

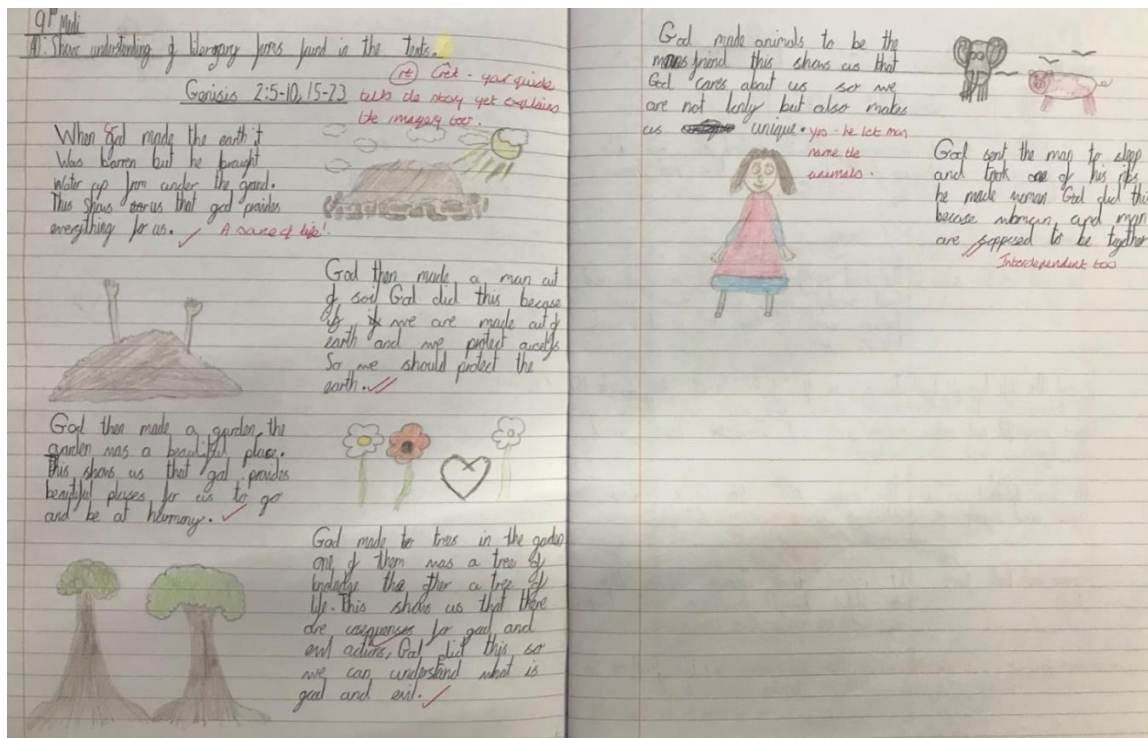
# Year 6 Autumn Term RE

## Creation and Covenant

We began our first topic by listening to the second creation story. We understood the purpose of the story and could explain why God created these different things. We created an iMovie to share our learning.



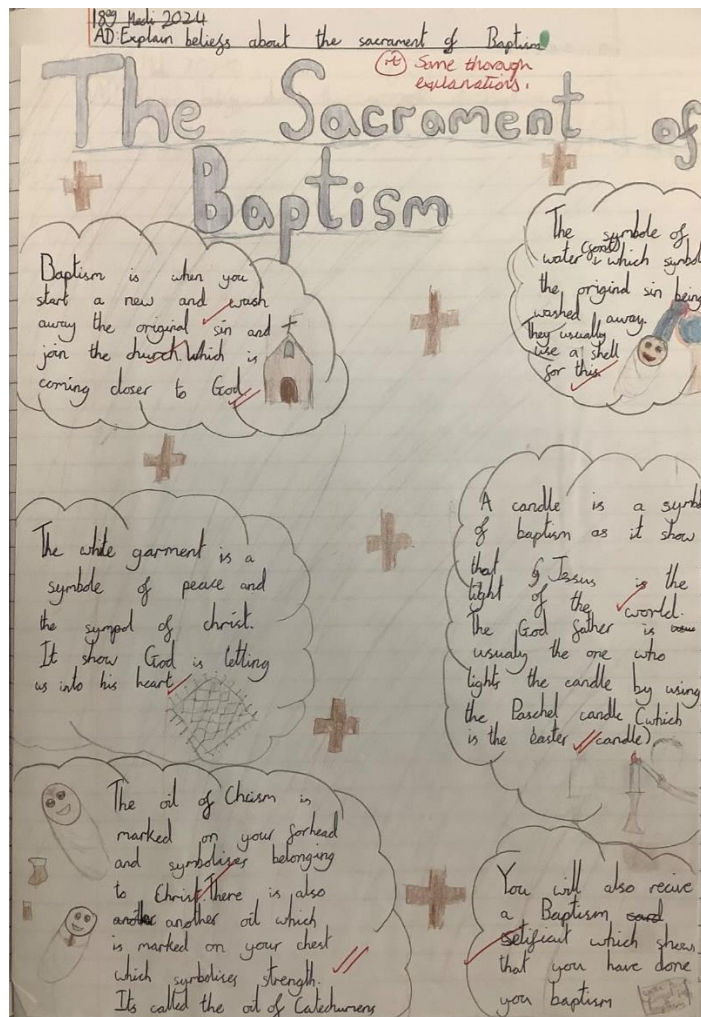
Then we looked carefully at the text and considered the imagery which enabled us to find a deeper understanding.



We heard Genesis 3:1, 7, 9-13, 17-19 and made links to original sin. The Catholic Church teaches us that all humans are born with original sin as a result of the fall of Adam and Eve. This means that all humans are born with the urge to sin and disobey God. When God placed Adam in Eden he expected him to take care of the garden, which contained all he needed, including plenty of food. He also expected him to follow his rule, not to eat from the one tree. The tree of knowledge of good and evil. We reflected on why the story is referred to as ‘Original Sin’ and ‘The Fall of Man.’



We re-visited the Sacrament of Baptism and took the time to remember the signs and symbols present in the celebration and tried to explain their significance.



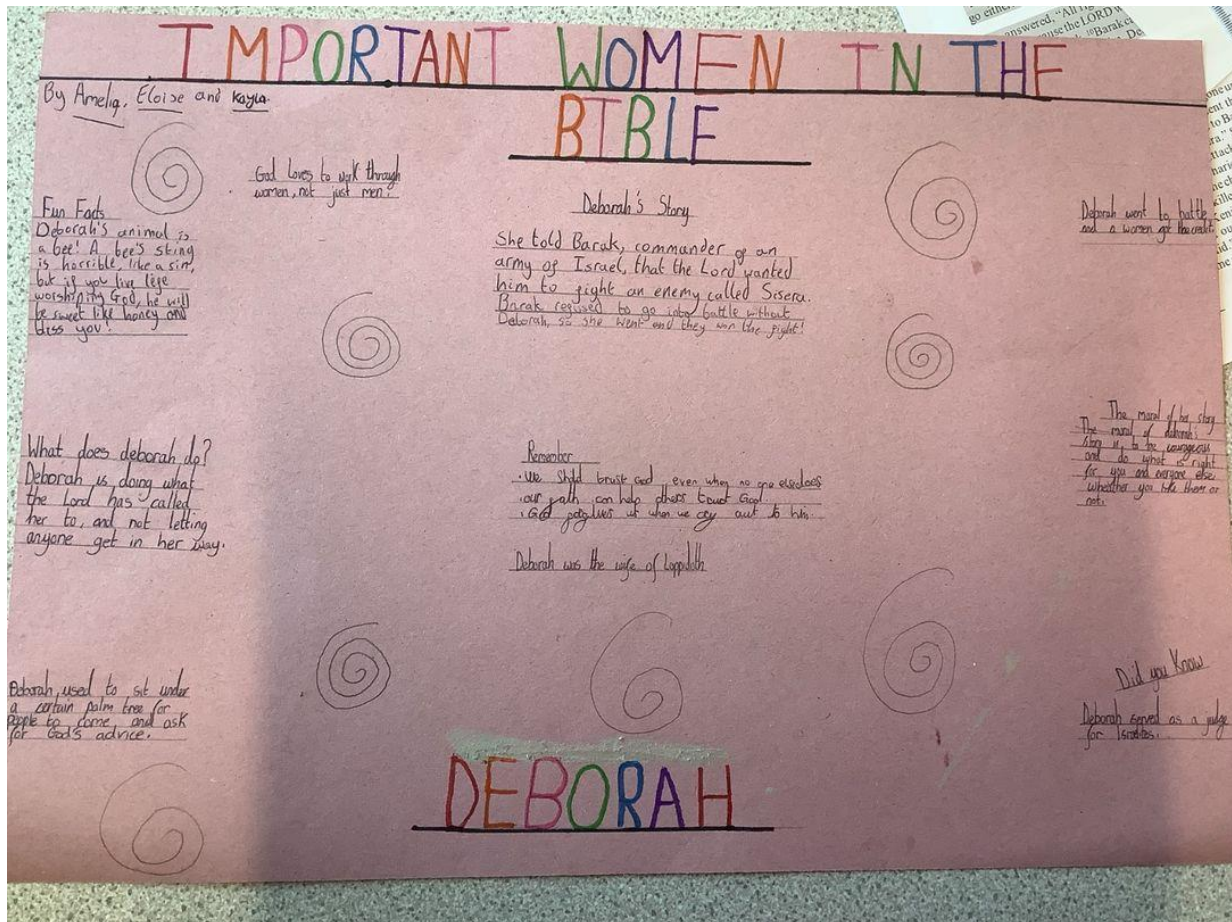
In Jesus, God restored humanity's relationship with him. Baptism is the first sacrament of the forgiveness of sins. It unites Christians with Jesus Christ, who dies and rises, and strengthens the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We looked through a children's newspaper to find current stories that reflect our need to care for animals as we're told in Laudato Si and the second creation. This group found so many stories, some positive too - we are trying to help our world.



## Prophecy and Promise

Many women of the Old Testament, feature at different points in the formation of Israel and subvert the expectations of their time. In groups we identified the key messages and roles of the women and feedback to the class through posters.

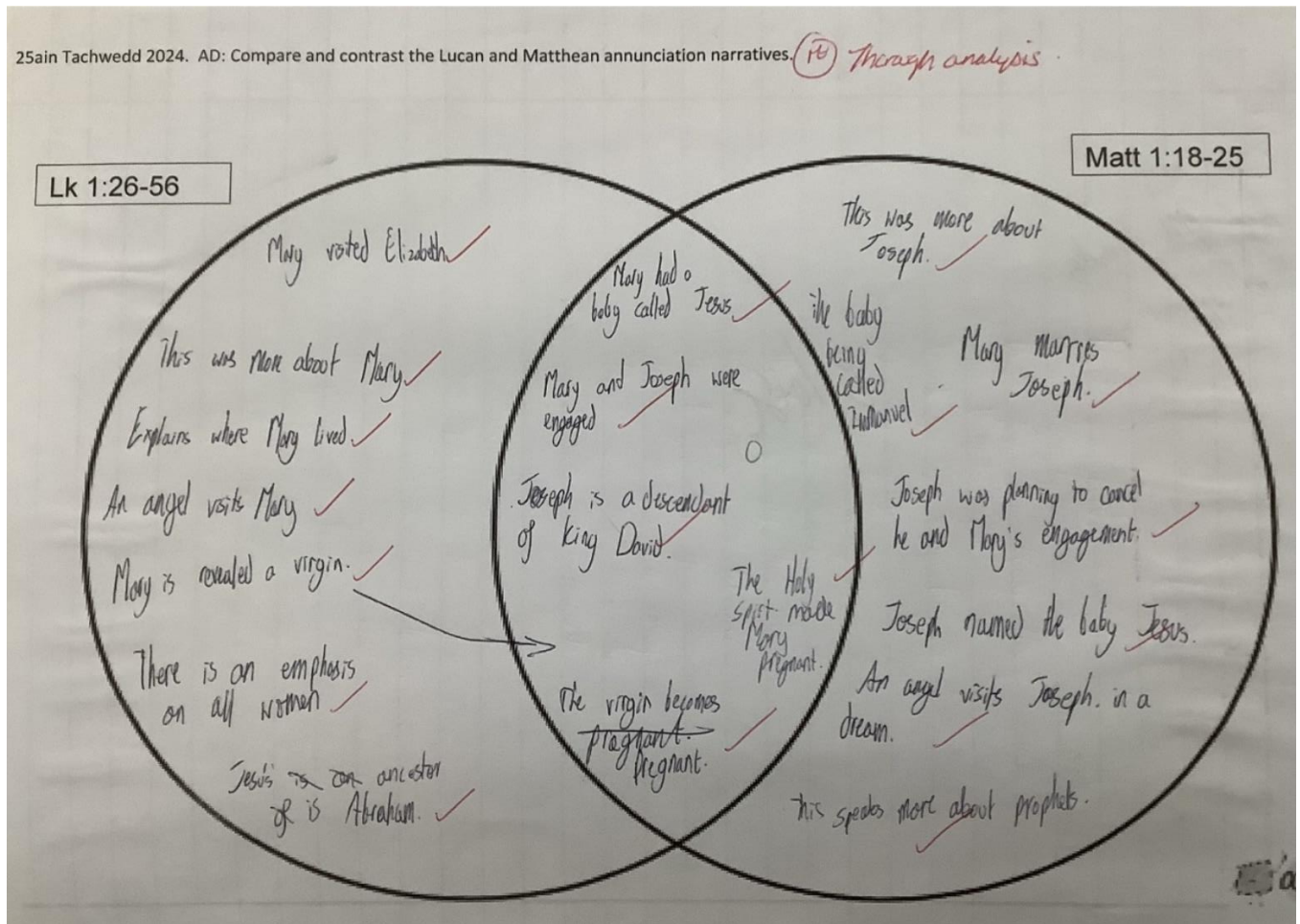


We then learned about Esther's story: *Esther 2:4, 15-17; 3:1-6, 12-13; 4:1-4, 8a-17; 5:1-8; 7:1-6, 9-10; 8:3-12*. We heard how she was a true protagonist in salvation history. We hot-seated as Esther.



We then turned our attention to Mary the mother of God. Mary is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises and became the 'Mother of God' by her 'Yes' to God's plan. Mary is the link between the old and new covenants (God's old promises and new promises). By saying Yes, Mary fulfils God's promise by having Jesus (our salvation). Jesus is the incarnation (God made flesh).

We compared and contrasted the messages in Luke and Matthew; the importance of Mary and then Joseph.



We wrote a diary entry as Mary, to identify how Mary's actions link to the Old Testament promises.

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AD: Make links between the Old Testament promises and Mary's fulfilment of these promises. A.

(re) You have linked Mary's yes to the fulfilment of the prophecies of the old testament.  
Mary's Diary

Dear Diary,

Today was a rollercoaster of feelings. ~~Today~~ When I woke up in the morning I certainly didn't expect any of this to happen; Joseph had gone to work so I did my chores. I had nothing else to do. Something shone in my eyes, so I pulled the blinds, but it carried on shining. I closed my eyes quickly as they were starting to hurt, and when I opened my eyes there was a beautiful ~~golden~~ golden, almost transparent figure who I guessed was an angel.

If I didn't believe in God I think I would have gone mad. I just froze. I was so shocked! Why was there an angel in my house? Why in my house? Did God send him? Was this all a big mistake?!

The angel (after reassuring me) told me I was a virgin and was going to be made pregnant of the Holy Spirit. I would have a baby ~~called~~ Jesus and he will be called Immanuel. I told him I was afraid and he told me not to be. After considering my choices I said yes to the angel, and with one last ~~disappeared~~ <sup>disappeared</sup> flash of light, he disappeared.

~~disappeared~~ I didn't want to continue my chores after that. I read the Prophets again, and knew it was true. I was the virgin. I was so ~~shocked~~ <sup>shocked</sup>, but also worried and scared. First of all, I was only fifteen. How was I supposed to give birth to a baby, let alone bring it up when I have zero experience?! Also, what would Joseph think? I still love him, and I hope he still loves me. I will not tell him the news, not yet.

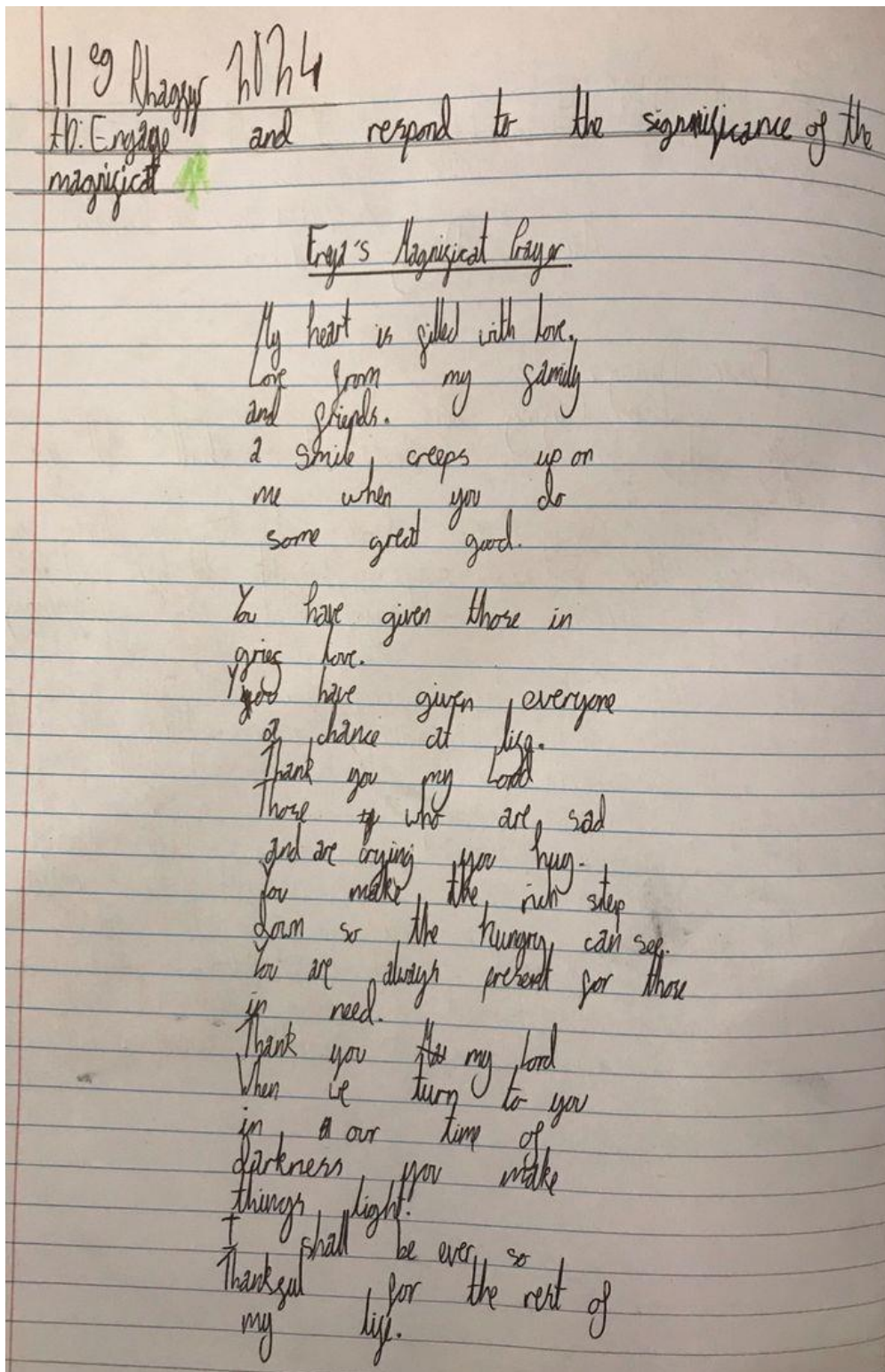
What about my neighbours? Will they shun me? Will they leave me out and call me names? Will they ~~call~~ <sup>call</sup> the ~~governa~~ <sup>governor</sup> attack me even?

I will continue to ponder these questions in my dreams and my prayers to God. I will go and see Elizabeth tomorrow. She is my cousin, and I trust her with all my heart and soul. I trust her with my life, and so I will visit her tomorrow.

- Mary.

The Magnificat is the song of the Mother of God and the song of the Church. The Church prays the Magnificat each day at Vespers (evening prayer). There are also some sung settings of the Magnificat.

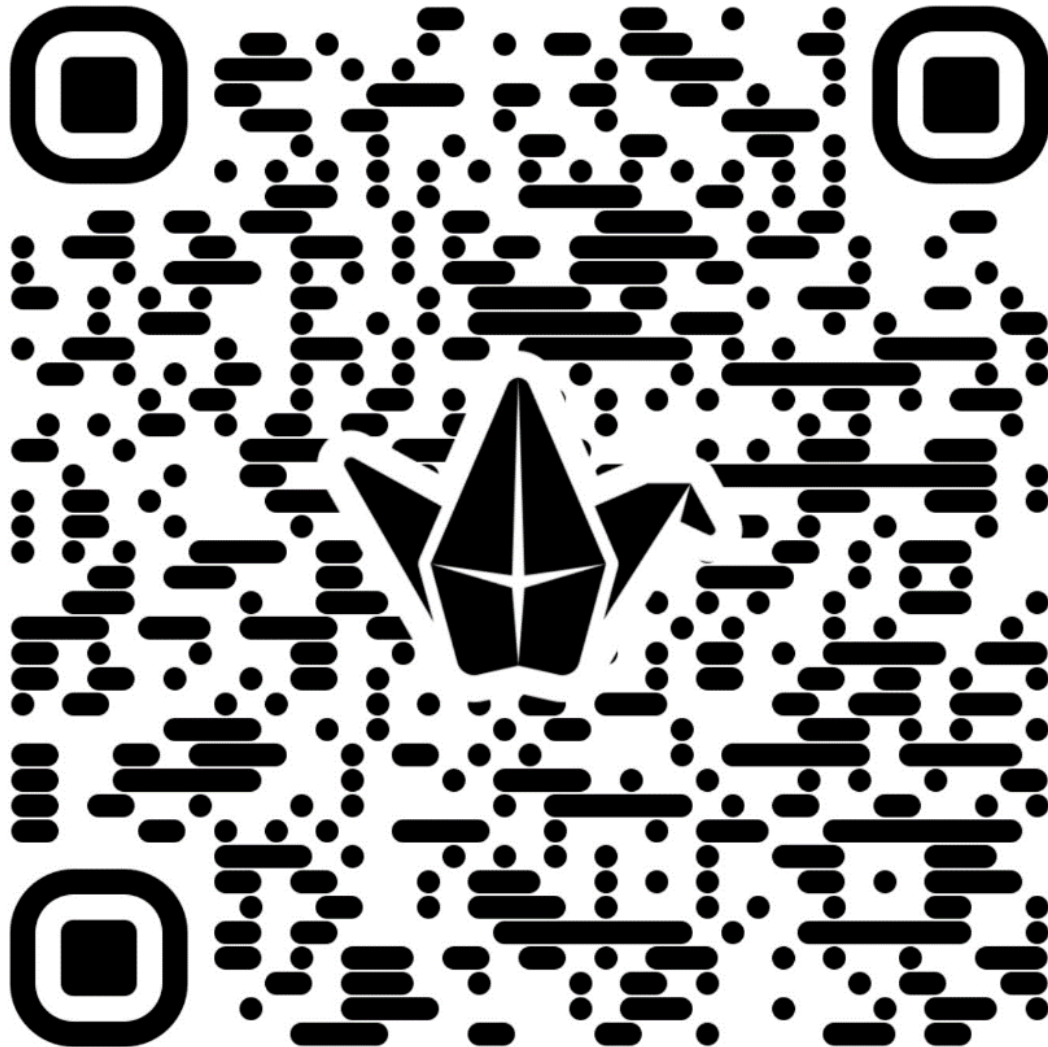
We wrote our own versions of the Magnificat. Identifying the key messages and rewriting it in our own way. We also thought how we could link to the Beatitudes.



Logically, next, we looked to examples of women today who are responding to God's call in their life. For example, the role of women's religious orders in the Church today e.g. Sisters of Mercy, Ursulines, Sisters of Loreto, Daughters of St Paul, Little sisters of the Poor.

As a class we answered the question’:

What is life like for someone who has devoted their life to God?’ using a Padlet.



We also wrote biographies about women who is responded to God’s call in their life. We chose either Mother Teresa, St. Bernadette or St. Teresa of Liseux

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AD: To show understanding of women today who are responding to God's call in life

## Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa was an Albanian-born Indian Roman and Catholic missionary. She was also a nun, and devoted her life to those most in need. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in India, 1950, and for over 45 years she dedicated herself to the poor, sick, orphaned and dying.

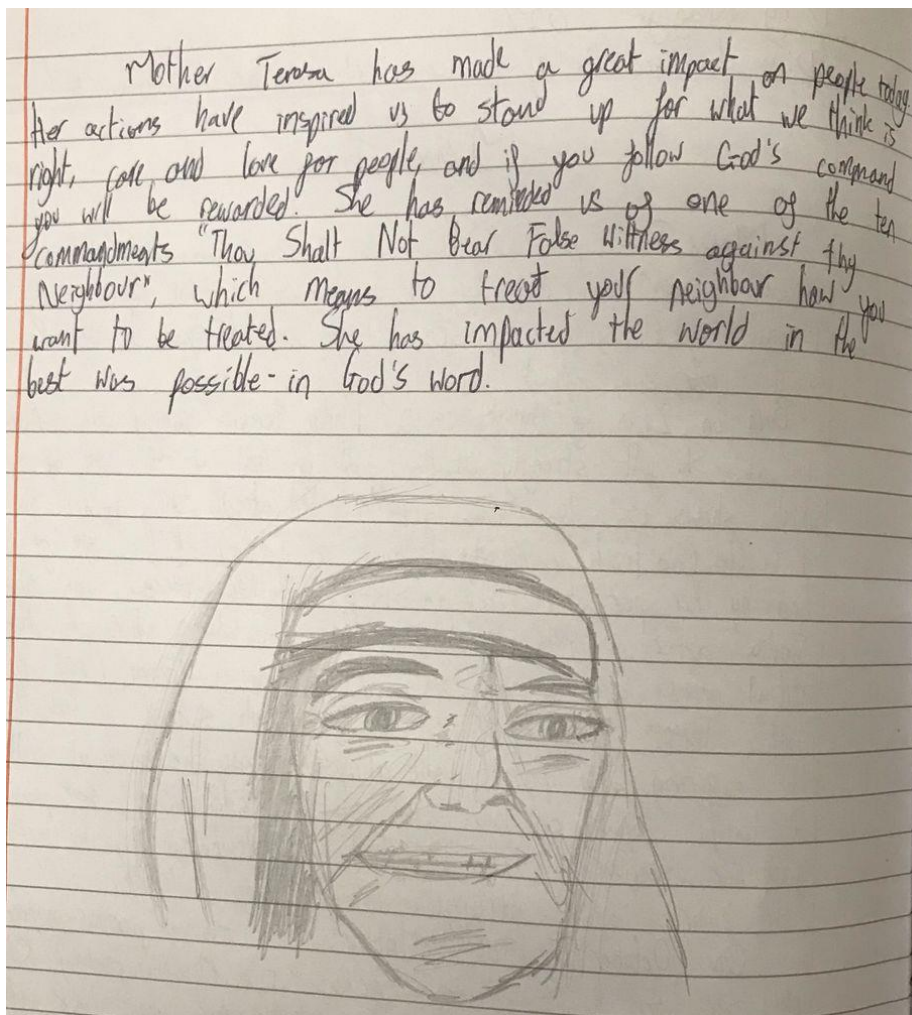
Born on 26th of August, 1910, Mother Teresa's family was of Albanian descent. She felt strongly at the call of God at the age of twelve, which shows us she was greatly dedicated. She joined the Sisters of Loreto (an Irish community of nuns in India) at the age of eighteen, leaving her parental home in Skopje. Mother Teresa was sent to India after a few months' training in Dublin, where she took her initial vows as a nun on May 24 1931. From 1931 to 1948 Mother Teresa taught at St. Mary's High School in Calcutta. But, the suffering and poverty she glimpsed outside the convent walls made a terrific impact on her. That same year In 1948 she got permission from her superiors to leave the school and devote her life to working among the poor and struggling in the slums of Calcutta.

On October 7 1950, Mother Teresa received permission from the Holy See to start her own order, "The Missionaries of Charity", whose primary task was to care for, look after and love those who nobody was prepared to look after. In 1965 the Society became an International Religious Family by a decree of Pope Paul VI.

Mother Teresa died on the 5 September 1997 (aged 87 years), Kolkata, India, from a cardiac arrest (heart attack).

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

- Mother Teresa.



We then looked in more depth at the role of women's religious orders in the Church today. We chose one Catholic women's religious order (e.g., Sisters of Mercy, Ursulines, Sisters of Loreto, Daughters of St Paul, Little sisters of the Poor). We produced an information leaflet about the order, explaining how it began, the roles/work they do and how scripture is reflected in their actions.

