



Koinonia Federation



Chaplain Newsletter

Autumn 2020

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.

This year our Collective worship time is focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit. Described in St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, the fruit of living a spirit-filled life is love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, generosity, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Our students will be spending time this year considering these 9 qualities and thinking about how our school, our communities and our homes would be different if we had more of these things in our hearts as we live our lives.

In school our Collective Worship is mostly being done in classrooms and I have been making films for classes to watch with prayers, stories, music and time to think.

At home you could spend time as a family considering what fruit you would want to grow in your relationships – with God, with each other and within you too.

May you be blessed as you seek to grow in God's Spirit. Amen.

With Every Blessing, Rev. Dominic – Federation Chaplain.

Many of our Churches have changed the way they meet and the times of services to be Covid-Safe.

Please look on their websites for times and services and people to contact if you have specific questions.

Also check out their websites and social media pages for recorded services, events and online groups.

Christ Church East Greenwich:

More info:

www.christchurcheastgreenwich.org.uk

St Mary's Church - Woolwich:

More info:

www.stmaryswoolwich.co.uk

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It is good to give thanks to God for the many blessings around us. God created a beautiful world that we live in and He commands us to treat it well, encourage its growth and protect it for all people.

We have been asked by the FoodBank NOT to collect food donations at this time so we have decided to focus on the Gift of God's World.

This year in school and at our churches in East Greenwich we will be focussing on God's Amazing Creation and how we can protect it.

With pictures in the news of facemasks littering our streets and parks, of wildlife dying because of the litter we drop and the plastic we use, we choose this Harvest time to think about our wonderful world.

Talk about the beautiful places you have been, about nature and wildlife, about our beaches, seas, about the plants we grow and the air we breathe. Give thanks to God for these things.

Harvest for the World – Why not do something differently?

This year instead of sending in food – choose 2 or 3 things to change about your environment and lifestyle:

Try to recycle more, pick up litter, use re-useable masks, water bottles, use less plastic, donate clothes you don't need to charity, buy second-hand if you can, write to your local MP about rubbish and government policy on Environmental issues, use a re-useable shopping bag, use sustainable palm oil products, change to eco-friendly products (food, hygiene + cleaning).

Do them for a month and see what change it has made.

Share with friends what you are doing and how it is going.

Faith in Action:

Our work with local organisations and our support of local eco-projects continues. Please look on their websites to find out how to help out.

Greenwich Winter Night Shelter

www.gwns.org.uk

Greenwich Winter Foodbank

www.greenwich.foodbank.org.uk

Christ Church School

Community Garden

Twitter: [@growingforgold](https://twitter.com/growingforgold)

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 (Sept – Oct) – The Fruit of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

Suggested stories or scripture of fruit and growth could include:

Find Stories of Creation in the Bible - Genesis 1&2, Ezekiel 47:12, Revelation 22:1-2

Think about: The seeds we sow become the fruits we grow.

Talk about: What fruits do you want to see growing in your life?

AUTUMN 2 (Nov-Dec) – Love & joy

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.*

John 13:35

Find stories or scripture of love and joy in the Bible:

Jesus washing the disciple's feet, 1 Corinthians 13, The Prodigal Son, The Lost Sheep.

Think about: How do we show our love?

Talk about: Acts of Love and Words of Joy.

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

Why not...

- Talk with your family about what the Holy Spirit means for you? How might we make choices or live according to God's Spirit rather than the way the world wants us to live?
- Read the readings and think about God's perfect creation, Love and Joy – where have you seen that reminds you of somewhere perfect? Who do you know that show the qualities of love and joy?
- Say a prayer before a meal giving thanks for what you have and asking God for his blessing on you and your home. Pray to God that good things will grow in us as we try to live God's way.
- Offer some of your time to help other people. People are feeling vulnerable and isolated right now: Could you have a coffee with someone, phone someone, give a gift, cook a meal for someone struggling.
- If you know someone who would benefit from a gift of food – please let your school know as we have some items that we can share without anyone knowing.

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 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 or give your contact details to our office staff and he will be in contact as soon as he is able.

Please contact your home-school link worker if you need a Foodbank Voucher.