

Worship with Us

Learning and Loving
Together Forever

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| <p>Week 22.3.21-30.4.21</p> | <p>Core Value Focus Forgiveness and reconciliation</p> |
| <p>Scripture Link “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</p> | <p>Message from the Principal Here at Queen Elizabeth’s we understand that we are not perfect, that we often make mistakes, saying or doing things that we come to regret. But we also understand that the mark of a good person is someone who learns from those mistakes, seeking to reconcile with people with whom we have perhaps lost relationships. We ask our academy community to practice forgiveness, even in the most difficult of circumstances, and come together as a family to move forward positively.</p> |
| <p>Message from the Chaplain When we forgive others we experience freedom. Corrie Ten Boom asked God for help to forgive a Nazi guard who was her captor. He came to her to shake her hand after the war and she asked God to supply the feeling of forgiveness and she would lift her hand to shake his. This was a terribly hard act but one which changed her life. In the bible the character of Joseph shows us how forgiveness and reconciliation after an evil thing has happened can bring about a good thing. His brothers treated him awfully and yet in forgiving them later in his life he was able to save their lives and his father’s life. Christians look to Jesus as not only an example of forgiveness but also how mankind can be forgiven. Christians see Jesus’ sacrifice as paying for the sins of mankind to forgive and reconcile man to God.</p> | <p>Discussion points</p> <p>How does forgiveness affect the person who is forgiven and also the person who is forgiving?</p> <p>What would life be like if we forgave each other more?</p> <p>Imagine you were Corrie Ten Boom, what would be going through your head thinking to forgive the man or not?</p> <p>What are some reasons we forgive or choose not to forgive others?</p> <p>If Jesus brings an offer of forgiveness to mankind what difference does this make?</p> |

A Prayer for Forgiveness and reconciliation

God, thank you that you accept us and love us

Help us to accept and love and forgive one another

Help us to look to the example of Jesus who offers love and forgiveness to all.

May our friendships be built up and strengthened

Help us to be a learning, loving and forgiving community.

Amen