

## '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.)

