



No one is born with hatred or intolerance.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

**Jesus** said to his disciples: “You know that you have been taught, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I tell you not to try to get even with a person who has done something to you. When someone slaps your right cheek, turn and let that person slap your other cheek. If someone sues you for your shirt, give up your coat as well. If a soldier forces you to carry his pack one mile, carry it two miles. When people ask you for something, give it to them. When they want to borrow money, lend it to them. “You have heard people say, “Love your neighbours and hate your enemies.” But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you. Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both good and bad people. And he sends rain for the ones who do right and for the ones who do wrong. If you love only those people who love you, will God reward you for that? Even tax collectors love their friends. If you greet only your friends, what’s so great about that? Don’t even unbelievers do that? But you must always act like your Father in heaven.” **Matthew 5:38-48**

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

**Ghandi** once said: “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind!” This warns us of the dangers of not being able to see the other person’s point of view and clinging relentlessly to our own beliefs and opinions. It is good to stand up for what we believe in, but if we want to build a healthy world we have to be able to understand and respect the beliefs, customs, and lifestyles of the other 6 billion people with whom we share this one planet! Often when someone is different from us we are too quick to create a “them” and “us” divide, and we can even go so far as to call them “enemies”. When Jesus calls us to love our enemies he is encouraging us to be tolerant – tolerance does not mean that we necessarily agree, or ignore each other: it means we make space for other people’s opinions, which to us may seem different, odd, confusing, interesting wrong...

## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- Who might be vulnerable to intolerance in today's world?
- How do you feel when you come across intolerant actions or words?
- When do you find it hard to be tolerant?
- What can you do to help promote tolerance in your community?

## SOMETHING TO DO

This week keep an eye out on social media for any example of intolerance.

Be brave and try to counter any intolerant comment with one encouraging tolerance!



## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Loving Father, we who are  
divided,  
unloving,  
prejudiced at times,  
inclined to misunderstanding,  
intolerant.

Make us instead  
united,  
loving,  
open to learning,  
understanding and forgiving,  
tolerant.

May your Spirit be present in us as  
you are in all peoples.  
Amen.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

On THURSDAY there is a Pupil Chaplaincy Team Meeting after school until 4pm. This month we will be planning our Lent fundraising campaign. All are very welcome - even if you haven't been to a meeting before!

In preparation for FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT, the CHAPEL CAFÉ returns on FRIDAY - Fairtrade hot chocolate and cakes will be available at break outside the Chapel. Thank you to the lower school SVP who are organising the Café!

