



based on Romans 12:8-11

Dear Friends

We all have been given lovely gifts.
When you give, give with a loving heart.
If you have a job to do, do it really well.
If you are helping someone, do it happily.
Be real in your love for each other.
Do not just pretend to be good.
Love and care for each other as good brothers and sisters. Be whole-hearted and enthusiastic in all you do.
Be joyful.
When things get hard, keep on going.
Pray regularly.
Share what you have with people in need.
Always make people feel welcome.

based on Mark 3: 13-19

Jesus left the crowds behind and went up onto the mountain. He sent for some of his friends. When they came he chose twelve of them to be his special friends and to help him in his work. "I have chosen you to be my apostles," he said, "I want to send you out to tell everyone the Good News of God's love."

These are the names of the twelve:

Simon (whom Jesus called Peter – the rock);
James and John, the sons of Zebedee (whom Jesus called sons of thunder);
Andrew; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas;
James the son of Alphaeus; Thaddaeus;
Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot (he would, one day, betray Jesus).



Spring Term

Theme: Community

Year Four

Topic: Community

based on Acts 6:2-13; 7:57-60

The twelve apostles called a meeting of all Jesus' friends.

They said: "More and more people want to hear the Good News. It is important that we give as much time as we can to telling people about Jesus. We need help to give out the food. Then we can spend more time teaching and praying. Please choose from among you seven good people to help."

The friends of Jesus agreed and picked seven. One of the seven was Stephen. The apostles laid their hands on the seven and prayed for them. The apostles spread the Good News to many more people and these became followers of Jesus.





Spring Term

Theme: Relating

Year Four

Topic: Giving & Receiving

based on 1 Corinthians 11:24-27

The tradition that I received is one which goes right back to Jesus himself. It is this same tradition which I have handed on to you: that on the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus, took some bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread and said, This is my body which is for you, do this in remembrance of me."

Then in the same way he took the cup of wine after supper, gave thanks to God and said, "This cup is the cup of my life blood, whenever you drink it do this as a memorial of me."

This means that whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup you are proclaiming the death of Jesus until he comes.

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based on Matthew 5:45-48

You have learned 'You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy'.

But I say this to you:

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons and daughters of God.

God's love is like the sun, which rises each day

and gives warmth and light to everyone, not just good people.

God sends rain to water the earth and the rain falls on the honest and the dishonest people alike.

Don't just love people who love you!

Don't just talk to the people who are your friends!

No, I tell you, your love must be like God's love.

God loves everyone no matter who they are or what they do. You must not put any limits on your love, for the love of your Father in heaven is never-ending, never-changing





based on Matthew 6:2-4

When you give something to someone in need, don't go around boasting about what you have done. This is what people who want to show off do. They are not really generous. They do it so that people will see them and tell them how wonderful they are. I tell you, they already have had their reward.

When you help someone in need, don't tell anyone. Do it so that even your best friends know nothing about it, and your Father in heaven who knows what is in your heart will reward you.

based on John 13:4-9, 12-15

Just before they began their last supper together, Jesus wrapped a towel round himself, filled a bowl of water and knelt before each one of them to wash their feet and wipe them with the towel.

Peter was horrified and tried to refuse. "You shall never wash my feet," he said. This was the service done by the lowest of all the slaves.

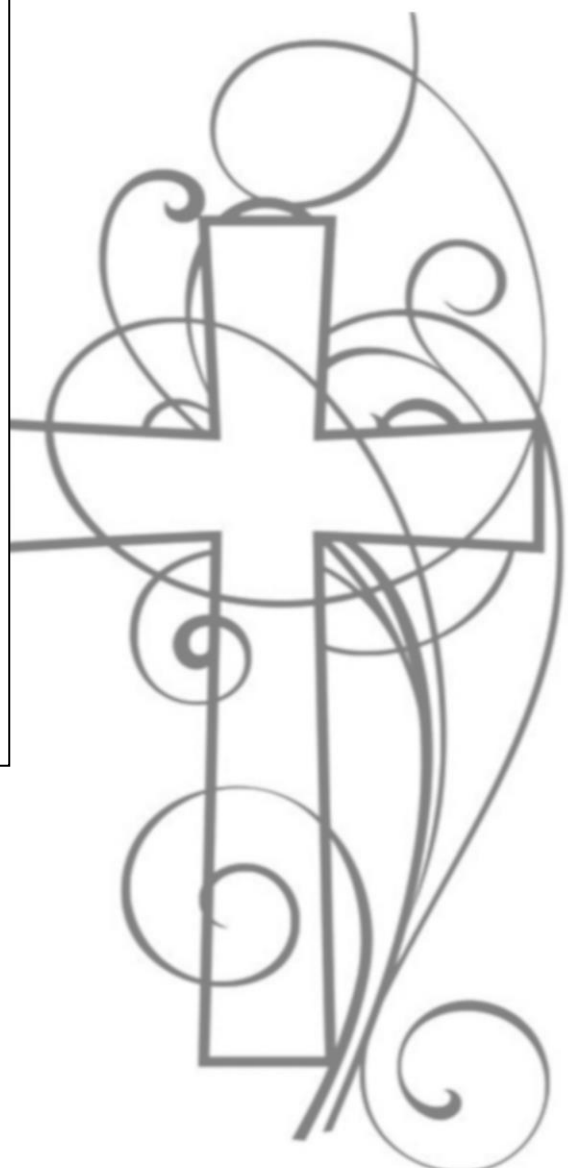
Then Jesus told him, "If I do not wash you, you cannot share my life."

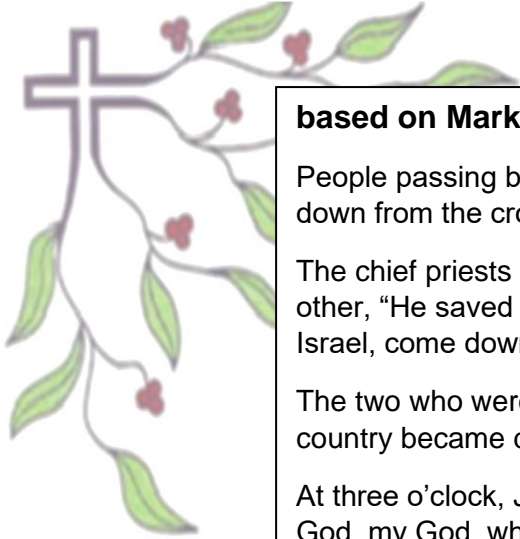
At this, Peter said, "Then, Lord, wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

When he had finished, Jesus explained exactly what his action meant.

"Do you understand," he said, "what I have done for you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example, so that you may copy what I have done for you."

Spring Term
Theme: Giving
Year Four
Topic: Self Discipline





based on Mark 15:23-41

People passing by insulted Jesus. They shook their heads and said, "Come down from the cross and save yourself."

The chief priests and the teachers of the law jeered at Jesus, saying to each other, "He saved others but he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now and we will believe in him."

The two who were crucified with him insulted him too. At midday the whole country became dark. This lasted three hours.

At three o'clock, Jesus cried out, "Eloi, Eloi Lama Sabactani," which means, 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

Some of the people there heard him and said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

Someone soaked a sponge in cheap wine and put it on the end of a stick. He held it to his lips saying, "Let's see if Elijah will come and take him down from the cross."

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and died.

When the centurion, who was standing opposite saw how he died he said, "This man really was the Son of God."

Some women were there watching from a distance. They were Mary of Magdala, Mary the Mother of the younger James and of Joseph, and Salome. They had followed Jesus and had helped him when he was in Galilee. Many other women were there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

based on Mark 16:2-8

Very early on Sunday morning, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went to Jesus' tomb. The sun was just coming up.

They had been asking one another about who would roll away the heavy stone across the entrance, but as they came close they could see it had been moved already. As they went into the tomb they saw a young man dressed in white sitting there. They were amazed.

He said to them, "Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is risen; he is not here. See, here's the place where his body was laid. But you must go and tell Peter and his disciples that Jesus is going to Galilee. You will see him, just as he told you."

The women came out. They ran away because they were still frightened, and said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

