

**Let us light the candle to signify the start of our Worship today.**

**In the name of God The Father, God The Son and God The Holy Spirit.**



# Welcome Words –

**The light of Christ has come into the world.**  
**We welcome his light into our lives**



Our theme this term is inspirational people.

Does anybody know who this lady is?

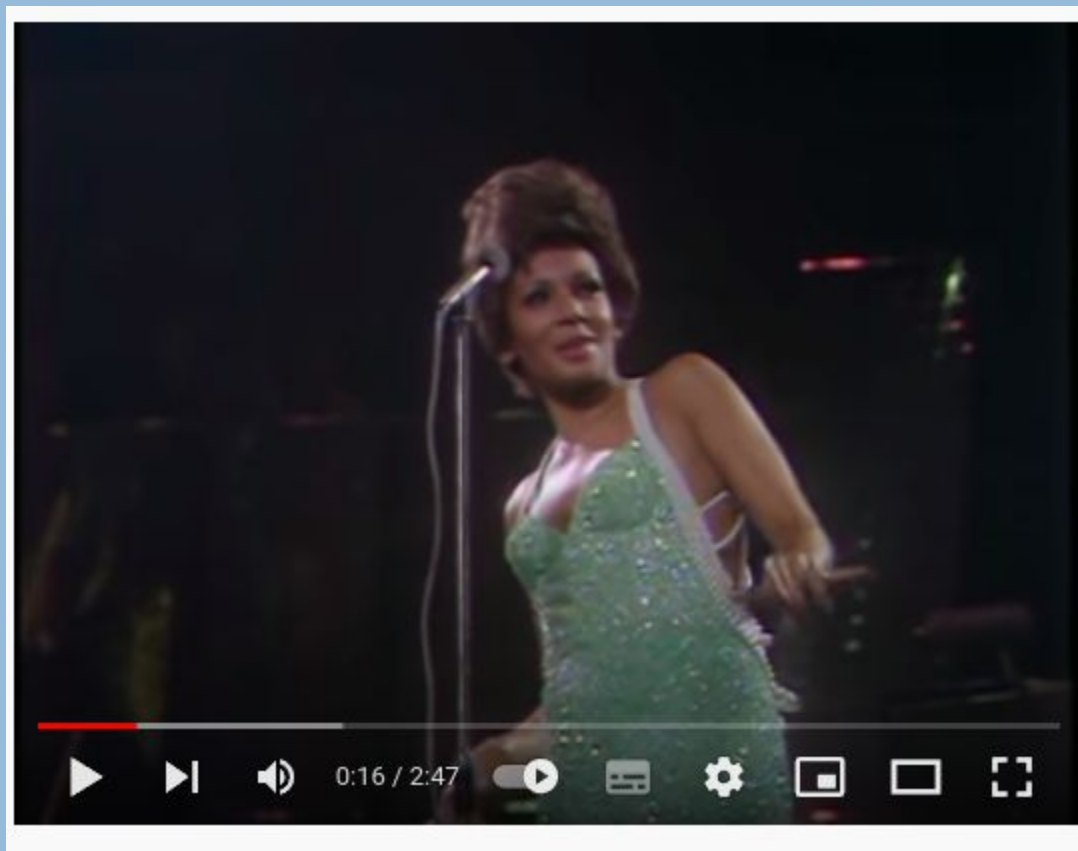


**Dame Shirley Bassey**

**1937 -**

**Singer**

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# Dame Shirley Bassey

Shirley Bassey has sold over 135 million records and will go down in history as one of the world's most iconic singers. She is best known for singing the theme songs for three James Bond films: 'Goldfinger', 'Diamonds are Forever' and 'Moonraker'.

In 2000, she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire for her contribution to the arts.

# Dame Shirley Bassey

Dame Shirley Bassey did not have an easy upbringing.

Shirley is from a mixed-race family as her mother is English and her father is Nigerian.

Racial discrimination was a constant issue.

# Dame Shirley Bassey

Dame Shirley Bassey did not have an easy childhood.

She is the youngest of 7 children.

Shirley's family struggled with extreme poverty. Getting food on the table was a daily concern.

She had to leave school at the age of 16 to start work in a factory.



# Dame Shirley Bassey

Dame Shirley Bassey did not have an easy life.

She was so passionate about music that she continued to sing in her spare time, performing at pubs and clubs after work at weekends.

# Dame Shirley Bassey

Dame Shirley Bassey did not have an easy family life.

She had two failed marriages.

She lost her daughter aged just  
22.

# Dame Shirley Bassey

At age 19, Shirley was discovered by Michael Sullivan, who was to become her manager. Together they developed her signature glamorous look and she released her first singles.

Her big break came in 1964 when she recorded the title track for the James Bond film, 'Goldfinger'. Her booming voice filled cinemas all over the world and launched her on the international stage.

# Dame Shirley Bassey



She sang at the Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebration, The Duke of Edinburgh's 80th Birthday and in 1999 she sang the Rugby World Cup song with Bryn Terfel in Cardiff.

# Dame Shirley Bassey

What was her talent?

Did her poor start in life stop her from doing what she wanted to do?

What values did Shirley show throughout her life?

# Reflection

Shirley's life growing up wasn't easy and she had to do things that were not her passion but she always made time to express herself and share her God given talent with the world.

She showed many Christian values to be the big success that she is.

When  
have  
things  
been  
difficult  
for you?



Let us sing! -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEvEVALlNQ>





I was lost with a broken heart  
You picked me up, now I'm set apart  
From the ash I am born again  
Forever safe in the Saviour's hands  
You are more than my words could say  
I'll follow You Lord for all my days  
I'll fix my eyes, follow in Your ways  
Forever free in unending grace

'Cause You are, You are, You are my freedom  
We lift You higher, lift You higher  
Your love, Your love, Your love never ending  
Oh oh oh

You are alive in us  
Nothing can take Your place  
You are all we need  
Your love has set us free

In the midst of the darkest night  
Let Your love be the shining light  
Breaking chains that were holding me  
You sent Your Son down and set me free  
Everything of this world will fade  
I'm pressing on till I see Your face  
I will live that Your will be done  
I won't stop till Your Kingdom come

'Cause You are, You are, You are my freedom  
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# The Grace ...

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
Be with us all,  
Now and forever more.

Amen



## **Closing Words -**

**God loves us all and knows that we are special.**

**We will carry God's love with us in our hearts**

