## Worship with Us



Week: 8.12.25-16.1.26

### **Scripture Link:**

"Learn to do right, seek justice and defend the oppressed" Isaiah 1:17 Core Value Focus: Justice & Equality

#### Message from the Principal:

Developing character is an important part of our work here at Queen Elizabeth's. Of our 9 core values, we are particularly proud of Justice and Equality. We have invested time and attention to our charity work to help the less fortunate in our community and to help "defend the oppressed". We have been proud to support the Baptist Church's Bags of Hope initiative and the local food banks. It is a particular joy to contribute to the Operation Christmas Child initiative with shoeboxes full to the brim with gifts.

Our students have supported us admirably and have certainly learned to do right. Like the Parable of the Good Samaritan, which inspires our vision, we do not walk by, we stop, and we help.

If you are interested in helping to support these amazing projects please do contact us.

#### Message from the Chaplain:

To stand up and advocate is not always easy. Sadly, we live in a world where still not everyone is able to seek justice and equality. How can we work for justice for all? There are some great characters in the bible that stood up for what they believed even if everyone else was saying they shouldn't, even if it meant there would be consequences. Fortitude also known as courage or strength of mind is something we will all need to find at some point in our lives. You may need courage to tell the truth, to say sorry and seek forgiveness, to speak out against something you know to be wrong. Christians believe the Holy Spirit who can be a helper and guide for Christians will give them the courage when they need it most. What do you believe in? What do you stand for?

#### **Discussion points:**

- ✓ Do you think it is important that anyone can have the right to get justice? Why?
- ✓ Do you think it is everyone's job to stand up for those who need it?
- ✓ Why is it important for bystanders to act?
- ✓ When have you needed courage?
- ✓ Is courage a positive quality to have?
- Have you ever stopped yourself from doing something in case you fail?

# A prayer for justice and equality

Jesus thank you that you love us all equally
Help us to care for one another with that same love
May we seek justice
May we seek out those who need a helping friend today no matter who they are

All: For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice (Psalm 11:7)

Amen