

# Collective Worship

## Hymn Reflection



Wednesday, 26th February, 2025

Pro Deo et Ecclesia



Your  
pardon  
Lord,



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Listen to the hymn and sing along if you would like to.



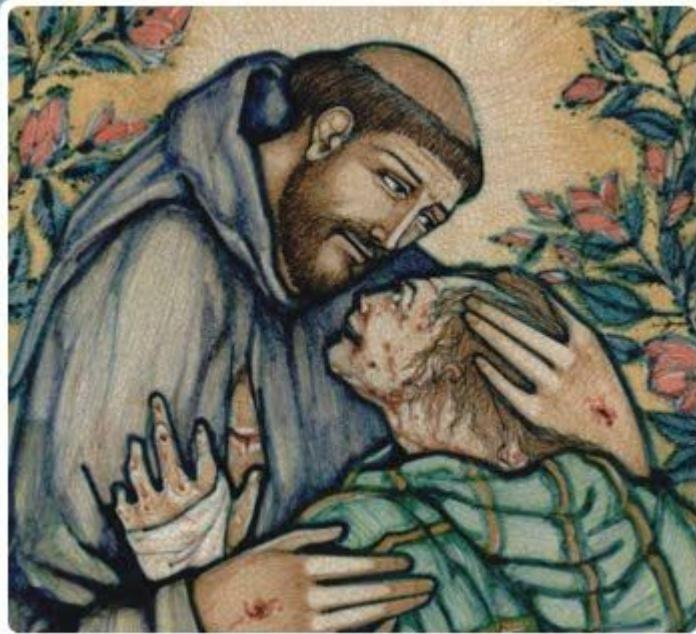
The words of the hymn,  
'Make me a Channel of your  
peace' are based on the  
word of a prayer written  
by a man called **St Francis**  
**of Assisi.**



Francis was born in Italy over  
800 hundred years ago (in  
1181). He was born in to a rich  
and wealthy family.

When he was a young man Francis decided to give up his rich, fine life and devote himself to God and following Jesus.

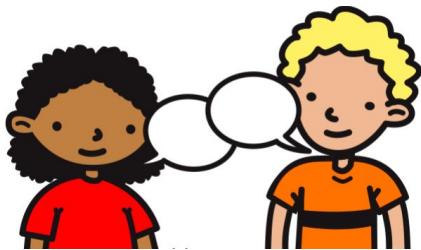
Francis lived by himself in a simple hut and spent his time teaching about God and helping the sick. He looked after lepers\* near the Italian town of Assisi.



\*Lepers are people who are unwell with a disease called leprosy.



- **What is St Francis wearing? How are his clothes different from when he lived the life of a rich man?**
- **What do you think this picture can teach us about the life of St Francis? What symbols are used?**



St Francis wrote the words,  
**'Make me a Channel\* of your peace'** as a prayer to God.  
In what ways did God answer that prayer and make St Francis' life a 'channel of peace' ?

A channel\* is a passage that allows things (like water) to flow through.





## Reflection:

Think about the ways can you be a channel of God's peace to others.

## Prayer:

Thank God for the life of people, like St Francis, who bring God's teaching, healing and peace to the world.