

## Worship with Us

Learning and Loving  
Together Forever

<p>Week <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p>Core Value Focus <b>Forgiveness and reconciliation</b></p>
<p>Scripture Link  <b>“Bear with each other and forgive one another, if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you” Colossians 3:13.</b></p>	<p>Message from the Principal          Forgiving others is so important, but sometimes it is so hard to do. At Queen Elizabeth’s we believe that forgiveness is vital to our relationships- in many ways it is what binds us as an Academy. We all make mistakes, we all get things wrong at one time or another, however we know that we will be forgiven and given the chance to put things right. This ethos is at the core of our behaviour policy and practice. When a pupil says “I’m sorry” at Queen Elizabeth’s, they are forgiven, and our relationships grow stronger.</p>
<p>Message from the Chaplain          Forgiveness is one of the hardest things to do. Yet it is one of the most needful in the whole world. Perhaps this is needed more than ever in our society and our homes as we find ourselves in new challenging living circumstances.</p> <p>Though it is vital to every society, family and every human interaction it cannot not come from a law or a rule but from the heart. No one can demand it no one can force it.          It is so needful because then we forgive we can be reconciled. We can make a way for relationships to be healed which can bring peace to our lives.</p> <p>Forgiveness is needed in relationships where people love each other and also where there is friction and tension. It is needed everywhere. The happiest moments in my family are when we experience love and forgiveness not when we are perfect- because we rarely are perfect. Given that perfection is impossible forgiveness is imperative!</p> <p>Forgiveness is hardest where we have to give it to those we love the most. Why is this? Answer: they shouldn’t have wronged us in the first place! Right? But we all make these mistakes- we know</p>	<p>Discussion points</p> <p><b>What is forgiveness and reconciliation in your life?</b></p> <p><b>Where have you been given it?</b></p> <p><b>Where can you give it?</b></p> <p><b>What barriers are there to forgiving others- why is it hard?</b></p> <p><b>What happens when we forgive each other?</b></p> <p><b>How does it feel to be reconciled?</b></p> <p><b>Where does forgiveness start?</b></p> <p><b>Why is it important?</b></p> <p><b>How can we find the strength and motivation to forgive each other?</b></p> <p><b>How did God show justice and forgiveness through Jesus sacrifice?</b></p> <p><b>What does it mean to be reconciled to God?</b></p> <p><b>How is this possible according to Christianity?</b></p>

perfection is impossible maybe we believe forgiveness is achievable but why is it sooo hard? This is because forgiveness is contrary to all our instincts for fairness and justice. Yet when we forgive and show mercy to others we feel more alive than ever. Why is this? Shakespeare wrote 'the quality of mercy is not strained... It is twice blest: It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.'

The fact is that when we forgive we heal ourselves as much as our relationships with others. Another saying goes 'not forgiving someone for what they have done is like drinking poison and hoping it will hurt the other person'.

But where can we get the strength to break the cycle of unforgiveness?

Shakespeare went on to write

'Mercy is an attribute to God Himself...consider this: That in the course of justice none of us Should see salvation.'

Christians look to God's offer of mercy and forgiveness which extends to every person. The Bible says we should 'forgive one another' in the way Jesus forgave us. Thank God that He shows justice **and** forgiveness! Christians believe Jesus offered forgiveness to us so we can have our relationship reconciled to God and that whilst this is free to us he paid for it with his life. Rather than punishing us for everything we have ever done Jesus said he would take the consequences upon himself. In this way justice and forgiveness could be shown to everyone in the world. Knowing that God loves and offers forgiveness to us can be the strength we need to offer that same love to others.

Chaplain's Collective Worship Gathering

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