



# Koinonia Federation



Ethos Newsletter

Spring 2020

## **Welcome to our Ethos Newsletter.**

As a Federation we are proud of our ethos: Fellowship, Family, Faith. It is part of everything we do. It helps us plan the curriculum, care for our students and support our staff.

It encourages us to grow a sense of belonging across our 3 campuses and our 2 schools. It inspires us to feel like a family where everyone is valued for who they are as well as understanding that we have our faith as a way of connecting with each other and with God.

We hope that everyone who is linked to our Federation feels they can connect with our community of faith and feel supported and encouraged as we pray and learn together.

With Every Blessing, Rev. Dominic – Federation Chaplain.

Themes in our worship and in our Chapel so far this year:

### ***New Starts – Growing***

September saw a new start for everyone. In the Chapel we gave thanks for what we have and wrote prayers with our hopes for our time ahead.

Did you start something new too? Has it grown since? What would help?

### ***October and November – Remembering***

It was a season of remembering – from Black History Month and International Week, All Saints and All Souls, and Remembrance Sunday. In all these things we remember those who have made a difference to us – maybe those we love and see no longer. My prayer is that you have found time to remember those special to you and that God has blessed them and you as you spend time remembering.

### ***Advent, Christmas and the New Year – Blessing***

Advent was the period of watching and waiting. As God's people watching and waiting for Jesus to come, we see the characters in our Nativity story waiting for God to act. Did you give yourself time to watch and wait to see what God has been doing in your life? Did you feel blessed at Christmas? Our Chaplain has been blessing our buildings by chalking above some of the doors 20+C+M+B+20.

How could you bless your homes and families this year? How could you spread the Christmas joy to others all year round? It's not easy – but with God's help we could make a difference.

It is our hope as a Federation to do several things through our ethos and our faith:

Firstly that we can offer students a safe place to learn and work.

Secondly to develop an encouraging and interesting place to explore the world and their faith.

Thirdly, we build life skills to strengthen resilient people who know they are loved by God.

Lastly we hope that we might offer everyone a life-enhancing opportunity to develop their faith – whether through School Eucharist, Chapel Time, Prayer, Family Group or high quality Collective Worship or through the Pastoral Care offered by our Chaplain and our staff team.

## **Christ Church East Greenwich:**

Sundays – 10am

Service with Holy Communion  
with Junior Church+Youth Group  
All-Age Service 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

Easter Family Activities –Good Friday  
10<sup>th</sup> April - 10am-12noon

More info:

[www.christchurcheastgreenwich.org.uk](http://www.christchurcheastgreenwich.org.uk)

## **Messy Church – 3.30pm-5.30pm**

### **Christ Church East Greenwich:**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

## **Messy Church – 3.30pm-5.30pm**

### **St Mary Magdalene School-Peninsula:**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

## **St Mary's Church - Woolwich:**

Sundays - 10am –

Holy Communion

with Sunday School 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>

Sundays of the month

More info: [www.stmaryswoolwich.co.uk](http://www.stmaryswoolwich.co.uk)

## **Faith in Action:**

Last term the schools were supporting Greenwich Winter Night Shelter and Greenwich Foodbank.

GWNS works across the area to provide safe places for homeless people, a hot meal, breakfast and access to support services.

[www.gwns.org.uk](http://www.gwns.org.uk)

Greenwich Foodbank provides food and help parcels for those struggling  
[www.greenwich.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.greenwich.foodbank.org.uk)

Both can be accessed through Christ Church East Greenwich office: Tel:

020 8853 3235

or through their websites.

Our Schools can offer foodbank vouchers if you are in need.

Contact Church to volunteer your time or to make a donation.

## **Our Motto is:**

Do unto others that which they would do unto you.

## **Our Memory Verses and Collective Worship Themes this year are:**

Autumn 1 – Fellowship + Motivation

*“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.” Hebrews 12:1*

Autumn 2 – Fellowship + Community

*‘Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.’ Hebrews 10:24-25.*

Spring 1 – Faith + Courage

*‘Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.’ 1 Corinthians 16:13*

Spring 2 – Faith + Commitment

*“Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58*

Summer 1 – Family + Gratitude

*“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.” Psalm 107: 1*

Summer 2 – Family + Respect

*“Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God.” 1 Peter 2:17*

## **All excerpts from the New Revised Standard Version (Anglicized) Bible**

Why not...

- Talk with your family about what Fellowship, Family and Faith mean to you?
- Read the readings and think about motivation, community, courage, commitment, gratitude and respect.
- Say a prayer before a meal giving thanks for what you have and asking God for his blessing on you and your home.
- Offer some of your time to help other people. That might be by volunteering, helping with a School event or helping someone in your community.

You could also support our ethos by...

- Praying for our Federation – the schools, staff and students – and asking God to be at work in all our lives.
- Talking with your family about what you would like to achieve this year and asking those who support you to help you with those goals.
- Thinking positively about and acting respectfully around our schools. Seeking to be at peace with people, greeting everyone with kindness and care.

For more information about our Federation contact us or speak to a member of staff.

For more information or a conversation about our ethos then speak to our Chaplain, our Chair of the Ethos Committee – Rev. Margaret Cave or one of our Senior Leadership Team.

If you would like someone to pray with you or speak with you about your faith then email our Chaplain – Rev Dominic – on [chaplain@koinoniafederation.com](mailto:chaplain@koinoniafederation.com) or give your contact details to our office staff and he will be in contact as soon as he is able.