

Reflection sheet 18th September 2017

This week we welcome Gideons International, a global ministry that distributes copies of the Bible to all. It is their prayer that all may come to know Jesus Christ. Our theme therefore for this week will be WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

Monday

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples who people thought he was. It was Peter who answered: "You are the Messiah". This answer had huge implications for the disciples, because the Jews were all waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the 'anointed' one.

Christians, followers of Christ, believe in him as the Messiah and centre our life on the message of Jesus. At St Paul's Academy, we live by the gospel values which Jesus taught us, and his commandments, the greatest of which is "Love one another".

Prayer:

God our Father, guide us to be more and more like Jesus, in everything that we do and say, so that we may become a truly Christian Community. Amen

Tuesday

Who is Jesus Christ for you? What part does he play in your life? What images come to your mind when you hear of the name of Jesus Christ? A kind teacher and leader? The great painter Leonardo da Vinci was faced with similar questions. He produced his finest paintings – "The Last Supper".

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that will be able to see your face in the people we meet today. Help us also to show the face of Jesus to those we live and work with, by our kind words and actions. Amen

Wednesday

Who is Jesus Christ? In many ways our theme for this week is about identity. Our own identity is vital to us. Knowing who we are helps us to place

ourselves in the world around us. How well do we reflect our beliefs?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, just as Peter recognised you as the Messiah, help us to recognise the goodness in each other. Amen.

Thursday

Today, the Church celebrates the feast of St Matthew, a tax collector who repented of his wicked ways and became a follower of Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

Lord, open our hearts and minds, enabling us to try and understand justice and fairness. Give us the courage to do what is right, to respond positively to the needs of others. Amen

Friday

The symbol of the cross on which Jesus died has become the sign of Christianity; a sign of both love and forgiveness. The cross also is about sacrifice. Christians believe that on the cross, Jesus sacrificed his life for us. In our own lives, we have our own crosses, sacrifices we have to make. Jesus asks us to take up our crosses and follow him.

Prayer:

Let us pray the prayer Jesus gave his disciples:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.