

<p>Week 7.6.21-2.7.21</p>	<p>Core Value Focus Togetherness</p>
<p>Scripture Link “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:1-4</p>	<p>Message from the Principal Inspired by the Parable of the Good Samaritan, we seek to “give our all, to all” in our Christian vision. We encourage our community to never walk on by, to always stop and offer a helping hand, friendly smile, or shoulder to cry on. We work hard to foster a family environment here at Queen Elizabeth’s. At dinner time we pray and dine together, as a family does. We care for each other and have compassion for one another as a true community does. Togetherness means so much to us here, both in times of celebration and condolence. This year is our 460th birthday. 460 years of togetherness at QE. We are so proud.</p>
<p>Message from the Chaplain Our value of togetherness is important and powerful in our school. It fills our community with a sense of belonging and gives a confidence that everyone is different but equally valued. In our collective worship meetings we are looking at Paul the apostle who went from being against Christians to becoming a follower of Jesus bringing people from all backgrounds and people groups together in the church. Paul preached that Jesus had ‘broken down the walls of separation through the cross’. The churches Paul started had to take this seriously as Paul used to be a hater of Christians and now he was together with them. Paul taught that Jesus came to bring people back together with God. He taught that Jesus was the one who could reconcile us to God. Martin Luther King leader of the US Civil rights movement also had a vision of Togetherness which was huge and full of healing words. He spoke of the damage that hate can do to the person who hates. Part of his dream was to have people sit together ‘at the table of brotherhood’ who were once at odds with each other. This is remarkable given the suffering and the injustice that he was standing against. Paul and Martin Luther King’s strength and conviction about togetherness came from Jesus words ‘love your enemy’. Togetherness in our schools means we come together as a school community and look to be inspired by our values and our Christian vision. We are inspired by achievements of the apostle Paul and Dr King and the faith they had in Jesus and what he did through his life and death.</p>	<p>Discussion points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What would it take for people to come together today? How can we make sure we can have a community where we are different but there is also togetherness? 2. How do Martin Luther King’s words about hate help to heal and protect our communities? 3. How does it help you to know school is a community where togetherness is important? 4. How did Jesus inspire Martin Luther King? 5. Does togetherness mean we are all the same? In what ways can we be different but have equal value? 6. How does Jesus inspire us still today? 7. How can we live in togetherness with God through Jesus?

A Prayer for Togetherness

God, we thank you for this day in our school community

We thank you for our opportunity grow in love and learning

We thank you for our food and for our friends

We thank you for Jesus that he welcomes us into God's family.

Help us to enjoy this time together

Amen