A Rose of Hope
Planting our rose in honour of St Gabriel the Archangel

Gathering

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Leader: Today we gather to plant our rose of hope, joining with all the schools in our St Gabriel the Archangel Trust family.

St Gabriel brought Mary the wonderful news that she would become the mother of Jesus. Mary responded with faith and trust in God. Here at St Mary's, may we follow her example and become messengers of hope through our words, our actions and the love we share.

Bidding prayers

Reader 1: We pray for all the schools in our Trust family. May we grow together in faith, support one another and share God's love with everyone we meet.
Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for the children, staff, families and governors of St Mary's, and for our parish community. May our school be a place where everyone feels welcomed, valued and loved.
Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for anyone who is sad, worried, lonely or unwell. Help us to notice when someone needs a friend and to bring hope through small acts of kindness.
Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We give thanks for the beauty of God's creation. As we care for this rose, help us to care for our world and for one another.
Lord, in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer.

Planting the rose

The rose is planted and watered, and the plaque is placed beside it.

Leader: Loving God,
as we plant this rose,
we thank you for the gift of our school and our Trust family.

May its roots remind us to stay rooted in your love.
May its growing branches remind us to reach out to others.
May its flowers remind us of the joy that kindness brings.

As this rose grows,
may our faith, hope and love grow too.
Like St Gabriel, help us to be messengers of hope.
Like Mary, help us to say yes to you.

Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Sending forth

Leader: Let us carry hope into our classrooms, our homes and our world.

St Gabriel the Archangel,
All: Pray for us.

Mary, Mother of Jesus,
All: Pray for us.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.