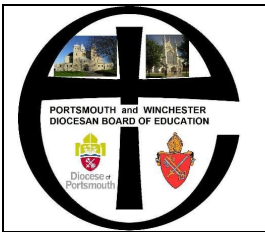




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Collective Worship 6 – 14 October 2011 Looking at Saints Number 2 Saint Mark

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The Worship – Major theme ‘OUT’

This week we try to share some of the stories about Saint Mark.

Music on Entry

Firework by Katie Perry

The lyrics and video have the message that we are all amazing if we only let our talents / special qualities out to make a difference to the world. <http://youtu.be/QGJuMBdaqIw>

Start the worship with a Christian Greeting

e.g. Lighting a Candle and saying “**The Lord be with you.**” “**And also with you.**”

There may be singing

When the saints go marching in
I sing a song of the saints of God

St Mark

Some interesting story/legends about Saint Mark. (hopefully some are based on facts – you don’t need to share them all and you will know those that are probably much more interesting)

- He was born in North Africa possibly Libya
- He was there when Jesus preached and at Jesus’ crucifixion
- He wrote the earliest Gospel to be written (it was written in Greek).
- He started Christianity in Egypt or Alexandria.
- He was martyred in 68 AD when pagans of Serapis (the Serapion-Abbis Greek Egyptian god) tied him to a horse’s tail and dragged him through the streets of Alexandria’s district of Bokalia for two days until his body was torn to pieces.
- His saints day is 25 April
- His head is in a church named after him in Alexandria, and parts of his relics is in St. Mark’s Cairo’s Cathedral. The rest of his relics are in the San Marco Cathedral in Venice, Italy.
- Of his titles are : The Evangelist, the Apostle, the Witness and the Martyr.
- A winged lion is Mark’s symbol. The lion derives from Mark’s description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel’s vision of four winged creatures (Ezekiel, chapter one) to the evangelists.

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POWER POINT

The power point images show the symbol we use for St Mark

Shows two of our church schools that are named after St Mark. They are St Mark's CE Primary Hatch Warren Basingstoke and St Mark's CE Primary Southampton. They both use the symbol of St Mark.

The words inform us that St Mark did at least two 'good' things first. His Gospel was the first to be written and I suggest that the school he started in Egypt was probably the first Christian school.

So St Mark did some amazing things first.

As Christians believe that we are all created as children of God and Mark was a child of God just like we are then perhaps each one of us could be the first to do something good for the world.

PRAYER

I am going to pray – if you would like to pray with me you might like to close your eyes to help you listen and think.

Dear God

Thank you for our lives
Help us find ways of using our time on earth
To make a difference for good.

Amen

Say the Lord's Prayer and prepare the children for the line 'Thy kingdom come . . . '

Leaving the hall

- Remember that St Mark made a difference in the world and you can too.
- Look for ways that you can be helpful to your classmates, the adults in school and the adults at home.

"The Lord be with you." "And also with you."

Optional evaluation using '4' questions with a small group of children.

1. Tell me one thing you liked about the Collective Worship you have just been in?
 - a. This is a personal idea just about your feelings or thoughts.
2. Tell me one thing that would have made it better for you?
 - a. This is a personal idea just about your feelings or thoughts.
3. Tell me what it was about?
 - a. This is about factual recall.
4. Tell me why did the person leading the worship do what they did? (How you phrase this depends on the age of the pupils)
 - a. So what was the point?
 - b. What do you take away?
 - c. What do we learn about how we live our lives?

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