

Bishop Tufnell CE Infant School

Christian Values leaflet 4

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Thankfulness



The front cover of this leaflet illustrates our school's 15 Christian Values. We teach our pupils about these and emphasise that they are different from our Learning Values. These leaflets are for adults who may wish to know more about our Christian Values.

Our School Values can be found in writing near Maple Class and in practise they can be found underpinning all the work of our school.

We talk about 5 Christian Values per term in class and they are also reflected in our weekly Worship Themes.

The Christian Values are not separate but link together the beliefs of Christians. One is not more important than the other and therefore our leaflet cover represents them as interlocking building bricks of faith.

There are 15 leaflets with information about how each value defines itself in Christian faith.

Even if you choose not to be a Christian the leaflets may have information that helps you in your life's journey - or just makes you stop and reflect.

I hope that you find these leaflets helpful and informative.

Thankfulness

Thankfulness has always been at the centre of the life and worship of God's people.

'Songs of thankfulness and praise...' are at the heart of Christian worship.



Thankfulness is directed towards God who gives and sustains life. Seeing the world as God's creation underpins the way we approach everything in life, seeing it as a gift and not as a right.

Jesus gave thanks to God (Matthew 11.25) and although the word 'thankfulness' is not common in the Gospels, recognition of his dependence on the Father infuses the whole life of Jesus.

Thankfulness is a wholehearted response. It stems from a consciousness of God's gifts and blessings. It is a joyfulness that erupts into praise. Paul frequently encourages us to 'be thankful' (Colossians 3:15), to 'give thanks in all circumstances' (1 Thessalonians 5:18) and says that our lives should 'overflow with thankfulness' (Colossians 2:7).

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For Christians the greatest of all acts of worship is simply called 'thanksgiving' or Eucharist.

Please turn over the page to find out some of the ways we celebrate Thankfulness in our school

What do we do in school in response to Thankfulness?

We show our appreciation for pupil's achievements through giving certificates and stickers to them.

We show our Thankfulness for our wonderful volunteers through our annual Thank You assembly each summer term.

We know that having food, clothes and lovely things is a blessing and not a right. We show our Thankfulness through our support to Charities that help others who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

We give Thanks to God through our Hymns and our prayers - this is genuine and not simply saying the words.

We learn to be Thankful for the skills of others and the ways in which they enrich our lives.

We give thanks to people in our community who visit and help us. We write letters of Thanks.

We say Thank You to each other and know that saying Thank You is important and polite.



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