The Old Testament part of the Bible)

"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed".

What does "two people are better off than one" look like in everyday school life? Think about moments when things get difficult to do this — how can you apply this to your learning, friendships, or personal goals?

The verse mentions "they can help each other succeed." How will this benefit our lives and the community around us?

Who helps you with teamwork when challenges arise, and how can you support others in living lives being part of a team?

Food for Thought

We're Designed for Community

God did not create us to live in isolation. Healthy relationships are part of His design for growth, support, and purpose.

What This Means for Us

- 📖 **Closing Thoughts:** *(Ecclesiastes 4:9)*
- Teamwork means we don't walk through life alone. It reminds us that success isn't just about individual talent — it's about shared effort, shared strength, and shared victories.
- For us, teamwork means:
- 🤝 **We support, not compete against, each other.**
- 💪 **We step in when someone is struggling.**
- 🎯 **We work toward common goals, not personal glory.**
- 💛 **We celebrate wins together.**
- 🙌 **We grow stronger through unity.**

- Ecclesiastes teaches that "two are better than one" because there is greater reward in collaboration. When we combine our gifts, ideas, and energy, we create something stronger than we ever could alone.
- So, as we move forward, let's remember:

We rise higher together than we ever could apart.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for bringing us together.
Help us to work with unity, patience, and respect.
Teach us to listen well, support one another, and use our different gifts for a shared purpose.
May our teamwork reflect Your love and bring encouragement to everyone around us.
Amen.

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." — Henry Ford