

## Values of the Month 2022 – 2023

<p><b>September</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unity / Co-operation</b></p> <p>Jesus said, “Be as one together, just as the Father and I are one.” John 17 verse 21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Building community The power of working together – shared skills, knowledge etc Being part of a team means sometimes coming second When unity does not mean agreement, but commitment to working together</p>
<p><b>October</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Honesty</b></p> <p>“Whatever is true, honest, pure, lovely... think about these things.” Philippians 4 verse 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Integrity, words and actions matching Importance of truth as a solid foundation for relationships When the truth is hard... Being honest with ourselves – what do we need to change?</p>
<p><b>November</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Compassion</b></p> <p>“Show compassion to others, and be kind, humble, gentle and patient.” Colossians 3 verse 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walking in someone else’s shoes - empathy Compassion that does not lead to action is worthless Suffering alongside someone else – community Wanting the best for someone else – all flourishing</p>
<p><b>December</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thankfulness</b></p> <p>“Give thanks to the Lord because he is good. His love continues forever.” Psalm 136 verse 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Counting blessings Being grateful each day – looking for the good Life in all its fullness – God’s free gift Christmas – thank you Jesus for coming into the world</p>
<p><b>January</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hope</b></p> <p>“May the God of hope fill you all with joy and peace as you trust in Him.” Romans 15 verse 13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Links to Christian message of Revelation – no more tears Looking ahead, not staying in the past, fresh starts Trusting in God’s promises Providing hope for others when times are hard</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kindness</b></p> <p>“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5 verse 22</p>

<b>February</b>	<p>Showing kindness to others – even when they don't deserve it</p> <p>Being kind to ourselves</p> <p>Loving our enemies – the cost of kindness each day</p> <p>Always thinking of how our behaviour impacts on others</p>
<b>March</b>	<p><b>Forgiveness</b></p> <p>“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4 verse 32</p> <p>Lord's prayer – forgive us as we have forgiven others</p> <p>Forgiveness undeserved – link to Easter message</p> <p>Our wrongs forgotten – the power of a fresh start</p> <p>When forgiveness is hard...</p>
<b>April</b>	<p><b>Courage</b></p> <p>“Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid, because the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1 verse 9</p> <p>Courageous advocacy – it was never going to be easy!</p> <p>The challenges of living well</p> <p>Helping one another in the challenges of our lives</p> <p>Seeking help when we need it – links to mental health</p>
<b>May</b>	<p><b>Perseverance</b></p> <p>“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” Hebrews 12 verse 1</p> <p>Links to Growth Mindset – not yet...</p> <p>Change doesn't come quickly, the things that are worth most are worth persevering for</p> <p>Growing into the person that God has called us to be</p> <p>When we have tried hard to be a friend, to forgive etc – persevering when nothing seems to change</p>
<b>June</b>	<p><b>Goodness</b></p> <p>“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5 verse 22</p> <p>The goodness of creation – created by a good God</p> <p>A commitment to choosing right over wrong</p> <p>Seeking the good in others – believing the best</p> <p>As Jesus was seen to do good deeds, so should we</p>
<b>July</b>	<p><b>Thoughtfulness</b></p> <p>“Do not forget to do good and share with others.” Hebrews 13 verse 16</p> <p>What does it feel like for someone else?</p> <p>Summer holidays – helping out, doing what we have been asked</p> <p>Pausing before speaking and acting – WWJD</p> <p>Deliberate acting for the greater good of someone else</p>

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<p><b>September</b></p>	<p><b>Caring</b></p> <p>“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3 verse 12</p> <p>Caring for others through service as well as through being kind, gentle and patient. Putting the needs of others before your own needs. Demonstrating in actions that other people matter. Looking after those who others overlook</p>
<p><b>October</b></p>	<p><b>Responsibility</b></p> <p>“Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Genesis 1 verse 28</p> <p>What Would Jesus Do? WWJD</p> <p>Taking responsibility for our own actions and decisions, making good choices. Looking after God’s world, environmental concerns. Responsible use of resources/money/equipment</p>
<p><b>November</b></p>	<p><b>Trust</b></p> <p>“Trust in the Lord your God and don’t depend on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3 verse 5</p> <p>Trusting others – building community. Trusting adults, sharing concerns. Using values as a way to guide choices and behaviours. Being trustworthy</p>
<p><b>December</b></p>	<p><b>Humility</b></p> <p>“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!” Philippians 2 verses 6-8</p> <p>Putting others first – wanting the best for others. Serving others – unseen acts of kindness/service. Celebrating others’ successes – helping them to succeed. ‘Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less’ C.S. Lewis</p>
<p><b>January</b></p>	<p><b>Justice</b></p> <p>“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6 verse 8</p> <p>Courageous advocacy – UK and world issues Fighting intolerance, hatred and prejudice Sharing of resources, friendship issues The cross – where justice meets forgiveness</p>

<b>February</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Love</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Jesus said ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’” Mark 12 verse 31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Foundation for living as community Treating your neighbour as you would like to be treated Not counting the cost of generous, kind actions God’s love for each person, the value of every individual</p>
<b>March</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mercy</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">“For God so loved the world that He gave his only son.” John 3 verse 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Christian message is that we are not treated as we deserve Showing mercy to others, even when that is hard Links with forgiveness and having a fresh start – undeserved Organisations showing mercy – work with prisoners, Mercy Ships, organisations working providing humanitarian aid</p>
<b>April</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wisdom</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">“I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.” Proverbs 4 verse 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Learning versus wisdom Taking time – asking advice – seeking the views of others The Christian message offers wisdom for living well If we are wise, then other things will follow in its path (Solomon)</p>
<b>May</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Patience</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5 verse 22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Patience with ourselves – links to Growth Mindset Patience with others, being aware of the challenges others face Patience in waiting – the challenges/joys of waiting Forbearance and self-restraint, even when provoked</p>
<b>June</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Peace</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Jesus said ‘My peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.’” John 14 verse 27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Christian message is that we can have peace even when things are challenging/difficult. Creating peace for others and in our world Opportunities for stillness, reflection and time out Peace with God – we are put right with God</p>
<b>July</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Respect</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Love God... love your neighbour as yourself” Matthew 22 verses 37-39 “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.” Matthew 6 verse 9</p>

	<p>Earning respect</p> <p>Showing respect – being worthy of respect</p> <p>God as Father but also sovereign and Lord</p> <p>Respect influencing how we treat others, our world, our resources</p>
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