

The Christian Ethos Team (CET)

The CET is a sub-group of the Governing Body and supports Collective Worship in School. Within its membership, we have representatives from the teaching staff, student body, SLT, Chaplain, and Foundation Governors. Pupil voice via the Spirituality Chaplains is also fed into the team by the Chaplain who meets with them fortnightly.

The CET meets once every half term. It helps set the aims of Collective Worship in School and monitors the quality and content of worship planning and delivery. It assesses student and teacher evaluation and feeds into the School Development plan. Members also take a close interest in the overall ethos of the School, the teaching of Religious Education and the pastoral care of our students.

Membership of the CET is as follows:

Miss M Hayhurst	Chair of CET and representative of St.Paul's Church, Marton
Mr A MacLeod	Chair of Governors
Mr G Warnock	Headteacher
Mrs T Hackney	Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Spirituality
Mrs H Sage	Diocesan Adviser to High Schools and Academies
Mrs J O'Sullivan	Head of R.E.
Rev. L. Tomkinson	Minister and representative of Freedom Church, Mereside
<i>A representative from St.Christopher & St.Nicholas' parish</i>	
<i>A teacher representative</i>	
<i>2 pupil representatives</i>	
<i>A governor</i>	
Rev H Houston	Chaplain



Christian Union

Christian Union meets on Wednesdays after school until 3:45pm. It is open to all year groups and is a good way to make new friends. Those who come tend to be students who have a faith themselves or are thinking about faith issues, but we also get students coming along for the company and support.

Our meetings always include a free drink and snack, games, catch-up time, activities, learning about the Christian faith and prayers for the world and one another. We also have the occasional visit from other chaplains, youth workers and ministers who add to the fun!

Last academic year we managed two pizza parties, a baptism and an Easter egg hunt; while our end of school year trip took us to Chester, its cathedral and shops. The year before that we could be found at a Retreat House in Preston praying and relaxing before getting competitive at ten-pin bowling.

Students are warmly invited to come and see what Christian Union has planned for this term.

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Ignite!

Some of our students want to know more about the Christian faith. Ignite is a Bible study group especially for them that meets immediately after Christian Union has finished. It draws to a close around 4:15pm.

Confirmation Group



For those students who want to be known as and be active as Christians, St. George's offers a Confirmation Group.

'Confirmation' is a rite of passage in the Church that normally happens when a child reaches his / her teenage years. It follows on from baptism, which is sometimes called 'christening'. Confirmation is the public ownership of faith by candidates in a service led by a Bishop and witnessed by friends and family.

The Confirmation Group at St. George's School prepares students for their Confirmation Service. It takes students through the basics of Christian belief and practice and explains what life as a Christian living within the Anglican ('Church of England') family looks like.

Please be aware that local churches offer Confirmation groups and our parish clergy will be delighted to meet you and your child and prepare him / her for Confirmation. Should your child like to join the school group instead, permission to go forward for Confirmation at St. George's must be obtained from your parish clergy. For more information, please ask the school chaplain.

'Fifteen Christian Gifts'

What does a Christian faith school look like and feel like?

Back in 2009 the National Society came up with its 'Christian Values for Schools' agenda which St. George's, along with other Church of England Schools, has embraced (although we call these values "gifts" at St. George's).

The fifteen values or gifts which characterise our school include: Reverence, Wisdom, Thankfulness, Humility, Endurance, Service, Compassion, Trust, Peace, Forgiveness, Friendship, Justice, Hope, Creation and Koinonia (a Greek word meaning 'Christian Community'). These form our themes for worship and are values we try to live out in our relationships with each other.

Many of these gifts have overlaps with the values of other faiths, and, where we can make links from other traditions, we do. At the same time we have a distinctively Christian approach to these gifts / values which is influenced by the emphasis we put on the person of Jesus.

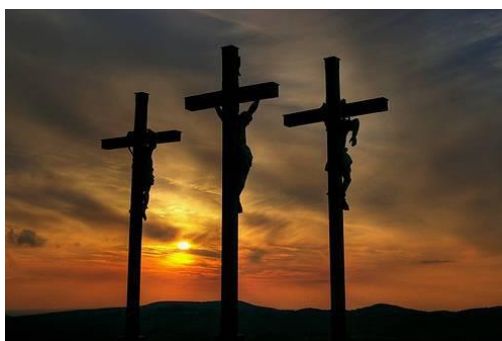


Our Christian gifts cross in the Main Hall.

Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God and God made human. We give him titles such as 'Christ' meaning 'God's anointed one' which recognises his status, 'Lord' because he is our guide and teacher in life, and 'Saviour' because we believe he saved us from the consequences of our sin and allowed us to have a life-giving relationship with God.

Jesus' life, death and resurrection, are central and fundamental to our view of the world, so the Christian gifts or values that we espouse at school will always link back to him.

Consequently, Jesus is mentioned in every act of worship, in our bible readings, stories and prayers. (Please see: <http://www.christianvalues4schools.co.uk/> and <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2009/05/pr4909.aspx> for more information.)



Colour of the Season:
Green



Church Season:
Trinity

