

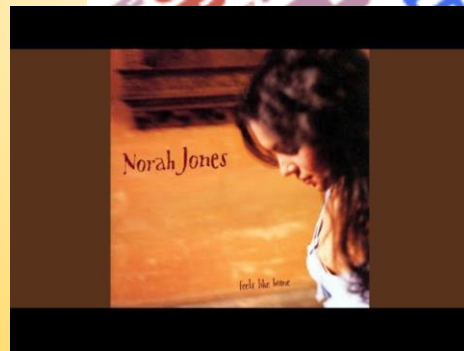
Let's Gather...

Take a moment -

Breathe -

Be still -

Be ready for the
Word of God



Welcome to today's
assembly, all about...
words.



We begin...

As we light the
candle, we remember
that Jesus
is the light of the
world.

The first type of words we are thinking about today are God's words from the Holy Bible.

***"Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News to all creation..."***

Mark 16:15

These words were spoken by Jesus to his disciples just before his ascension into heaven which we remember on Thursday this week. The following video is all about Ascension Day

Sandy Tales

ASCENSION

DAY



Jesus asked each of his followers to spread the **Good News...**

- that **God loves** each one of **us** and that we need to **love** each other
- that we are **never alone**, **God is always** with us through life's joys and sorrows, through celebrations and hardships. We need to be **brave** and **trust** in him. He will **not** abandon us.
- that **love** is the fundamental principle of **Christian** life

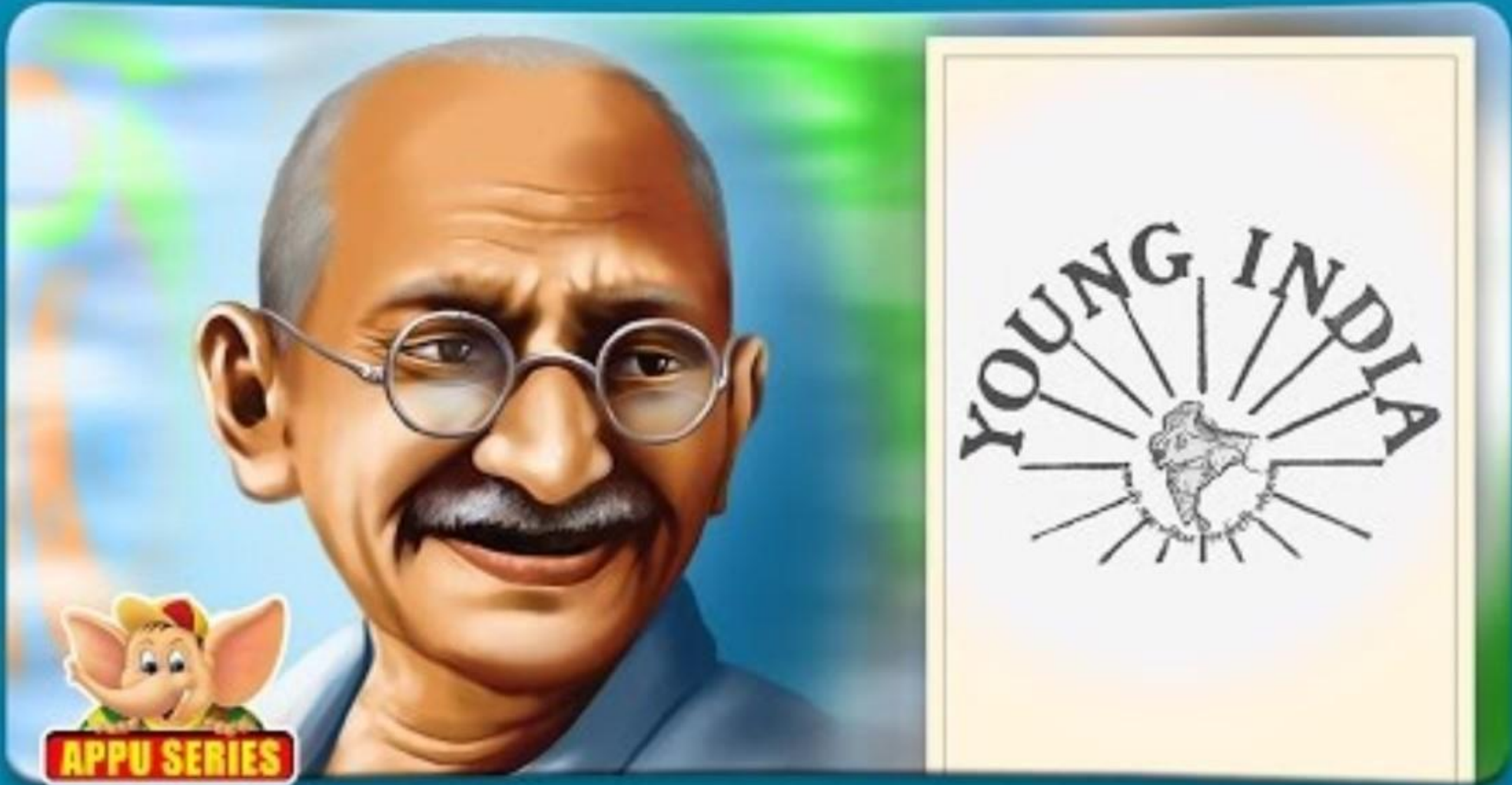
That mission now falls to us, through our words and actions today - we bear witness as we **love and serve through Christ.**

Words can be passed down to tell us of traditions and legend. The Penny Hedge in Whitby is a tradition which goes back almost 900 years and takes place this week, on the morning of the eve of Ascension Day (Wednesday morning).



**Penny Hedge,
Whitby**

Words can be powerful and life changing. Find out about the power of this proverb
"the pen is mightier than the sword".



Think about how you use words to influence others.

Words can encourage, inspire, comfort and change the course of events.

How do use your words?

Which words would others choose to describe you?



Now it is your turn to take up your mighty pen.

Use your words and writing skills to enter a school writing competition, organised by Mrs Gomersall.

Find out more on the next slides.

A wooden ladder is shown from a low angle, leading upwards towards a bright blue circle. The background is dark, and the entire scene is framed by a yellow border.

**The Jake Elliot Roberts
'Rising Star' Literacy Award**

WHY SHOULD I ENTER?

A golden staircase leads up to a bright blue circular opening against a dark background. The staircase is made of many steps and is illuminated from below, creating a strong sense of depth and perspective. The blue circle at the top of the stairs is perfectly centered and has a soft glow, suggesting a goal or a bright future.

I've already had some success in creative writing competitions

I like writing stories

I'm inspired by the theme

Why not?

Rules

- **Length:** 500 words
- **Deadline:** Friday the 16th of September
- **Theme:** The theme for 2024 is 'A Secret'. You can take this idea in any direction you like – it could be a story of a secret between friends, or a tale of spies or detectives, or you could write about a secret that has affected your own life, or the life of someone you know.

What can I win?

From St Augustine's

- Trophy
- £15 Amazon Voucher
- Certificate
- Prizes for two runners up
- The top five entries will be submitted to the **Martha Mills Young Writers' competition 2024**

When Jesus' disciples asked Him how to pray, He taught them these words...
and so we pray together...

*Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen*

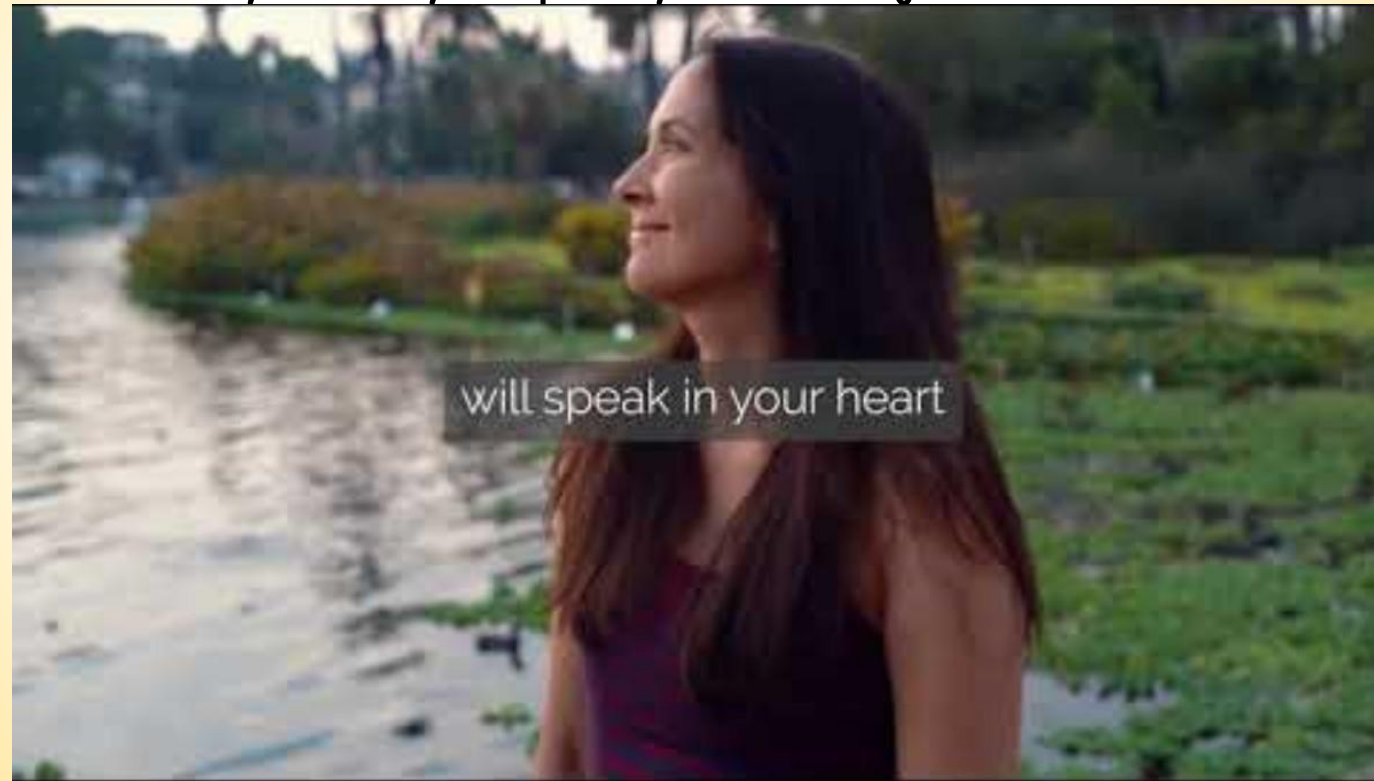
*St Augustine, pray for us,
St Cuthbert, pray for us.*



We finish our assembly by remembering Jesus' words to his disciples on Ascension Day,

***"Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News to all creation..."***

This hymn may inspire you to do just that -



As St Augustine said ***"to sing is to pray twice"***
- our voices are gifts, with which we can make music to the Lord.