

Our Christian values

These are our central values. In the Bible we learn about the kind of people God wants us to be. At school, we try to put these values into practice in all that we do and to encourage the children to do the same.

Creation



‘God saw all that he had made, and it was very good’.

Creation

- We teach the children to take care of God's creation
- We encourage the children to think and act creatively
- We use creative approaches to how we teach
- We value opportunities in the curriculum to teach the creative arts

Reverence



Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.'

Reverence

- We encourage the children to appreciate how awesome and wonderful the world that God has made is
- We teach the children to wonder about things and to be open to being amazed
- Our daily assemblies give space for children to reflect on God's awesome and wonderful love for us.

Thankfulness



One of the lepers, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him.

Thankfulness

- We teach the children to say thank you
- We encourage the children to appreciate the good things they have in their lives with gratitude
- We thank God in our worship for the good things he gives us and for his love to each one of us

Friendship

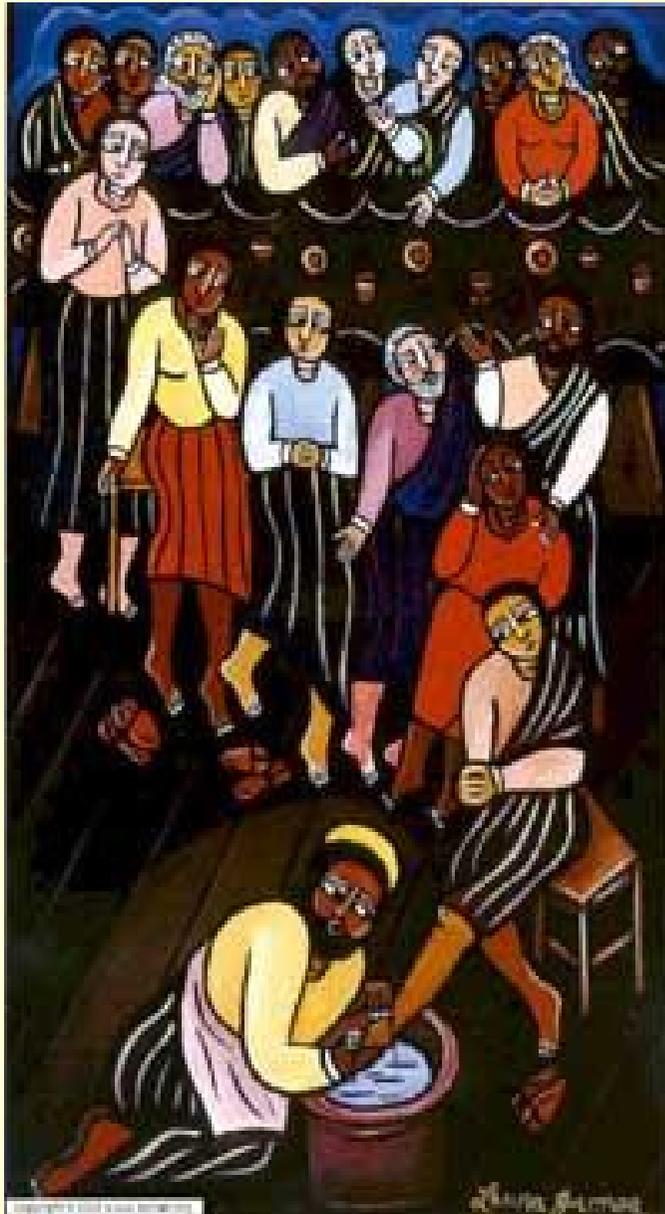


‘Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for friends’.

Friendship

- We encourage children to make deep and satisfying friendships
- We help children who are having problems with their friendships
- We teach children that Jesus is our friend who likes us and enjoys being with us

Humility

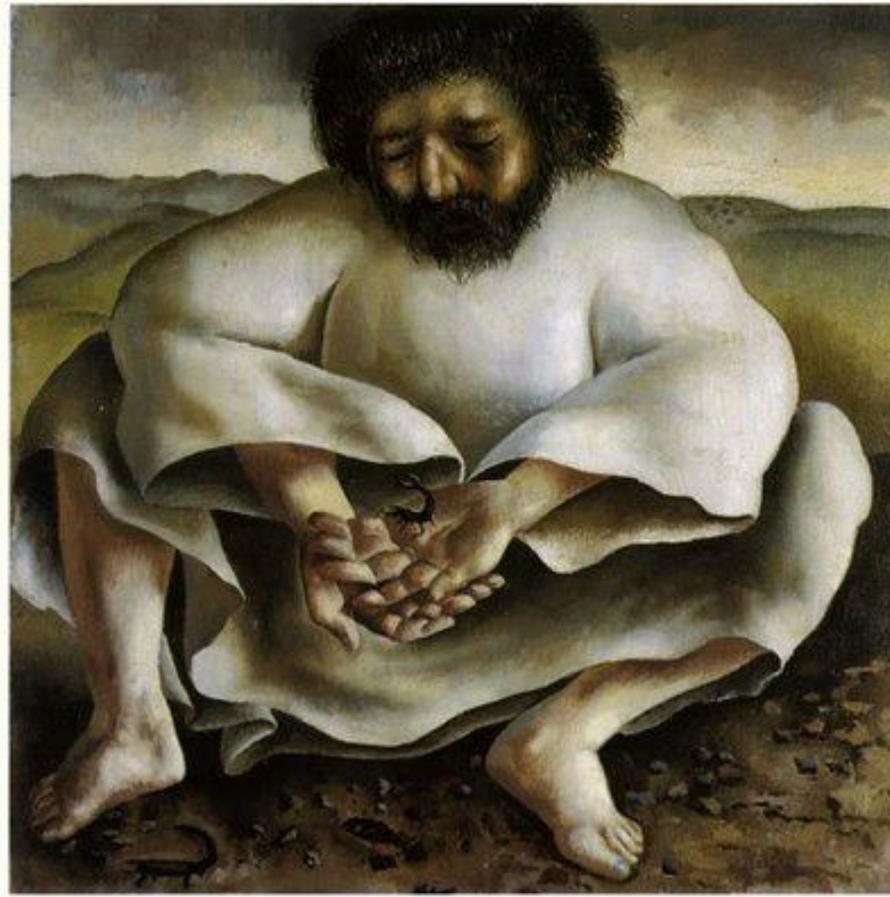


Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples feet.

Humility

- We encourage children to value the specialness not only of themselves, but of other people too
- We encourage them to honour other people and respect their worth
- We encourage children to show others how valuable they are by acting in generous and unselfish ways towards them

Endurance



And when Jesus had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry.

Endurance

- We encourage the children to keep going even when things are tough
- We ensure that the work we give children is challenging enough that all children have opportunities to develop persistence –we want all children to experience success.....but also to appreciate that sometimes success involves struggle
- We tell the children that God's love for them endures for ever...whatever they do.

Service



A Samaritan took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds. Then he put the man on his donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.

Service

- We encourage children to serve one another through acts of kindness
- We also provide structured opportunities for children to serve their school through helping younger children, or through working in the library or school garden, for example
- We also encourage children to serve our local community

Compassion



I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.

Compassion

- We encourage the children to show concern towards people who suffer – whether that means comforting someone who is upset in the playground or giving money to help people in need in other parts of the world

Trust



The LORD
is my
shepherd

Trust

- We encourage children to be trustworthy people who can be relied on and who tell the truth
- We make sure that all of the adults in school behave in ways that enable children to trust them
- We encourage children to trust in God and his goodness

Peace



‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.’

Peace

- We encourage children to be peacemakers
- We help children learn how to get over arguments quickly and fairly
- We make sure we give our children times when they can be peaceful and calm as well as times that are more noisy and busy
- We encourage children to share peaceful times with God through prayer

Koinonia

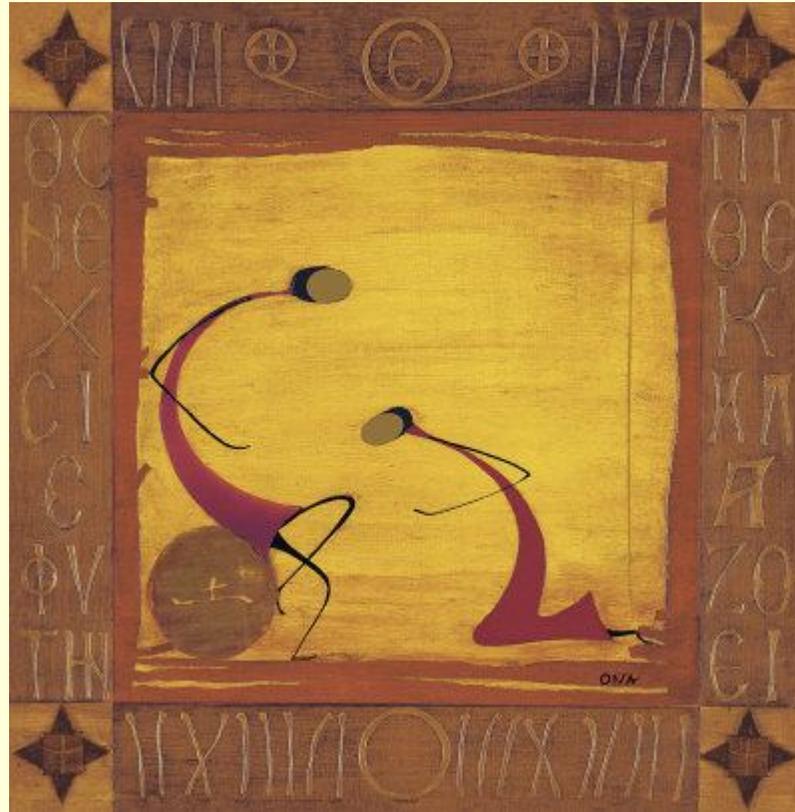


Though we
are many, we
are one body

Koinonia

- We stress our common humanity; that every one of us is created, loved and valued by God
- We teach children to value and respect differences
- We encourage cooperation and teamwork through getting children to work on tasks in groups for some of their work

Forgiveness

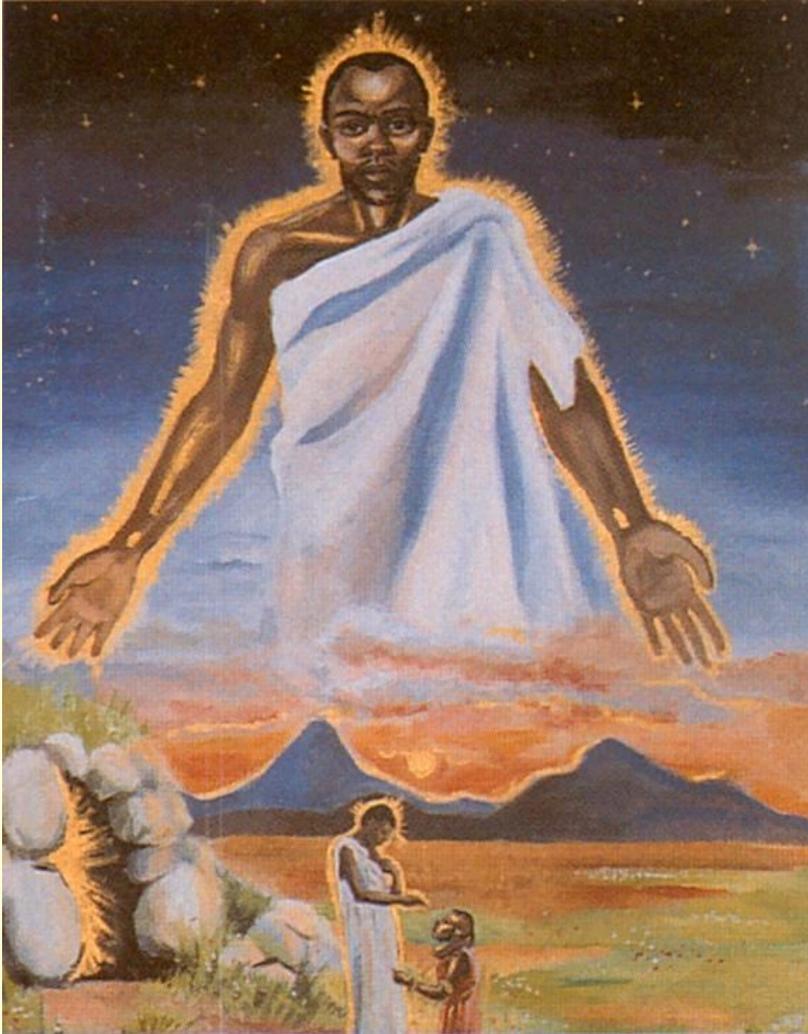


‘Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.’

Forgiveness

- We encourage children to be quick to apologise if they have done something wrong
- We encourage children to forgive people when they have been hurt and not to hold grudges
- We teach children that God always forgives us and that nothing that we do is so bad that God won't love us anymore
- In assembly, we give children time to say sorry to God in their prayers if they are feeling guilty about something

Hope



Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.’

Hope

- We encourage children to be hopeful, to think positively
- We work hard to bring hope to children whose lives are difficult at the moment. Our learning mentor and social worker are available to children and their families when things are tough
- We tell children about the hope we have in Jesus

Justice



‘Do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God’.

Justice

- We teach children the importance of fairness
- We expect children to be fair to one another
- We teach them about the evils of injustice; about racism and discrimination and how they have been overcome
- We inspire children with the stories of people like Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King who worked for justice
- We encourage the children to try and make the world a fairer place for everybody through supporting things like fair trade and charities such as Christian Aid.