

Holy Trinity Church and Leverstock Green CE Primary School

At our June Woodland Worship, we celebrated the feast day of local St Alban by acting out his heroic, but tragic, story.





In 3rd Century Britain, everyone was forced to worship the Roman Emperor, so Christians and Jews had to hide their faith to avoid being arrested by the occupying Roman soldiers.

Alban gave shelter to Amphibalus, a Christian priest, who told Alban all about Jesus. Alban was so inspired by the priest's faith that he asked to be taught more about Christianity, and to be baptised because he wanted to follow Jesus too.

Before long before the Roman soldiers discovered that Amphibalus was hiding in Alban's house, and they went to capture him. However, because Alban was now a Christian, he did not want to let them arrest the priest. Instead, Alban did a very daring thing. He exchanged clothes with Amphibalus so that *he* was arrested while Amphibalus escaped!

The soldiers took Alban to the Governor but they soon realised they'd got the wrong man, and when Alban refused to worship the Emperor it was ordered that he should be beheaded.



We decorated some rocks to remember Alban – strong rocks to represent his strong faith and firm resolve to do what was right, whatever the cost.















