



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
**Diocese of St Edmundsbury
and Ipswich**



Called to be saints - shining as a light for others.

Collective Worship planning for the week of All Saints.



Seasonal information – All Saints

All Saints (1st November) is one of the major festivals of the Christian Year. More widely known of course is Halloween - All Hallows Eve - which falls on 31st October and refers to the day before All Saints Day. The word 'saint' is used to refer to anyone who is a faithful follower of Jesus – both living and those from the past. Famous saints are examples, showing us how to be followers of Jesus. Their examples shine as a light in difficult times.

**We are all called to be saints, using our talents
and lives to serve others, loving them as
Christians believe God loves us.**

This resource explore this theme.



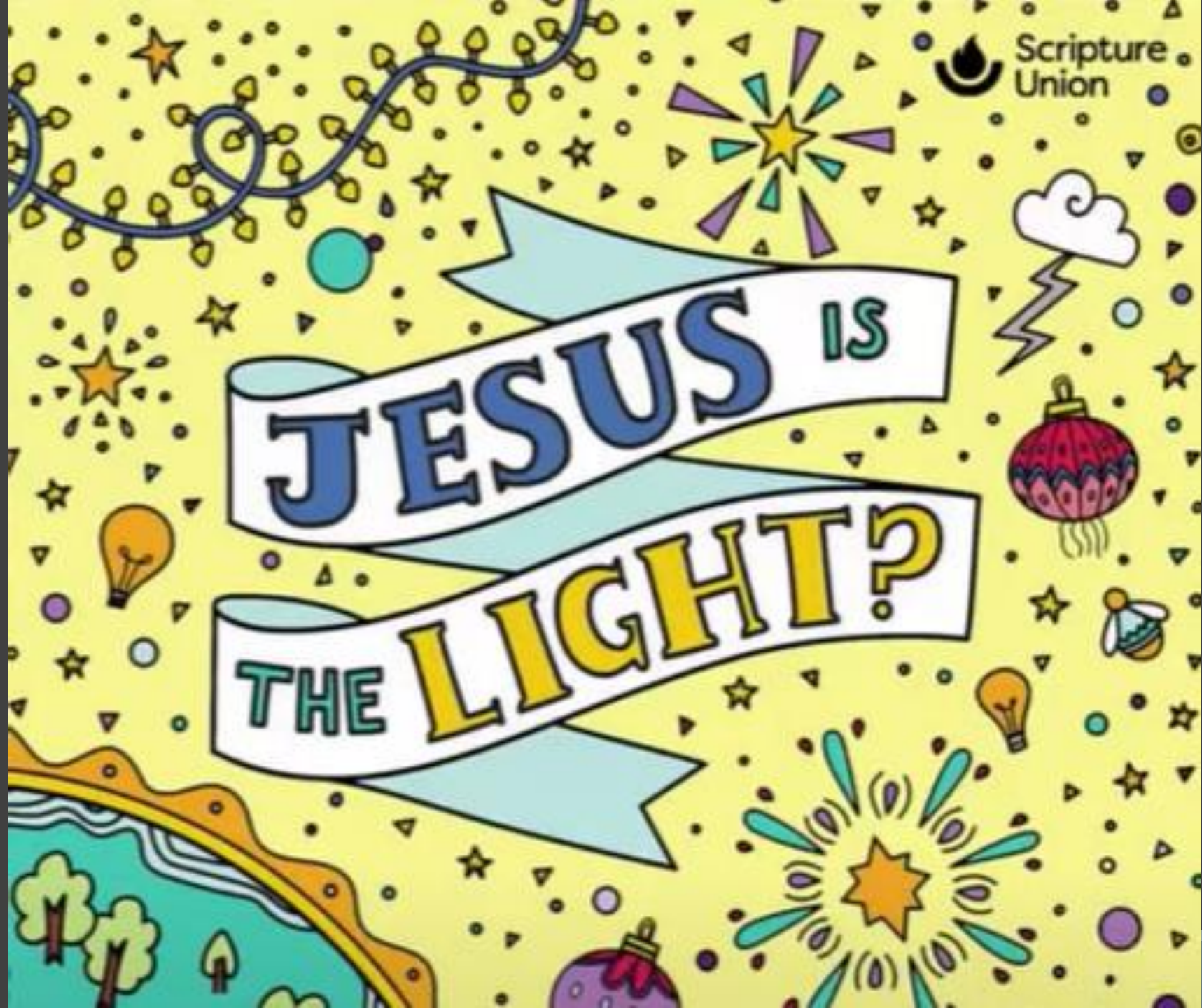
Worship 1 – Jesus is the light



How do these lights help us?

Christians believe that Jesus came from God. He said to his friends that he was the Light of the World.

[Jesus is the light?](#) - Watch this



An open Bible with a red ribbon bookmark is shown in the background. The pages are slightly blurred, and the lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the paper and the binding.

What does the Bible say?

In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

What could you do today to let your light shine?



Christians see Jesus as a light: guiding us along the way, just like a lighthouse; taking away fear, like a night light; and showing us things that would have been hidden in the darkness, just like a torch.

A scenic background image of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the background, there are green trees and a fence line. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

Time to think or time to pray...

Thank you, Jesus, for coming to be the Light of the World. Thank you for being the light of our lives to guide us, to take away fear and to show us what is real. Please shine your light on us today and every day. Amen.

Amen

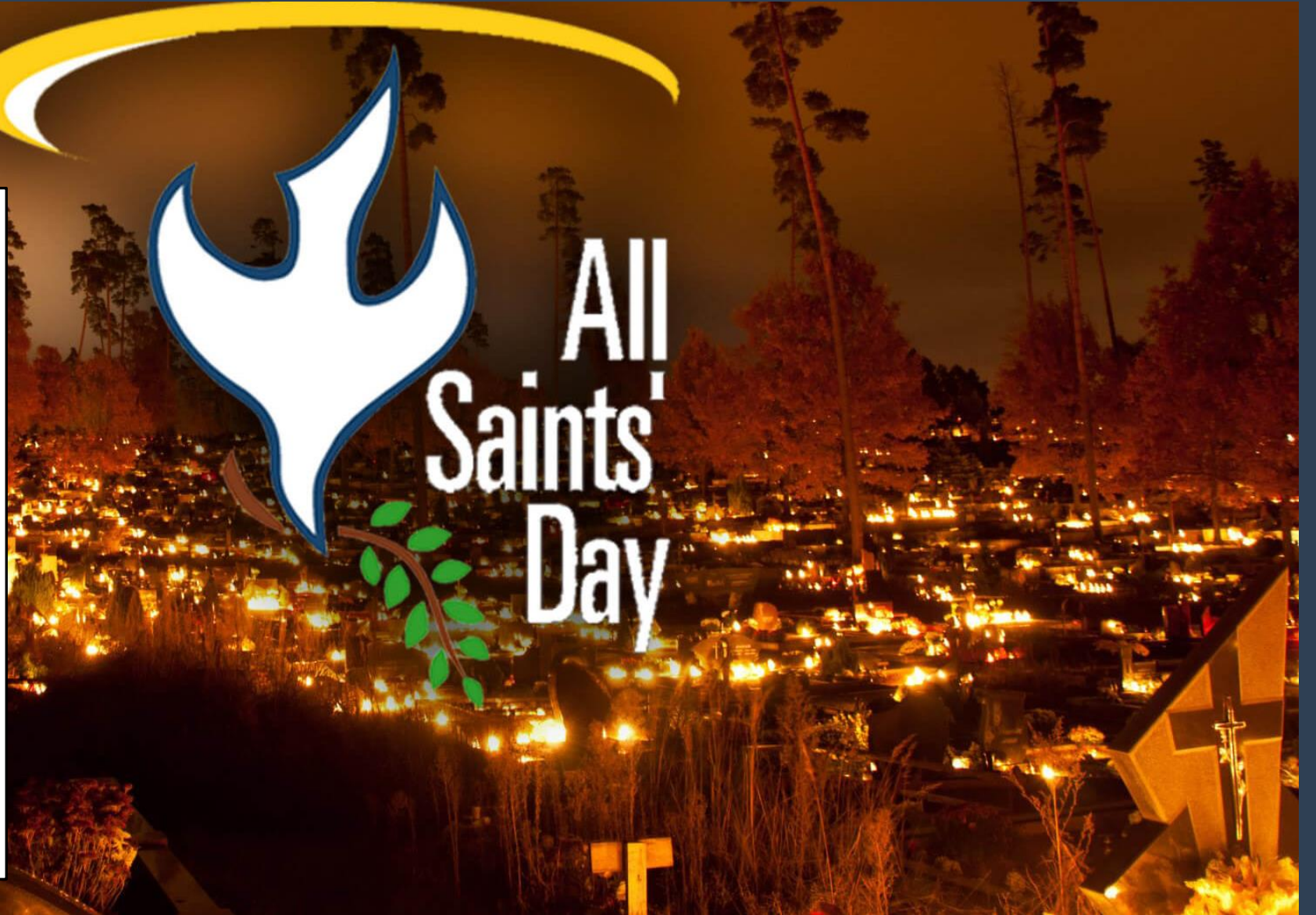


Worship 2 – St Francis

On the 1st November the church celebrates All Saints Day. The word 'saint' is used to refer to anyone who believes in Jesus and lives a life of service, including many who lived a long, long time ago. Famous saints are examples, showing us how to be followers of Jesus. Their examples shine as a light, especially in difficult times.



All
Saints'
Day



What does it mean to be a saint?

A saint is a person who is believed to be especially close to God.

Some of them are famous across the world.

They were just like us.

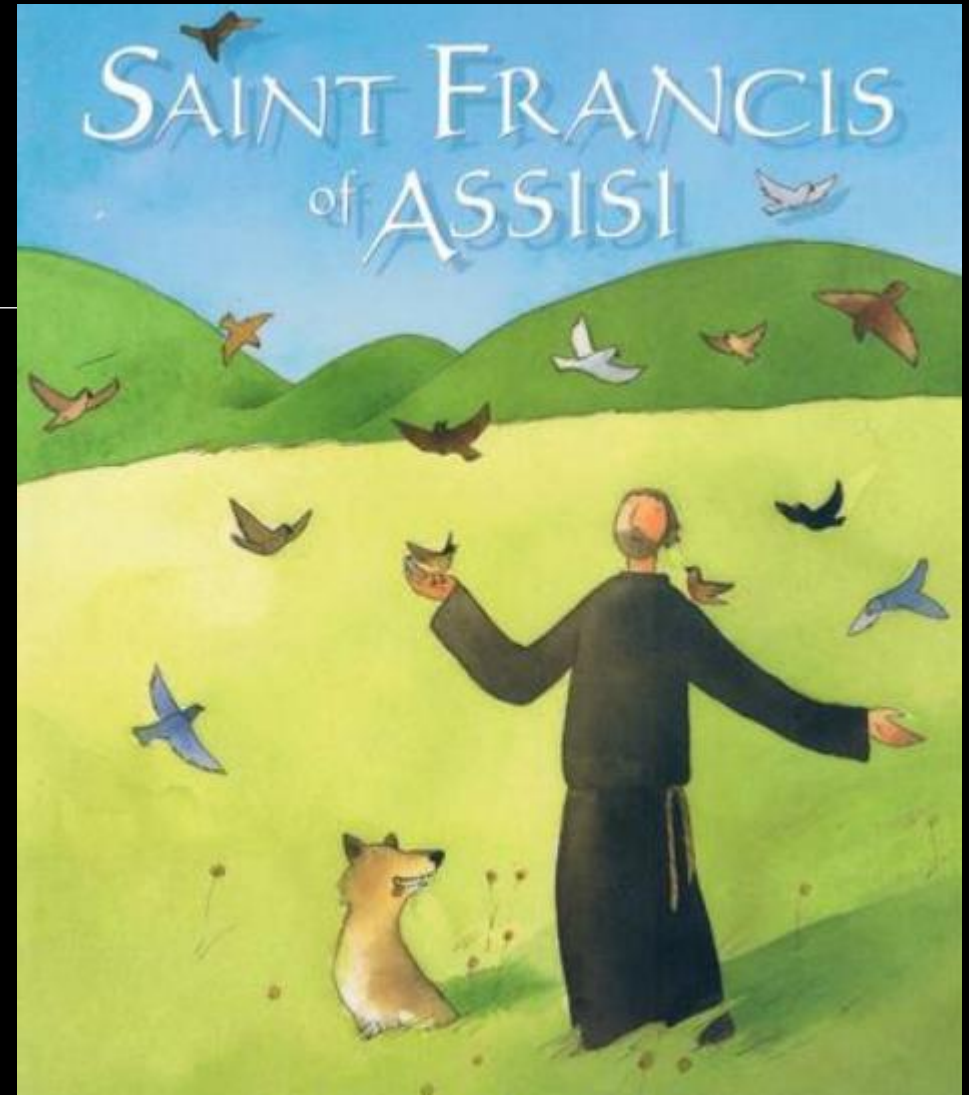
Real people with real feelings and real problems to overcome.

None were perfect. They didn't walk around with halos above their heads.

But something happened to make them stand out from the rest of us.

Let's meet....

A Day in the Life of St Francis – [Watch here](#)



What can we learn from their example?

Other facts about Francis

- He gave all his money away to the church.
- He took a vow of poverty.
- His rule was to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
- He was known for his love of animals and nature.

Nothing speaks clearer than the things that we do.



I wonder... what does this mean?

He believed that actions were the best example, telling his followers to "Preach the good news of Jesus at all times and when necessary use words."



I wonder... how could our actions shine as a light to others?

Time to think or time to pray...

Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

1 John 3:18

Dear God,

Please help us show love to one another not just by the words we say but through our actions.

Amen





Worship 3 – St Teresa

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Have you ever been told you have too many toys?

How many possessions do you think you own altogether?!

How many would be the right amount?

Let's meet....

Mother Teresa



What can we learn from her example?



How do you think Teresa lived her life? What was important to her?



At the age of 12, Teresa decided that she wanted to go to India to spread the Christian message and help people.

So she did. In 1929, she travelled to India and ended up helping poor people, particularly in the Indian city of Kolkata. She described her work as God's work.

While she was there, she started something called the Missionaries of Charity. This group now has thousands of people in almost 90 countries helping people living in poverty all over the world.

In 1979 she received the Nobel Peace Prize for her work. She asked that the big dinner to mark this be cancelled and for all of the money then to be given to the poor people of Kolkata. Mother Teresa was a humanitarian. This means she did things to help out other people. Her entire life was fully devoted to helping the poor, the sick, the needy, and the helpless. To this day, she is remembered by how much she loved and cared for people, and praised as a Saint.



It is said that Teresa only had two possessions of her own - a bucket and two saris. Why do you think she needed so little?

What does the Bible say?

Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and robbers cannot break in and steal. **For your heart will always be where your riches are.**

Matthew 6:19-21

What are the important things in life we should be 'storing up?'

Time to think or time to pray...

Mother Teresa's daily prayer:

Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.

Flood our souls with your spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of yours.

Shine through us and be so in us that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul.

Let them look up and see no longer us, but only Jesus.

Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be light to others. Amen.





Worship 4 – Mr Cadbury

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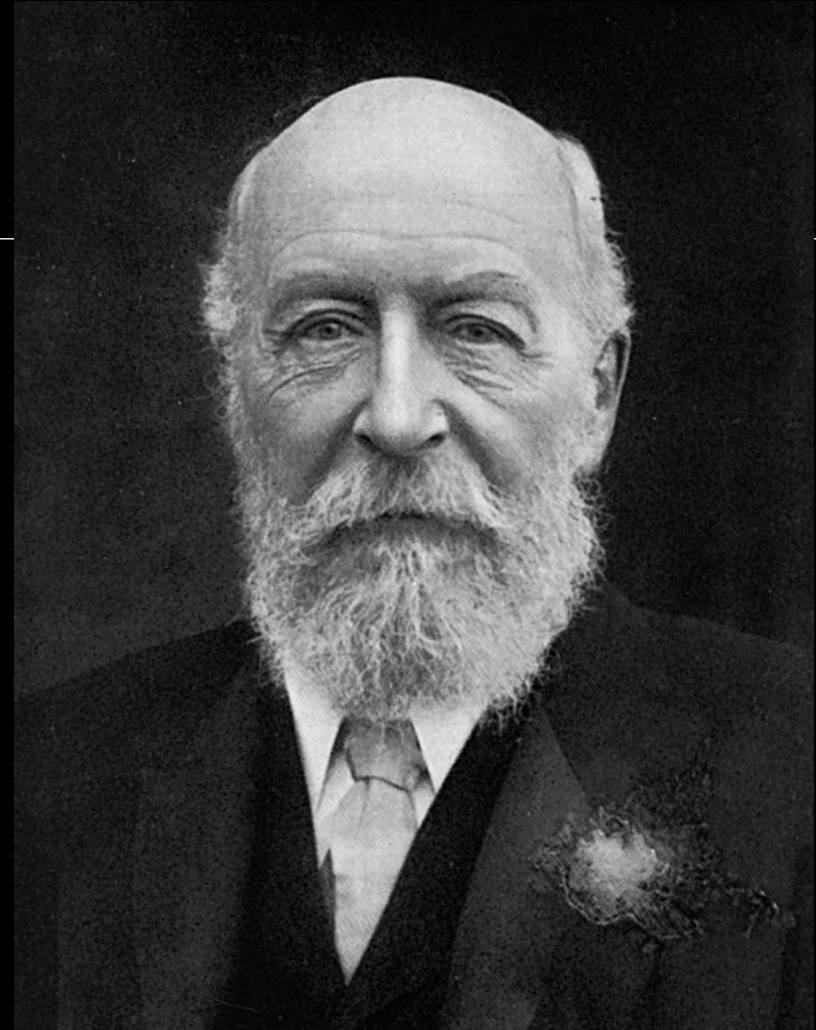
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Which is your favourite?



Let's meet....

George Cadbury... a
modern day saint?



What can we learn from their example?



His story

- In Victorian times, George took over his father's failing business and turned it into a successful chocolate business. He started making money and had plans to build his own factory.
- But he still wasn't happy. He wanted to make a difference in the world.

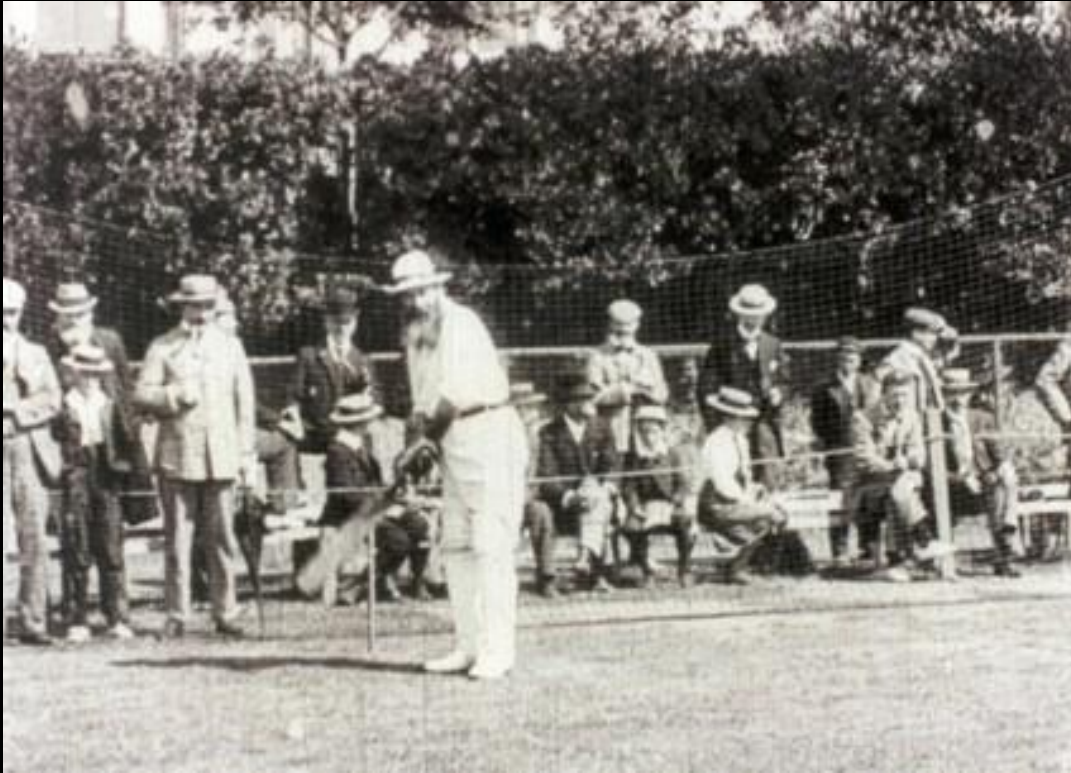


At the time, working conditions in factories were hard and many workers lived in slums. When George built his factory, he also built a town of houses with much better conditions for his workers. The houses even had gardens! And he paid workers who were too poorly to work and set up pensions. No one else did this at the time.

His story – the social reformer

George's town had canal, train and road links and a good water supply. There was lots of room to expand, which was lucky, because George's plans for the future were ambitious. He wanted to build a place full of green spaces, where industrial workers could thrive away from city pollution. 'No man ought to be condemned to live in a place where a rose cannot grow,' he wrote.

His story – the social reformer



There was a field next to the factory where men were encouraged to play cricket and football; a garden and playground for the girls; a kitchen where workers could heat up their meals, and properly heated dressing rooms where they could get changed.

Gradually women's and men's swimming pools were built and every young boy and girl joining the company was encouraged to become a good swimmer. Work outings to the country were organised together with summer camps for the young boys.

I wonder...

I wonder... what difference did George make to those who worked for him?

I wonder... how did his actions shine as a light to others?

What does the Bible say?

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Romans 12:11-13



Time to think or time to pray...

Dear God,

Thank you for the example of George who thought of the welfare of others. Help us think of the needs of others to make our school a more loving place.

Amen



Worship 5 – Holy Nweje

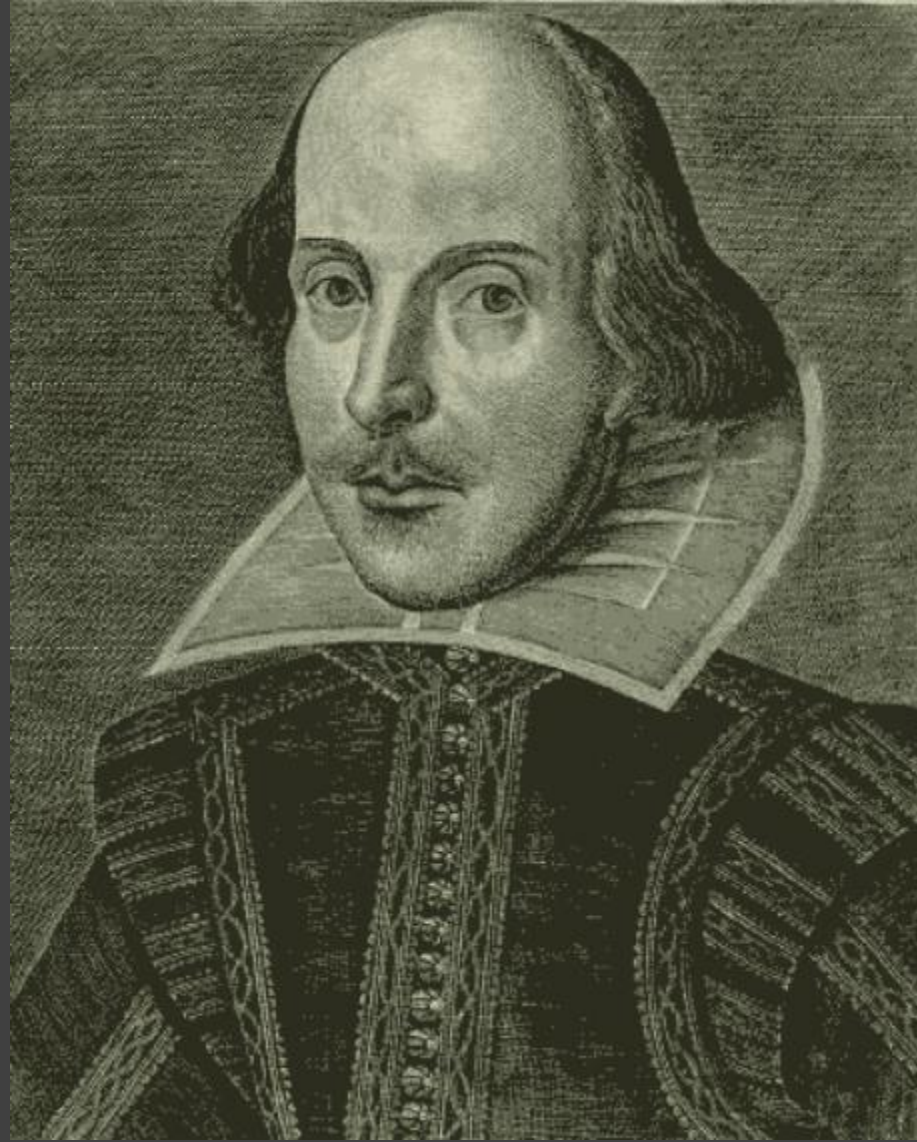
Have you ever had a nickname?

What do they say about us?

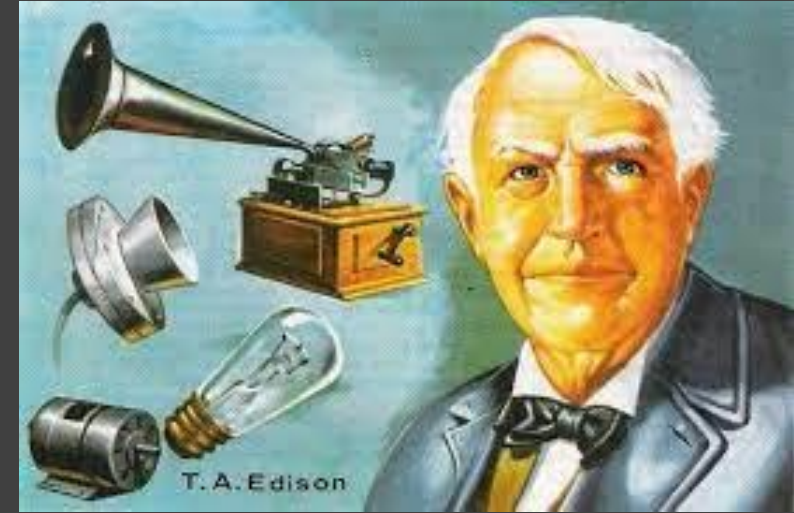
From the past...



The lady with the lamp



Bard of Avon



Wizard of Melo Park

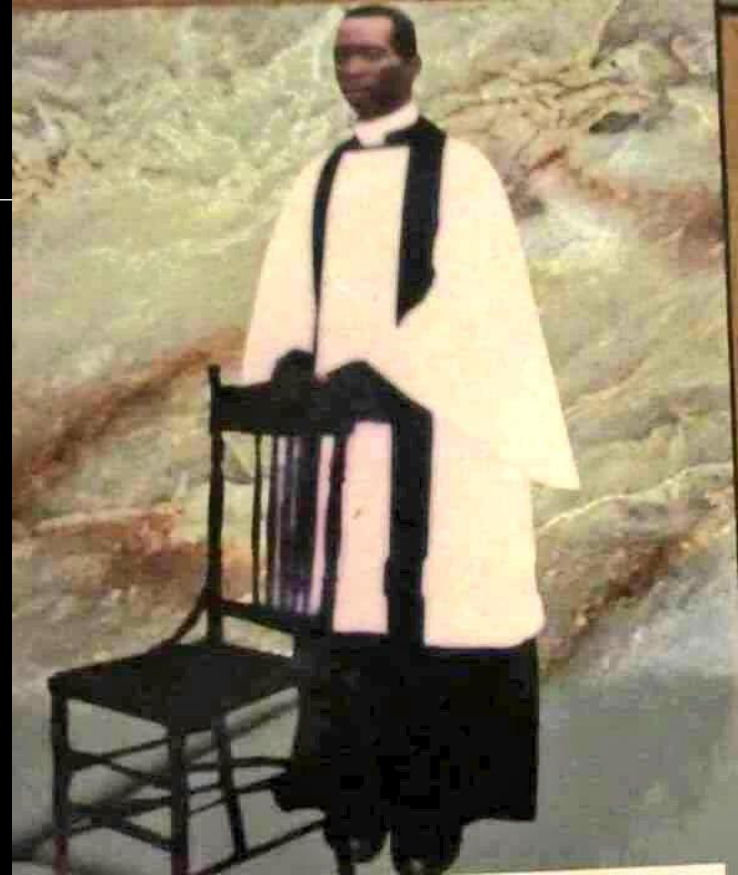
And more recently...



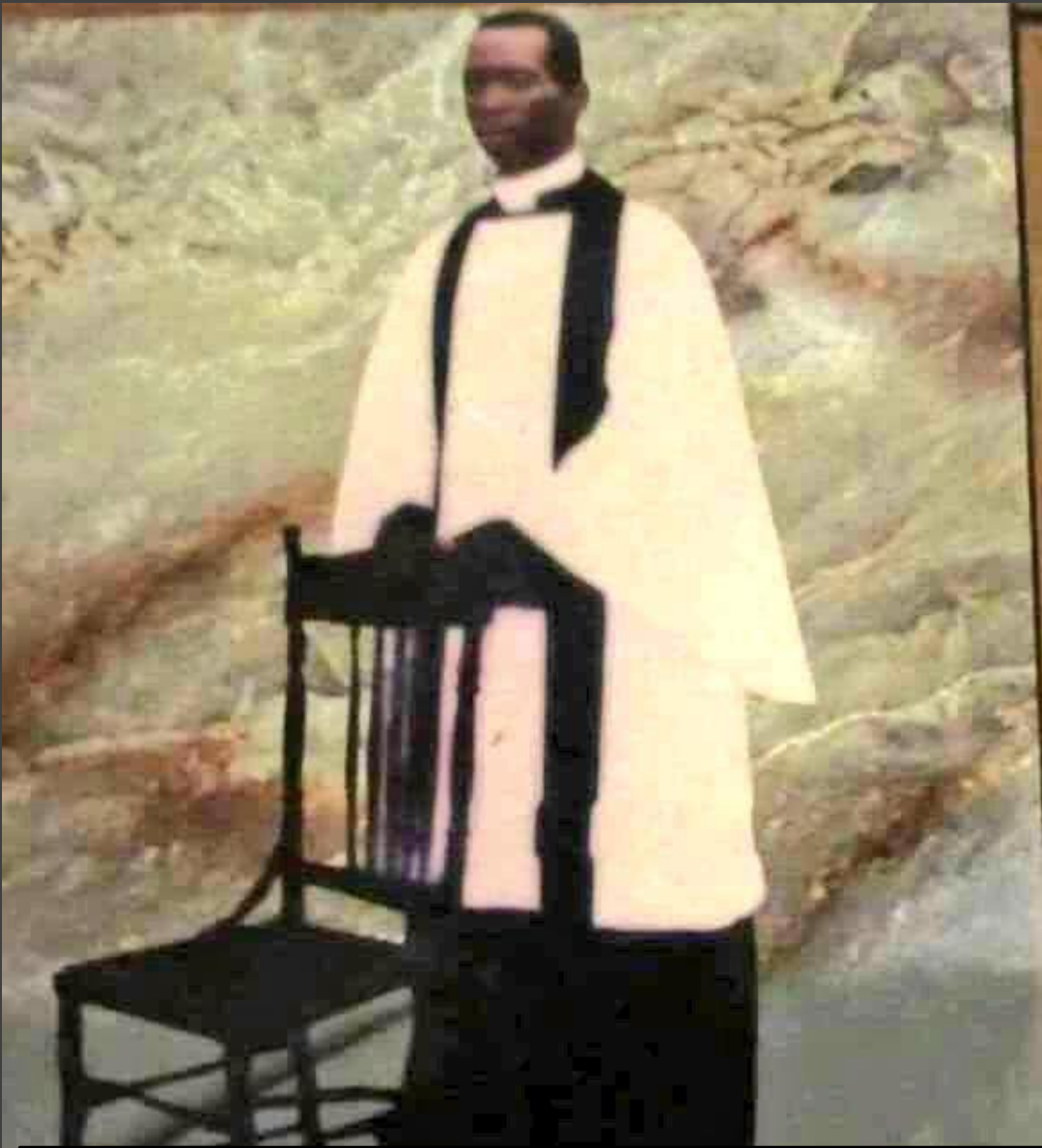
The footballer
Lionel Messi is
considered by
many to be the
Greatest Of All
Time – the Goat!

Let's meet....

Hezekiah Okoro Nweje



What can we learn from his example?



Hezekiah Okoro Nweje (1919-1962)

Hezekiah was born in Nigeria.
He was an Anglican priest.

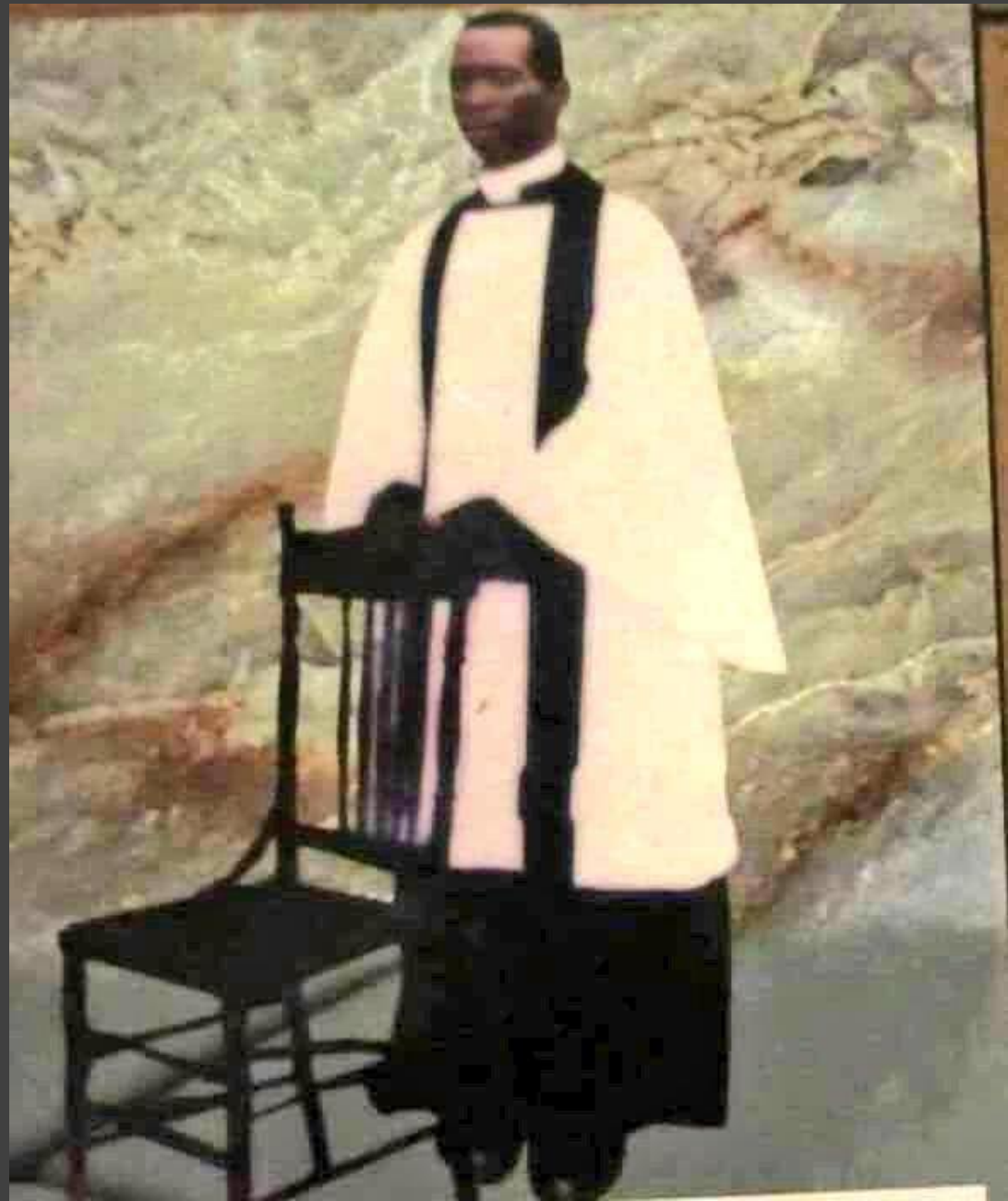
Whenever he received gifts he would share them with the poor. He believed that wealth was for sharing without hoarding.

When thieves broke into his home in 1956 and stole food, he ran after them telling them to take more food.

He was chosen to become a Bishop but he nominated someone else in his place. He believed that someone more qualified should have been offered that post. He didn't think he was very special or worthy of the honour.

I wonder... how did his actions shine as a light to others?

His reputation for kindness earned him the nickname -'Holy Nweje'. This is a term now used in his home country of Nigeria to refer to anyone who thinks of others over themselves just like Hezekiah did.



What does the Bible say?

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

Time to think or time to pray...

Sometimes helping others is as simple as living an honest life. By living thoughtfully and honouring God with your words and actions, you can inspire someone to help themselves by doing the same.

Dear God,

Help us to think more of other people, and less of ourselves.

Amen