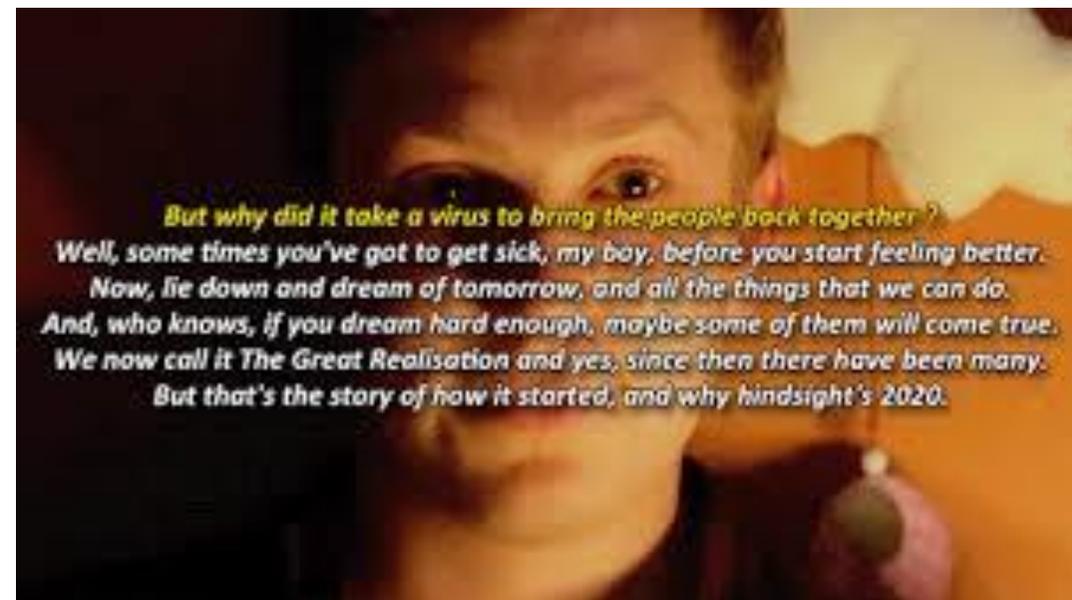
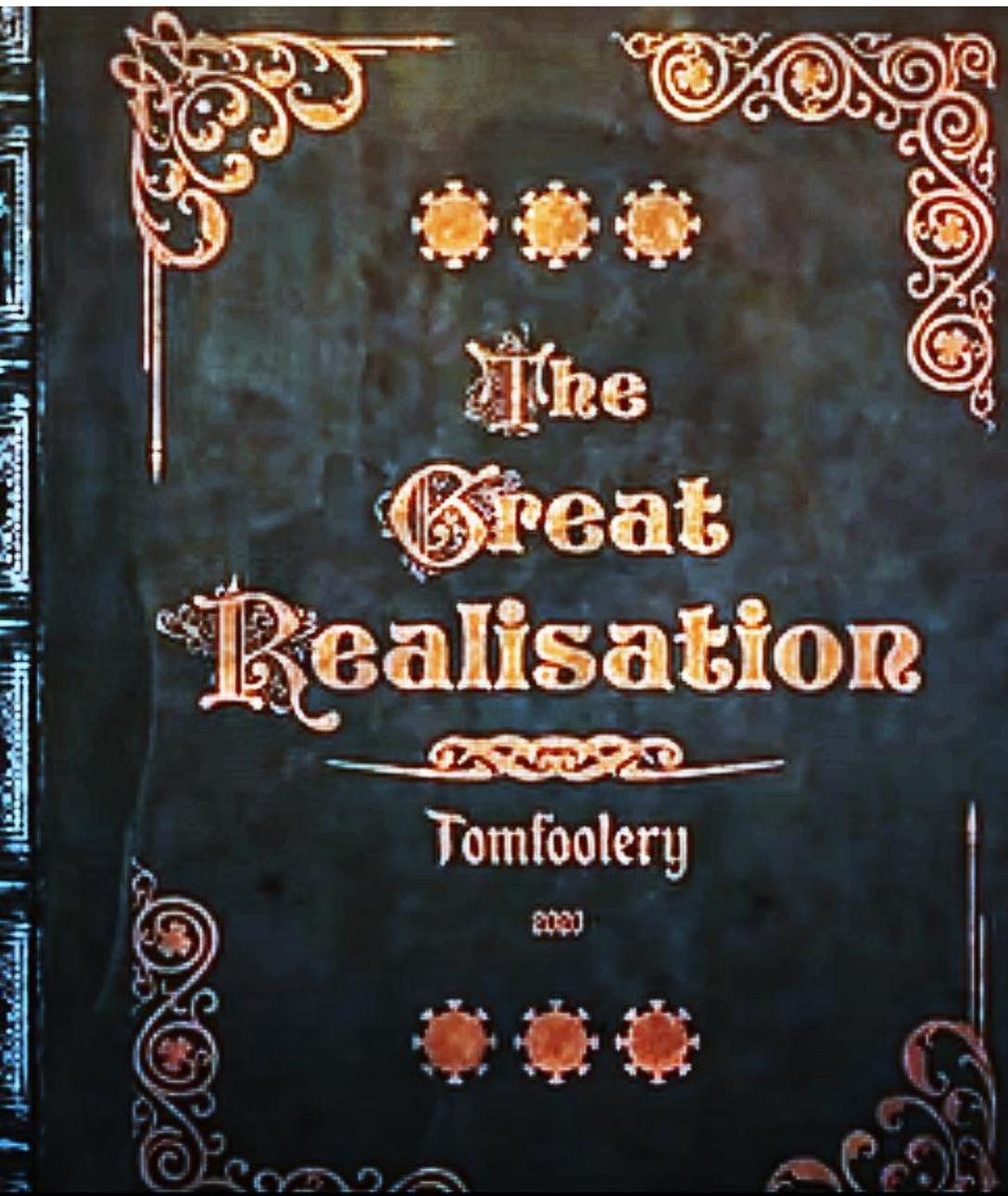




**A Moment of Collective Worship.**

<b>Theme:</b>	<b>'The Great Realisation.'</b>	
<b>Gathering:</b>	"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."	
<b>Hymn / Song / Music:</b>	In Christ Alone.	Played by All Souls Musicians of the All Souls Virtual Orchestra. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plH2Efm5Zjl">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plH2Efm5Zjl</a>
<b>Reading:</b>	Matthew 13:1-23, 3, and 51-52.	
<b>Something To Reflect On:</b>	<p>At the end of this academic year we look back on a year at school and in our world that is unprecedented. There has never been a year like it before and we have all lived through history. The Coronavirus pandemic has affected all our lives, including school life, more than we could ever have imagined. People and their loved ones have been touched by COVID-19 in many different ways: some individual and some shared; some anxious, some fearful, some lonely, some building community, some happy, some unhappy, some painful, some traumatic and many other feelings that may have been experienced by each of us.</p> <p>As we end this school year and as the country and world gradually ease the lockdown and other COVID-19 restrictions, we look forward in hope to life eventually getting back to what we are familiar with. However in looking forward, it is important to look back, process and reflect on the experiences that we have each had, both individually and collectively to think about what we can learn for the future and about the best way to live and the way to be.</p> <p>Tomos Roberts is a 26 year old poet who has written a post-pandemic bedtime poem to read to his 7 year old twin siblings. It is a wake-up call, a story of hope, for a time of change and is called 'The Great Realisation.' This is a story of how it all started and why hindsight is 2020.</p> <p>Tomos' story is for all of us, young or old, who dares to dream of a brighter future, of a fairer, kinder, more sustainable world. It is a timely reminder that, even during our most challenging moments, there is always hope.</p> <p>Listen to Tomos read his story and realise that this is all our story. We each and all have a responsibility, as stewards of God's world, to draw upon what we have learnt in living through the Coronavirus pandemic to shape the future and heal the world back to how God created it, caring for, treasuring and cherishing all aspects of His creation.</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw5KQMXDiM4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw5KQMXDiM4</a> <i>(Please see overleaf for an accompanying picture that can be displayed during this Collective Worship.)</i></p>	
<b>Questions To Think About:</b>	<p>What does our hymn / worship song say about hope?                  What do you 'realise' from living through the Coronavirus pandemic?</p>	<p>What does Jesus' teaching through parables say to us today in 2020 as we look forward to the future?                  How could this influence how you live your life in the future?</p>
<b>Prayers:</b>	The Lord's Prayer.	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<p>"When this is over, may we never again take for granted                  A handshake with a stranger, full shelves at the store, conversations with neighbours, a crowded cinema,                  Friday night out, the taste of communion,                  A routine check-up, the school rush each morning,                  Coffee with a friend, each deep breath,                  A boring Tuesday, Life itself.                  When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be,                  we were called to be, we hoped to be                  and may we stay that way — better for each other" Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Laura Kelly Fanucci</i></p>	
<b>Sending Out:</b>	"God of hope, strengthen our hope; God of love, kindle our love so that, in a fragile world, we may be signs of the faith, hope, love which we share in Jesus Christ. Amen."	



*But why did it take a virus to bring the people back together?*

*Well, some times you've got to get sick, my boy, before you start feeling better.*

*Now, lie down and dream of tomorrow, and all the things that we can do.*

*And, who knows, if you dream hard enough, maybe some of them will come true.*

*We now call it The Great Realisation and yes, since then there have been many.*

*But that's the story of how it started, and why hindsight's 2020.*