

Worship with Us



Learning and Loving
Together Forever

| Week 28.9.20-6.11.20 | Core Value Focus Empathy |
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| <p>Scripture Link “This is my commandment, Love one another as I have loved you” John 12:12</p> <p>Message from the Chaplain Every individual is important to God and so every individual is valued in our school community. At the heart of the Christian message is the empathy of God the Father. Jesus showed us this empathy by not only giving his time, his life’s work, his teaching, his healing and his friendship but by giving his very life. God so loved the world! Christians believe that God the Son became a man and came to earth for the very purpose of walking in our shoes. Empathy is a challenge though as we often struggle to focus on the needs and feelings of others. Josephine Butler was an example of God’s empathy. After tragically losing her daughter she turned her attention to fighting for the rights and protection of children in England. She stood up for the poor and mistreated and against the oppression of women. Josephine elevated the rights of women and protected the lives and welfare of countless children as she asked God for his love for a broken world. She felt God’s empathy for us and changed the United Kingdom for good.</p> <p>“He did not deny me the request of His own heart’s love for sinners, and when He makes this revelation, He does more; He makes the enquiring soul a partaker of His own heart’s love for the world.”</p> <p>Josephine Butler 1828-1906</p> | <p>Message from the Principal In our vision we talk about giving our all to all, in appreciation to God who gave his all in Jesus. In doing so we reflect carefully on what we are giving and to whom. We contemplate the position that other people find themselves in, particularly those less fortunate than us and try to empathise with their difficulties and celebrate their joys with them. We ask our students to develop their emotional intelligence as well as their curriculum intelligence. A phrase we use often with our academy community is “be the best version of yourself”, and to do this wholeheartedly requires the skill of empathy.</p> |

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| | <p>Discussion points</p> <p>What is empathy?</p> <p>Why is it good?</p> <p>Why is it important?</p> <p>Why is it challenging?</p> <p>Where does it come from?</p> |
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