Lighting of the Candles Peace of the Lord be with you



And also with you

Welcome Words

We have gathered in the name of

God the Father,

the Son and the Holy Spirit to

worship together and think about

our value HOPE



HOPE

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11



Do not lose heart nor fall into despair! You shall triumph if you are believers. The Holy Quran 3:139



HOPE is.....



Having faith in God Offering light to others Promise of a new start Expecting good things to happen HOPE



What's happening in the news this week?





Let's have a look at this week's poster!

26th September - 2nd October 2022

This week's story looks at events related to ...



Let's look at this week's story



Pakistan has had the heaviest rainfall in decades. The United Nation's (UN) Secretary General has urged the world to help Pakistan, after floodwater covered a third of the country. Starting an appeal to help the tens of millions affected by the disaster, Secretary General Antonio Guterres blamed exceptionally high levels of rain and climate change. The flooding has affected millions of people in Pakistan as the heavy rains have washed away roads, people's homes, and farms. Emergency services have been pushed to their limits trying to rescue those stranded and evacuate them to temporary housing.

> Learn more about this week's story <u>here</u>. Watch this week's useful video <u>here</u>. This week's Virtual Picture News <u>here</u>.



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the flooding in Pakistan.

Flooding in Pakistan

Monsoon rains happen every year in Pakistan. A monsoon is heavy rains that accompany the seasonal wind of South Asia that blows from the southwest in summer.

Heavy rainfall is expected by people living in Pakistan but this year's intense monsoon season has caused devastating floods. Some of the floods have occurred inland because of the excessive rainfall; others have struck coastal areas because of sea-level rise.

Vast areas of the country have been left underwater, buildings, roads and other structures have been destroyed and millions of people are homeless.

Is climate change to blame?

Outside of polar regions, Pakistan has the highest number of glaciers (huge masses of slowly moving ice). Higher temperatures have led to more water flowing down from the melting ice in the Himalayas.

Some scientists believe the large amount of rainfall is caused by a warmer atmosphere holding more water, therefore producing heavier downpours.



Pictured above: One of the largest glaciers in Pakistan

Do you think climate change is responsible for the flooding? What other factors might be responsible?



Read through the information below, which explains what is happening in Pakistan and what is currently being done to help.

What is happening in Pakistan?

Over 30 million people, including around 16 million children, have been affected by this year's heavy rains in Pakistan, which have brought huge flooding and landslides. Some major rivers have breached their banks and dams have overflowed, destroying homes, farms and transport links including roads and bridges.



What is being done to help?

UNICEF is delivering life-saving medical and other emergency supplies to support those affected, including drinking water, water purification tablets, hygiene kits, medicines, vaccines, nutritional supplements for children and mosquito nets.

The Red Cross is working with organisations as part of the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) and is offering emergency tents and hygiene kits for families in need.

Governments around the world are offering their support, including the UK's, through resources and funding. Humanitarian support totalling £15 million from the UK will help provide shelter and essential supplies to people across the country.

Pictured left: Families receive medical services at a mobile health camp established by the Department of Health and UNICEF in Pakistan Source: UNICEF/UN0691109/Sami Malik

Do you think enough is being done at this time?

How does it make me feel?



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Reflecting

Something terrible happening somewhere else in the world can make us feel helpless, lost and confused. But God teaches us to be strong, courageous, to care for others, to have compassion and to have hope. There is always hope even in the darkest of times. The life of Jesus is a sign of God giving us Hope.



We can often see hope in how people help others during and after difficult times.

Prayer

Dear God,

We pray for the millions of people affected by the floods in Pakistan. Thank you, to those, all over the world, who are helping. Thank you for giving us strength, courage and hope and that in times of difficulty we know you are there to help and guide us.

Amen





Reflection



Pakistan has seen unprecedented amounts of heavy rain, causing flooding that has affected millions of people. Although we may be far away, there are many ways we can offer our help and support to make a difference to people, who have lost so much.



How can we help those in need who are far away?

Challenge and Response Let all that we do be done in love What can we do to help people who suffer from the effects of extreme weather? What can we do to help the people in Pakistan? Could you help by raising awareness: • write an article for the school newsletter • find out how different charities are helping to raise money or collect items - get involved Make a poster or leaflet to tell people what is happening Write a prayer to show Love, Compassion and Hope







Blowing out the Candles Peace of the Lord be with you



And also with you

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ And the love of God And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit Be with us all, evermore. Amen