



## Holy Trinity Church and Leverstock Green CE Primary School

January 2024

**We started our first Woodland Worship of the  
New Year by thinking about *journeys*.**

At the start of a New Year, we often think about the past and the future - what's happened during the last year and what we hope might happen in the year to come. At our New Year Woodland Worship, we thought about how our lives are rather like journeys as we travel through each day, week, month, year, collecting different experiences as we go along.

So, what might our journey through 2024 be like?

We listened - not to a story from the Bible - but to an excerpt from the Book of Proverbs. This Book was written by King Solomon to teach people how to be wise and live successful lives by knowing right from wrong.

**"You'll travel safely, you'll neither tire nor trip, because God will be right there with you; he'll keep you safe and sound."** Proverbs 3:23 & 26

Solomon is saying that if we travel with God, he'll keep us safe and help us when things go wrong.

Our first challenge of Woodland Worship 2024 was to make a Journey Stick to document a journey around the school grounds. We each found a strong stick, tied a length of wool at the top, and wound it round and round to the bottom. Now we could start our walk and choose objects to tuck into the wool as we went along. Where would we go? What would we collect? What would we leave behind?



Our walks completed, we sat around the firepit to discuss our journeys and the objects we'd chosen. Some were chosen

- for their beauty – a bright red berry, some ash keys
- for their message – litter tells us how **not** to treat our world
- for their surprise – a daisy... in early January!
- for their texture – a horse chestnut seed case

This year will be a new journey for each of us. Just like we may have said "No" to some objects for our sticks, so we may need to say no to some things in our lives this year.

How might God travel with us on our journey through 2024? Will we ask him to be next to us, keeping us safe and sound and helping us through the difficult times? Let's see...!

