



	Christian Calendar	Value	The Bishops' teachings	Key Bible Story	School symbol/ Link to school ethos	Bee Rule	Link with British Value
Autumn 1	Harvest	<p><b>Perseverance</b></p> 	<p>"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle"</p>	<p><b>The Parable of the Lost Sheep – (Mat 18:12-14 or Luke 15: 3-7)</b></p> <p>The Parable of the <b>Persistent Widow</b> – (Luke 18:1-8)</p> <p>Running a race – (1 Cor 9:24-27)</p> <p>Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you – (Mat 7:7)</p> <p>Jacob wrestling with an Angel – (Gen 32:22-32)</p> <p>Moses pleading with Pharaoh – (Ex 4:18 – 14:31)</p> <p>Moses, Aaron and <b>Miriam</b> lead the Israelites wander the desert for 40 years – <u>Second half of book of Exodus</u></p> <p>The entire book of Job is about faith and perseverance in the face of suffering and hardship. – See here for simple summary - <a href="https://www.biblefunforkids.com/2014/04/job.html">https://www.biblefunforkids.com/2014/04/job.html</a></p> <p>The life of Jeramiah is one of perseverance in the face of persecution and hardship</p> <p>those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. – (Isa 40:31)</p>	<p>Scripture: If you have faith as small as a mustard seed. Nothing will be impossible for you.</p>	<p>Launch of the Bee rules</p>	<p>Democracy – setting up school council and shared responsibility of the school</p>


				<p>The passion narratives demonstrate Jesus' perseverance as well as that of <b>Mary</b> his Mother and <b>Mary Magdalene</b>, who remained with him to the end when all others had fled.</p> <p>The story of Paul's life as depicted in the book of Acts and his letters tells of his perseverance throughout, imprisonment, flogging, ship wrecks, bandits, poverty, rejection, angry mobs etc.</p>			
<b>Autumn 2</b>	All saints Day Advent Christmas service	<p><b>Compassion</b></p> 	<p>"Where there is despair in life let me bring hope"</p>	<p><b>The story of Loaves and Fish – Feeding the 5000 (Matthew 14:13-21)</b></p> <p>The <b>Daughter of Pharaoh</b> came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. – (Exodus 2:5-6)</p> <p>But <b>Ruth</b> said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God." – (Ruth 1:16). The book of Ruth tells the tale of a widowed women who refuses to abandon her mother-in-law to poverty.</p> <p>"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,"</p>	School Prayer	Be friendly with everyone	Mutual respect – helping others

			<p>says the Lord, who has compassion on you. – <u>(Isaiah 54:10)</u></p> <p>The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made. – <u>(Psalm 145:8-9)</u></p> <p>Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. – <u>(Psalm 112:3-5)</u></p> <p>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. – <u>(Colossians 3:12)</u></p> <p>Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. – <u>(Galatians 6:2)</u></p> <p>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us all in our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.—<u>(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)</u></p> <p>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you. – <u>(Ephesians 4:32)</u></p> <p>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. – <u>(Romans 12:15)</u></p>			
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				<p>Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. – <u>(1 Peter 3:8)</u></p> <p>Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. – <u>(1 Peter 4:10)</u></p> <p>This is what the Lord Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.' – <u>(Zechariah 7:9-10)</u></p> <p>Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. – <u>(Philippians 2:1-2)</u></p> <p>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. – <u>(Colossians 3:12)</u></p> <p>Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. – <u>(Galatians 6:2)</u></p> <p>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all</p>			
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			<p>comfort, who comforts us all in our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. – <u>(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)</u></p> <p>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you. – <u>(Ephesians 4:32)</u></p> <p>When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. – <u>(Matthew 14:13-14)</u></p> <p>Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.” Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him. – <u>(Matthew 20:30-34)</u></p> <p>As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” Then he</p>			
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			<p>went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. – <u>(Luke 7:12-15)</u></p> <p>When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. – <u>(Mark 6:34)</u></p> <p>The feeding of the 5000 – <u>(Matthew 14:13-21)</u> <u>(Mark 6:31-44)</u> <u>(Luke 9:12-17)</u> <u>(John 6:1-14)</u></p> <p>When Jesus saw <b>Martha</b> weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. – <u>(John 11:33-35)</u></p> <p>Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a <b>Poor Widow</b> put in two small copper coins. He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.' – <u>(Luke 21:1-4)</u></p> <p>The letters of <u>James</u> and <u>John</u> contain a lot of good material about compassion, equality and caring for the marginalised and the oppressed. James was the brother of Jesus and John one of his disciples so</p>			
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				<p>these letters represent the faith response of the very first Christians who witnessed the ministry of Jesus.</p> <p>There are numerous other examples in the Gospels as the entirety of Jesus ministry can be surmised as one of compassion, a way of being that he sought for us to imitate, a notion is summed up in the 'Grand commandment' to Love God and to Love our neighbour as ourselves. This is the core of the Christian faith. (<u>Matthew 22:35-40</u>) (<u>Mark 12:28-34</u>) (<u>Luke 10:27</u>).</p> <p>Similarly: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. – (<u>John 15:12-13</u>)</p>			
<p><b>Spring 1</b></p>	<p>Epiphany St Valentines Day Candlemas</p>	<p><b>Respect</b></p> 	<p>"Love for God and all his creation, where every creature was sacred, is a path to follow today. It is a call for us all to be caretakers of creation, and live in harmony with it."</p>	<p><b>Key Bible story to be used on values day: The story of Nehemiah</b></p> <p>Much of the respect material crosses over with compassion, particularly the grand commandment.</p> <p>I've split into 4 categories with particular focus on environmental.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Each other</u> - In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. – (<u>Matthew 12:7</u>) and (<u>Luke 6:31</u>). Also known as 'The Golden rule'</li> </ol>	<p>Mantra: Belong, Believe, Aspire and Achieve</p>	<p>Be careful with property</p>	<p>Mutual respect for those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.</p>

				<p>2. <u>Our Grown up's</u> - Honour your father and your mother. – (Exodus 20:12). Also, see the example of Jesus with the respect he pays to Mary and Joseph and his older cousin, John.</p> <p>3. <u>Our Environment</u> - For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine. – (<u>Psalm 50:10-11</u>)</p> <p>But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being. – (<u>Job 12:7-10</u>)</p> <p><u>Job 38-41</u> and <u>Psalm 104</u> provide alternative creation narratives to <u>Genesis 1-3</u> with lots of brilliant imagery eg...</p> <p>You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build</p>			
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				<p>their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coneys. You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens. People go out to their work and to their labour until the evening. – <u>(Psalm 104 14-23)</u></p> <p>Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' – <u>(Genesis 1:26)</u></p> <p>I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. – <u>(Jeremiah 2:7)</u></p> <p>For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is</p>			
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				<p>before all things, and in him all things hold together. – <u>(Colossians 1:16-17)</u></p> <p>The notion of 'Stewardship' is the most popular expression of Christian environmentalism and, whilst not without its detractors on both sides of the climate debate, is probably the simplest paradigm to utilise with primary aged children.</p> <p>4. <u>Ourselves</u></p> <p>Jesus tells us that we must love others as we love ourselves, we must therefore learn to love ourselves as God loves us.</p> <p>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. – <u>(1 John 4:16)</u></p>			
<b>Spring 2</b>	<p>Shrove Tuesday Ash Wednesday St Piran's Day Mothering Sunday Holy week Easter Service</p>	<p><b>Forgiveness</b></p> 	<p>"Lord make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred let me sow love."</p>	<p><b>The Parable of the Prodigal son – (Luke 15:11-32)</b></p> <p>Joseph forgives his brothers – (Genesis 37-50) The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant – (Matthew 18:21-35) The Lord's Prayer – (Matthew 6:9-15)</p> <p>Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. – (Luke 6:37)</p>	The Bishops' mitre and crosier (the 4 Bishops)	Be good to yourself	Democracy – conflict resolution through fairness

				<p>Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. – (Matthew 18:21-22)</p> <p>You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. – (Matthew 5:38-48)</p> <p>The scribes and the Pharisees brought a <b>Woman</b> who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to Jesus, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of</p>			
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				<p>committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.' – <u>(John 8:1-11)</u></p> <p>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. – <u>(Colossians 3:13)</u></p> <p>Jesus chose to minister to people on the edge, those who society shunned as sinners; prostitutes, tax collectors, lepers, beggars, foreign women, occupying soldiers etc. see Mary Magdalen, Zacchaeus et al.</p>			
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<p>Summer 1</p>	<p>May Day Ascension Day St Georges Day</p>	<p><b>Trust</b></p> 	<p>“The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons may hear today”</p>	<p><b>Jesus calms the storm – (Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41 &amp; Luke 8:22-25)</b></p> <p>Noah’s Ark – <u>(Genesis 6:9 – 8:22)</u></p> <p>Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ – <u>(Matthew 14:28-31)</u></p> <p>Jesus said to them, For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, “Move from here to there”, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.’ – <u>(Matthew 17:20)</u></p> <p>When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. – <u>(Psalm 56:3)</u></p> <p>You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.’ – <u>(Psalm 91:1-2)</u></p> <p>Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge God, and your paths will be made straight. – <u>(Proverbs 3:5-6)</u></p>	<p>Vision</p>	<p>Be proud of your school</p>	<p>The rule of law</p>
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				<p>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. – <u>(Romans 15:13)</u></p> <p>Then suddenly a <b>Woman</b> who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. – <u>(Matthew 9:20-22)</u></p> <p>The story of <b>Mary</b> and Joseph – <u>(Luke 1:26-57 and Matthew 1:18-25)</u></p> <p>You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. – (Leviticus 19-11)</p> <p>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. – <u>(Colossians 3:9-10)</u></p> <p>Much of the Bible depicts the lives of individuals who trusted in God and demonstrated great faith. As such, nearly all of the characters from scripture could be utilised in discussing trust and faith with the children.</p>			
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<p>Summer 2</p>	<p>Fathers day Pentecost Eucharist Service Leavers Service</p>	<p><b>Courage</b></p> 	<p>“a single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows”</p>	<p><b>David and Goliath – (1 Samuel 17)</b></p> <p>Daniel in the Lion’s Den – <u>(Daniel 6)</u></p> <p><b>Rahab</b> saves the Israelite spies – <u>(Joshua 2)</u></p> <p><b>Shiphrah</b> and <b>Puah</b>, the midwives, defy Pharaoh to save the Hebrew baby boys. – <u>(Exodus 1:15-19)</u></p> <p><b>Deborah</b>; judge, warrior, poet, prophet, singer/songwriter. – <u>(Judges 4 &amp; 5)</u></p> <p><b>Junia, Priscilla</b> and <b>Phoebe</b> – The only named women (Most scholars believe that women played a much greater role in the foundations of the Christian faith than these few names suggests) who risked their lives working alongside Paul to spread the Gospel. – <u>(Romans 16)</u></p> <p>Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. – <u>(Deuteronomy 31:6)</u></p> <p>Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. – <u>(Joshua 1:9)</u></p>	<p>Vision</p>	<p>Celebration of the Bee rules</p>	<p>Individual liberty – having the courage to stand up for what you believe in</p>
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				<p>Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. – <u>(1 Corinthians 16:13)</u></p> <p>There is much material about courage in the Passion narratives as well as the letters of Paul and the account of the early church in the Pastoral letters and the book of Acts. (see Perseverance)</p> <p>St Michael and the Dragon – (Revelation 12:7-10)</p>			
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Notable Fests and Saints days

**January**

- 11<sup>th</sup> – **Mary Slessor** – Pioneering, working class missionary – **Perseverance . Compassion . Courage**
- 17<sup>th</sup> – George Fox – Founder of the Society of Friends – **Perseverance . Respect**
- 21<sup>st</sup> – **Agnes** – Child-Martyr at Rome – **Courage . Compassion**
- 25<sup>th</sup> – The Conversion of Paul – **Forgiveness**
- 31<sup>st</sup> – John Bosco – Founder of the Salesians – **Compassion**

**February**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **Brigid** – Abbes of Kildare – **Compassion . Respect**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Presentation of Christ/Candlemas – **Trust . Respect (Themes of blessing and light. Traditionally everyone would bring their candles into church to be blessed for the year ahead.)**
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine – Martyr at Rome – **Trust . Compassion . Courage**

**March**



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1<sup>st</sup> – St David's Day – Patron Saint of Wales -- **Compassion**

8<sup>th</sup> – Fr Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy – 'Woodbine Willie' – **Compassion . Courage . Respect**

17<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick's Day – Patron Saint of Ireland – **Perseverance . Trust . Courage (St Patrick's Breastplate also known as the Lorica is a particularly famous prayer that could be shared with the children along with all the fantastical tales of Patrick's life!)**

19<sup>th</sup> – Joseph of Nazareth – Jesus' earthly father, a working carpenter and a good man by all accounts – **Trust . Compassion . Respect**

21<sup>st</sup> – Thomas Cranmer – Archbishop of Canterbury and author of Book of Common prayer and 39 articles – **Perseverance**

24<sup>th</sup> – Oscar Romero – Archbishop of San Salvador, Liberation theologian and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Martyr – **Perseverance . Trust . Compassion . Courage (Hugely important and influential in modern theology especially with regards to courageous advocacy)**

25<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Annunciation – Celebration of Gabriel visiting Mary to tell her she is pregnant with Jesus. Particular focus on Mary – **Trust . Courage**

#### **April**

9<sup>th</sup> – Dietrich Bonhoeffer – German pastor and Martyr who defied the Nazi's – **Perseverance . Trust . Compassion . Courage . Forgiveness (Hugely important and influential in modern theology especially with regards to courageous advocacy)**

23<sup>rd</sup> – St George's day – Martyr – **Courage . Respect**

25<sup>th</sup> – Feat of Mark the evangelist –

27<sup>th</sup> – **Christina Rosetti** – Poet and author of *In the Bleak mid-winter* – **Perseverance . Compassion**

29<sup>th</sup> – **Catherine of Siena** – Spiritual mystic and Teacher of the faith – **Perseverance . Trust**

30<sup>th</sup> – **Pandita Mary Ramabai** – Translator of scriptures and campaigner for women and orphans – **Compassion . Courage**

#### **May**

1<sup>st</sup> – May Day and Phillip and James, Apostles –

8<sup>th</sup> – **Julian of Norwich** – Christian visionary and mystic and first female author of a book in English – **Perseverance . Trust . Compassion**

23<sup>rd</sup> – Petroc – Abbot of Padstow and 'The Captain of Cornish Saints' – **Trust**

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24<sup>th</sup> – John and Charles Wesley – Founders of Methodism – **Perseverance . Compassion . Courage . Respect . Forgiveness**

30<sup>th</sup> – **Josephine Butler** – Social Reformer – **Perseverance . Compassion . Forgiveness**

30<sup>th</sup> – **Joan of Arc** – Visionary and leader – **Trust . Courage**

31<sup>st</sup> – Feast of the visitation – Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth to tell her of her pregnancy

### **June**

5<sup>th</sup> – Boniface of Crediton – Martyr and Missionary from Devon. Travelled to Pagan Germany to spread the Christian faith – **Trust . Courage**

11<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Barnabas the Apostle –

15<sup>th</sup> – **Evelyn Underhill** – Spiritual writer – **Trust**

17<sup>th</sup> – Samuel and **Henrietta** Barnett – Social Reformers – **Perseverance . Compassion**

22<sup>nd</sup> – Alban – First Martyr of Britain – **Trust . Compassion . Courage . Respect**

24<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist –

29<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Peter and Paul, Apostles –

### **July**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Feast of Thomas the Apostle –

11<sup>th</sup> – Benedict of Nursia – Founder of western Monasticism – **Perseverance . Compassion . Respect**

19<sup>th</sup> – Gregory and Macrina – Brother and Sister, Teachers of the faith – **Compassion . Respect**

22<sup>nd</sup> – Feast of Mary Magdalene –

25<sup>th</sup> – Feast of James the Apostle –

29<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Mary, Martha and Lazarus –

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30<sup>th</sup> – William Wilberforce – Social Reformer – Leader of Clapham sect and primary campaigner for the abolition of Slavery – **Perseverance . Compassion . Courage . Respect . Forgiveness**

### **August**

6<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Transfiguration –

11<sup>th</sup> – **Clare of Assisi** – Friend and colleague of Francis, established 1<sup>st</sup> order for women – **Perseverance . Compassion**

13<sup>th</sup> – **Florence Nightingale** – Nurse and Social Reformer – **Compassion . Courage**

14<sup>th</sup> – Maximilian Kolbe – Friar and Martyr – Defied the Nazis and gave his life to save another in Auschwitz – **Trust . Compassion . Courage . Forgiveness**

15<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary –

20<sup>th</sup> – William and **Catharine** Booth – Social Reformers and founders of the Salvation Army – **Compassion . Respect**

24<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Bartholomew the Apostle –

28<sup>th</sup> – Augustine of Hippo – Teacher of the Faith –

### **September**

14<sup>th</sup> – Holy Cross day – Festival –

17<sup>th</sup> – **Hildegard** of Bingen – Mystic -- **Trust**

21<sup>st</sup> – Feast of Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist –

26<sup>th</sup> – Wilson Carlile – Social Reformer and founder of the Church Army – **Perseverance . Trust . Compassion . Forgiveness**

29<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Michael and All Angels – **St Michael's Patronal festival**

### **October**

4<sup>th</sup> – Francis of Assisi – Founder of Franciscans – **Perseverance . Trust . Compassion . Courage . Respect . Forgiveness (St Francis is an important figure in courageous advocacy work especially regarding creation and the environment.)**

12<sup>th</sup> – **Edith Cavell** – Nurse who sacrificed her life to save soldiers from both sides during WWI – **Trust . Compassion . Courage . Forgiveness**

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18<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Luke the evangelist –

26<sup>th</sup> – Alfred the Great – **Courage . Forgiveness**

28<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Simon and Jude, Apostles –

31<sup>st</sup> – All Hallows eve –

### **November**

1st – All Saints Day—

2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls Day –

6<sup>th</sup> – William Temple – Archbishop of Canterbury and founding member of the welfare state – **Perseverance . Compassion**

9<sup>th</sup> – **Magery Kemp** – Mystic -- **Trust**

17<sup>th</sup> – Hugh of Lincoln – Bishop, Social reformer, defender of the Jewish faith. He also had a pet swan! – **Compassion . Respect . Forgiveness**

19<sup>th</sup> – **Hilda**, Abbess of Whitby – Early Church leader and Teacher of the faith – **Perseverance . Trust**

30<sup>th</sup> – St Andrew's day – Patron Saint of Scotland

### **December**

6<sup>th</sup> – Nicholas of Mayra – AKA Father Christmas! – **Perseverance . Compassion**

25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas day –

26<sup>th</sup> – St Stephen's day – Martyr – **Trust . Courage**

27<sup>th</sup> – Feast of John, Apostle and evangelist –

28<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Innocents –

### **Other notable Christians**

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- Sophie Scholl
  - Mother Theresa
  - Dr Martin Luther King Jr
  - Nelson Mandela
  - C.S. Lewis
  - JRR Tolkien
  - J.K. Rowling
  - Rowan Williams
  - Desmond Tutu
  - RS Thomas
  - Bono
  - Miranda Hart
  - Dorothy Sayers
  - Usain Bolt
  - Bear Grylls
  - Rose Hudson-Wilkin
  - Chris Pratt
  - Stormzy
  - Esther John
  - Manche Masemola
  - Mahalia Jackson
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- This list is by no means exhaustive but rather an introduction to some of the stories, characters and ideas in scripture which relate to our School values. Please feel free to contact me (Revd Lee) at any point if you have any questions or concerns about the use of scripture, there's no such thing as a silly question!
  - All the women mentioned have been highlighted in Red, this is because the Bible is a product of a patriarchal society, and as such, women are drastically underrepresented, a flaw which has been exploited to justify the continuation of inequality in our own society. For this reason I believe that it is our job as religious educators to seek to redress the balance wherever possible by ensuring that we champion the women of scripture. Also, of the children at our school who regularly attend church, many do so at churches whose theology/understanding of equality falls below the Church of England standard, let alone societal norms, and so it is important that we offer them an alternative view.

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- It must be said that cherry-picking any piece of scripture without consideration of its original context, translation, position in the canon and indeed ones own context, can be reductive and therefore potentially unhelpful. All scripture needs to be read through the prism of Jesus Christ, the God who is love who became a person and lived amongst us, healing, teaching, caring and loving all he met and urging us to do the same. The man who called out religious and political hypocrites, stoop up for the marginalised and the oppressed and loved so ferociously that we killed him for it, but love like that is stronger even than death, and so he returned that we might know the truth and be set free to live and love as he taught us. Now, there's an awful lot in scripture, particularly the Old Testament, which may not seem to marry up with this notion of the God of Love and so I've attached a short chapter as an introduction to Biblical hermeneutics, I hope it's helpful and please, again, do just ask if you have any questions and I'll do my best to answer.