

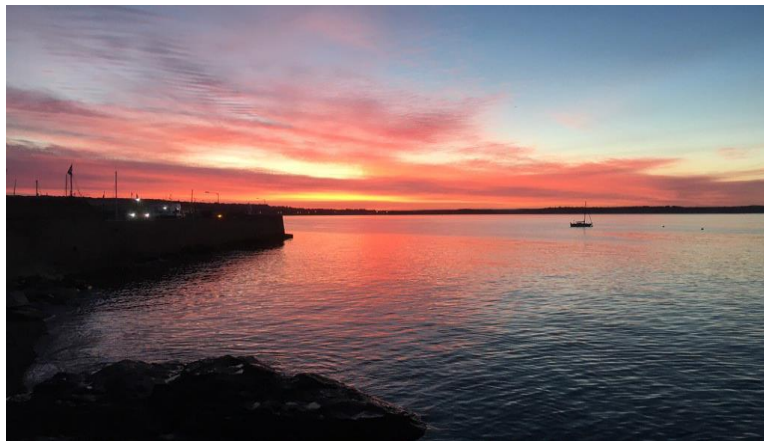
Worship

Wednesday 20th January



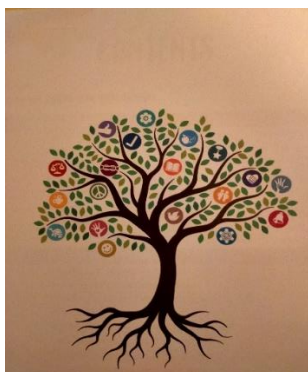
Our Christian Value for this half term is Hope.

Let's start by welcoming the day

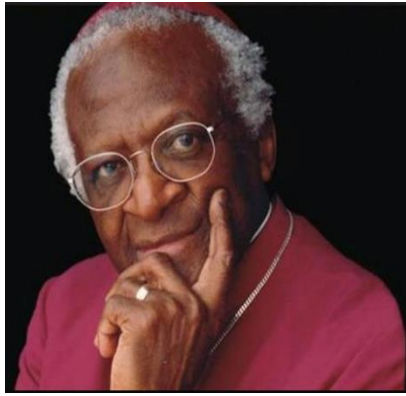


The night has passed and the day lies open before us.

What are you thankful for today?

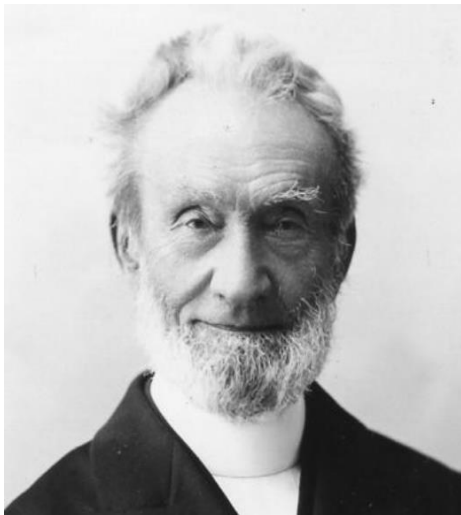


During assemblies this half term we are going to look at people who led fruitful lives. These people have lived out the value of hope in their life and work



We have already looked at Archbishop Desmond Tutu living out the value of Hope.

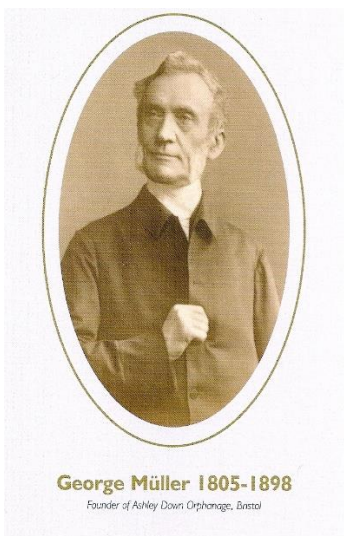
Look at this picture. Can you be a history detective?



When do you think this person was alive?

What do you think his job was?

What do you think he did?



His name was George Muller. (this is a younger photo)

Let's find out more.....

George Muller was born in 1805 in Prussia (now in Germany). He was born in Kroppenstadt, near Leipzig.



He lived in a ordinary house.



When he was a teenager he found it hard to do the right thing. He lied, he cheated, he stole money to pay his bills. George had to go to prison for 5 weeks.

However, his dad did not give up on him. He wanted George to have a good job so her sent him to university. When he was there George organized a holiday for himself and his friends. He charged his friends too much so he did not have to pay anything!

But one evening, George went to a Bible study class and decided to change the way he behaved. He decided to not to take any money from his dad. He worked as a translator to help with his living expenses.

In 1830 when George was 23 he came to London. He became very ill and was sent to Devon to recover. Here he became Pastor (Leader) of Sheldon chapel and married Mary Graves.

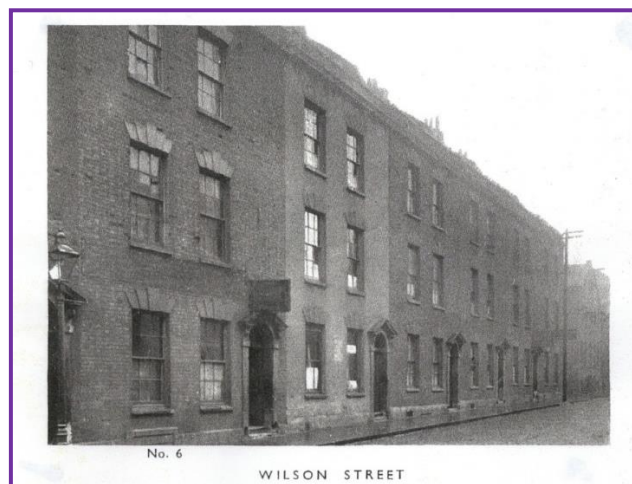


At this time in Bristol the streets dirty. There was disease such as cholera. Lots of children had no family to care for them, they were orphans. These children were living on the streets, stealing and begging to get enough food to eat. The children were also having to work in workhouses.

Mary and George knew in their hearts that this was not right. They were determined to give the children hope and a safe place to live.



So George and Mary bought a house. In fact, they bought 3 houses on Wilson Street in Bristol.



But the people living near did not like the noise the children made and said that the sewers were getting blocked!

So, George decided to do something. He started to pray asking for £10,000 to build a better home for the children with space for the children to play.



George found some land near Ashley Down. He paid £840 for it.



George had the first home built. Can you see it?
It housed 300 children.



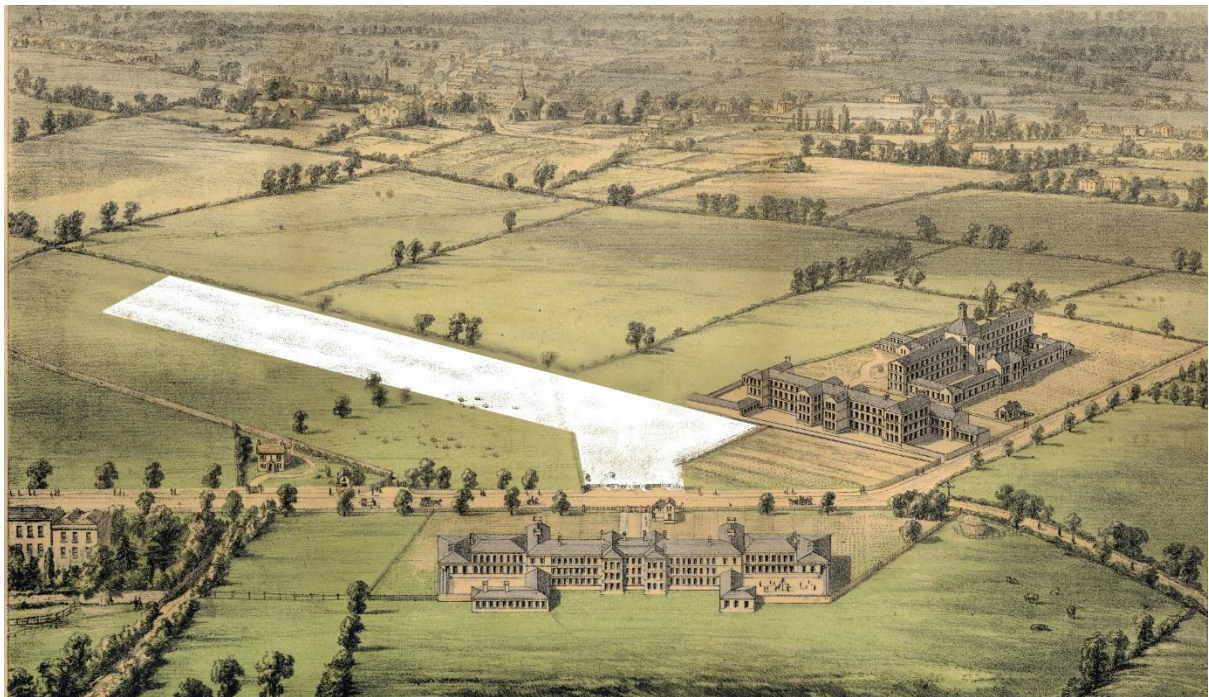
George continued to pray and he got sent lots of gifts. He soon had enough money to build a second house. This one housed another 400 children.



But he didn't stop there. He managed to buy more land and build house no 3. This one housed 450 children.



By 1865 people had given him enough money to buy even MORE land.



He built two more houses.



Can you work out how many children George had managed to give a home to?

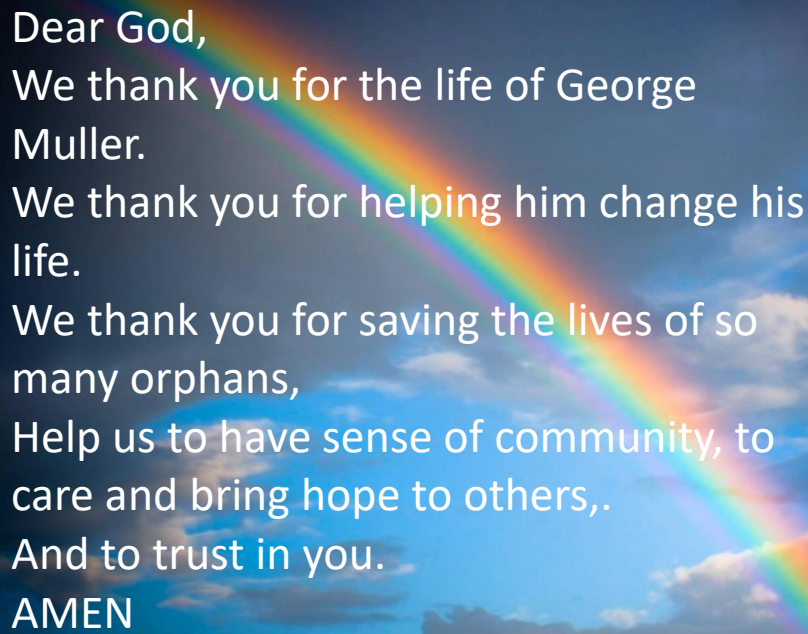
Ashley Down was now home to **2,050 children and 112 members of staff**. George never did any fund-raising, never asked for any money but received over **£100m in today's money** to build the homes and feed, educate and care for over **10,000 orphans** in his lifetime.

George Muller believed that God would always provide.

He never gave up. He wanted to make a difference.

So think back about George Muller's life. How did he live out the value of Hope?





Dear God,
We thank you for the life of George
Muller.
We thank you for helping him change his
life.
We thank you for saving the lives of so
many orphans,
Help us to have sense of community, to
care and bring hope to others,.
And to trust in you.
AMEN

Challenges

- Find out about George Muller, visit the George Muller museum website
<https://www.mullers.org/museum>



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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE