

# Thoughtful Thursdays

St Giles' & St George's CofE Academy - Class based collective worship from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Invitational and inspirational at home discussion prompt followings today's class worship. (If you would like to use it)

# TAKEHOME

8th - 14th  
September



The **BIG** Question?

## What makes a building special?



## In the news this week

A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved 5km to a new location. Many buildings in the city are being relocated because the ground is unstable due to iron ore mining. The church, built in 1912 and voted Sweden's most beautiful pre-1950 building, was slowly transported on special trailers. The process was watched by thousands of people.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to this week's news story with someone at home. Why do you think the decision was made to move the church whole, rather than dismantle and rebuild it?
- > Are there any well-known buildings in your local area? What is their purpose?
- > What buildings are important to you? What is it about them that makes them important?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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*Below is some of the information that was shared today during class worship - this may help your discussions at home.*

Resource one



Look at the resource below, which shows some of the most famous buildings in the world.



Elizabeth Tower



Blue Mosque



Dancing House



Sagrada Familia

Do you recognise any of these buildings?

Can you guess where each building is located?

Do you have a favourite building? What do you like about it?



Taj Mahal



Burj Khalifa



Eiffel Tower



Marina Bay Sands

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Resource two



Look at the resource below, which shares some other buildings that have been moved.



Marble Arch, UK

**When:** Built between 1827 and 1833 as a grand entrance to Buckingham Palace.

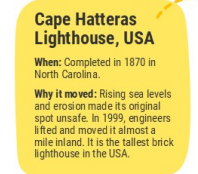
**Why it moved:** In 1847, it was moved to make space when Buckingham Palace was expanded. It was taken down and rebuilt by 1851, at its new site near Hyde Park.



Abu Simbel Temples, Egypt

**When:** Carved into rock over 3,000 years ago by Pharaoh Ramses II.

**Why it moved:** In the 1960s, it was at risk of flooding from the Aswan High Dam. It was cut into large blocks, and carefully reassembled higher up the hillside. It is one of Egypt's most famous attractions.



Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, USA

**When:** Completed in 1870 in North Carolina.

**Why it moved:** Rising sea levels and erosion made its original spot unsafe. In 1999, engineers lifted and moved it almost a mile inland. It is the tallest brick lighthouse in the USA.



Cooks' Cottage, Australia

**When:** Built in 1755 in North Yorkshire, England.

**Why it moved:** In 1934, it was bought as a gift for the city of Melbourne to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was dismantled brick by brick, shipped to Australia, and rebuilt. It is now a historic attraction in Melbourne's Fitzroy Gardens.



Which one of these relocations do you find most surprising? Do you think all old buildings should be saved?

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## Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The church has travelled across the city to reach safer ground. When people move location and join a new community, we should be welcoming and respectful.

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## UN Rights of the Child



The building was relocated to protect it. Adults should make choices which have the best interests of children in mind. This could mean trying to preserve important history and places, so that children can learn from and experience them.



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