

The Land of the Living

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1	1st September		Topic: Identity in more than Grades Value: Determination + Ambition British Value: Individual Liberty	<i>This letter is from Paul, Silas, and Timothy. We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May God give you grace and peace. - 1 Thessalonians 1:1</i>				1st Sep	2nd Sep	3rd Sep	4th Sep	5th Sep	Chaplaincy	
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2	8th September		Topic: The Land I'm Living In: Be joyful always Value: Determination + Integrity British Value: Individual Liberty This isn't a call to always 'be happy' - that isn't what joy is about, it's much deeper than that. It's not about pretending that pain isn't real but instead knowing that it isn't final. Being joyful is a decision, a choice to hold onto hope at all times, whatever is happening and not giving up when things get tough. The land we live in is full of challenges and opportunities and in this passage we are called to choose to joy, to stay firm and faithful in it - that joy can not only shape our own lives but the community around us.	<i>16 Be joyful always , 17 pray at all times, 18 be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus. - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</i>	Spiritual Capacities			8th Sep	9th Sep	10th Sep	11th Sep	12th Sep	SLT	Emailed
								Christ Church - Y7 Y8 - Main Hall GHF	GHF	SLH	SLH	N/A		
1	15th September		Topic: The Land I'm Living In: Pray at all times Value: Determination + Humility British Value: Tolerance Praying "at all times" doesn't mean being in a constant posture of bowed heads, hands together, eyes closed but knowing that, in the place that you are, you are NEVER alone - it's a way of staying constantly and consistently connected to God whatever is happening. It takes hard work and commitment to invite God in at all times as well as humility, as we recognise and admit that we can't be in control on our own all the time. As we pray, we find that we grow in peace and patience and we carry that with us, not just for ourselves but for those around us too.	<i>16 Be joyful always, 17 pray at all times, 18 be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus. - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</i>				15th Sep	16th Sep	17th Sep	18th Sep	19th Sep	House	
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2	22nd September		Topic: The Land I'm Living In: Thankful in all circumstances Value: Determination + Compassion British Value: Individual Liberty Thankfulness can be a bit of a foreign concept to the world we are in and this isn't about toxic positivity, pretending that everything is perfect when it's far from it, but instead about choosing to see and encourage the good wherever we find it. That can be really hard when we are tired, disappointed, hurt, upset or struggling - it's much easier to be thankful when things are going well. We are called to choose to practice gratitude knowing that it can shift our perspective and will help us to grow in love and compassion for those around us. We don't ignore what's hard but instead find strength to face it and support others around us too.	<i>16 Be joyful always, 17 pray at all times, 18 be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus. - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</i>	<i>An attitude of gratitude - Thankfulness Tree: paper leaves or sticky notes that can be added to a large branch drawing that show things we are grateful for</i>			22nd Sep	23rd Sep	24th Sep	25th Sep	26th Sep	Teaching Staff	
								N/A	HEM	DYY	DXJ	AJH		
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									JAW LRD	JKH	AMM GHF			
			Topic: Thankful for the fruit of our labours					29th Sep	30th Sep	1st Oct	2nd Oct	3rd Oct		

1	29th September	Harvest Sunday 28th	Value: Determination + Humility British Value: Democracy As we celebrate Harvest this week, we take a moment to give thanks - not just for food on our tables but for the effort, care and people that make it possible. These words from Thessalonians are a reminder that when we work in a way that is rooted in faith, love and hope, it will never go to waste. That might look persevering when we find things difficult, or supporting a friend that is struggling. Being humble means we recognise that none of us achieve on our own, we grow best when we work together, just like when farmers depend on the land, weather and wider community. During Harvest we remember to share the fruit of our labours fairly and listen to others, even when we don't agree. What kind of fruit is coming from the way we live, work and treat others?	<i>3 We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Thessalonians 1:3</i>	Harvest Collection - one item each to donate to the Food Bank			N/A	HEM	COH	Andrew Miller - NEC	Prom	Local Church	Emailed
2	6th October	Black History Month World Mental Health Day 10th	Topic: Not taking advantage, BHM Value: Determination + Compassion British Value: Tolerance This is a warning to us that we do not seek to use others for our own gain. We live in a world where power and privilege are often abused and those that don't fit the mould can be ignored, silenced and pushed aside - whether that be because of the colour of their skin, their culture or their state of mind! There are many who have been wronged due to injustice and some that we just do not see as they battle with their mental health. Instead we need to think about building up, encouraging, loving, and including those that have been cast aside. We are called to act justly, to stand alongside and see the worth in others, letting them know they are cared for and that ALL are valued, whoever they are!	<i>And that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister' - 1 Thessalonians 4:6</i>				6th Oct	7th Oct	8th Oct	9th Oct	10th Oct	Form Assemblies	
1	13th October	Black History Month Diwali - 20th October	Topic: Can we do even more?, BHM Value: Determination + Determination British Value: Tolerance What does it mean and look like to keep going, to keep pressing on especially in a world that can often say that "good" is good enough? This verse calls us to more! It isn't about doing one good deed or some good things but about way more than that - it's about an ongoing way of life and purpose. Paul is telling us that we shouldn't settle for good enough but that we should push for more. During Black History Month, we remember those that show extraordinary determination in the face of injustice, not just for themselves but striving for a fair and equal society, they don't stop at basic respect but aim higher, calling for greater and deeper love and unity. Let's seek to be a community of love and unity, doing more in our kindness, listening and striving for a better world.	<i>Finally, brothers and sisters, you learnt from us how you should live in order to please God. This is, of course, how you have been living. And now we beg and urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to do even more. - 1 Thessalonians 4:1</i>				13th Oct	14th Oct	15th Oct	16th Oct	17th Oct	Chaplaincy	

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1	3rd November	All Saints' Day- 1st Guy Fawkes - 5th November	Topic: The Land of Those Before Value: Humility British Value: The world we live in so often celebrates and prizes those that are successful and seen but this verse calls us to do differently. Through the report from Timothy, Paul is encouraged by the devotion and prayers of others in the midst of trial and difficulty. He is inspired by their perseverance and longing to see him so that they can grow in faith. When life is tough, we can look to the example of those who have gone before us and endured their own difficulties. As we remember others who have remained true to their faith and humble in their actions, we too can be built up and encouraged. All Saint's Day reminds us that true greatness comes not in outward success but instead lies in quiet, sustained and faithful service. How might we honour the legacy of others not by boasting in ourselves and what we have to offer but by thinking of and being devoted to the needs of others?	<i>'Now Timothy has come back, and he has brought us the welcome news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always think well of us and that you want to see us just as much as we want to see you. 7 So, in all our trouble and suffering we have been encouraged about you, friends. It was your faith that encouraged us' - 1 Thessalonians 3:6-7</i>				N/A	JAW	JAW	JKH	JAW	1st	Emailed
2	10th November	Anti-Bullying Week (10th-14th) Remembrance World Kindness Day	Topic: The Land Under Threat Value: Determination British Value: Rule of Law In these verses Paul expresses a deep longing he has to be with people that he loves and cares for, despite being separated by obstacles and threats. He speaks of still being with them in heart and being firecly determined to see them again. In our time of Remembrance, we reflect on and honour the courage and determination of others who sacrificed and faced hardship in order to protect peace and freedom. They faced danger and separation for the sake of others. Even today, we still face threat through war, division, abuse and unkindness. We can be reminded that small acts of defiance and determination to stand up for others, to be kind and compassionate, and to resist cruelty have great power! Do we see others as Paul does; as our pride and our joy? How do we feel about the idea of making sacrifices for the good of others?	<i>17 As for us, friends, when we were separated from you for a little while—not in our thoughts, of course, but only in body—how we missed you and how hard we tried to see you again! 18 We wanted to return to you. I myself tried to go back more than once, but Satan would not let us. 19 After all, it is you—you, no less than others!—who are our hope, our joy, and our reason for boasting of our victory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes. 20 Indeed, you are our pride and our joy! - 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20</i>				10th Nov	11th Nov	12th Nov	13th Nov	14th Nov		
								N/A	Remembrance Day Service MER	GHF	MER	GHF		
1	17th November	International Men's Day - 19th	Topic: Vulnerability as a Superpower Value: Humility British Value: This is a profound prayer that Paul has for people, that their love would increase and overflow to others and that they would find strength, not through power or pride but in their relationships and love for others. Paul gives us a vision for our community to be a place where strength isn't about being invincible or untouchable, or, as our world so often celebrates, about self-sufficiency or self-reliance and control but is about being real, honest, open and vulnerable. This can feel like weakness and a big risk; it takes courage and humility but it opens the door to deep and lasting community and allows others to see who we really are. That's a world and community of real strength!	<i>May the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow more and more and become as great as our love for you. In this way he will strengthen you, and you will be perfect and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all who belong to him. - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13</i>				17th Nov	18th Nov	19th Nov	20th Nov	21st Nov		
								N/A	8B1	DXJ	10B1	11C1	Form	
2	24th November	St Andrew's Day - 30th	Topic: Jesus - In the land of heaven Value: Ambition British Value: The gospel of John starts with the amazing truth that Jesus was there from the beginning of time - he was <i>with</i> God and he <i>was</i> God! He is the source of life and light for all people and before he ever stepped foot on the earth, he lived in the land of heaven. And stepping into our world wasn't a move of great ambition for greatness but of ambition for love and humility. The world we live in promotes having big ambitions, aiming high and there is a place for that but Jesus shows us that our greatest ambitions should be for love. It's about choosing purpose over comfort and service over status. St Andrew is an example to us of leaving everything behind to follow a greater calling, showing great courage and deep joy. Ambition calls us to be a shining light in the world just as Jesus was!	<i>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.' - John 1:1-4</i>				24th Nov	25th Nov	26th Nov	27th Nov	28th Nov		
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			Topic: Jesus - In the Land of Nazareth					1st Dec	2nd Dec	3rd Dec	4th Dec	5th Dec		

1	1st December	Advent Week1	Value: Compassion British Value: The angel tells Mary not to be afraid because she is seen, known, chosen and loved - and she is about to have the greatest privilege of bringing Jesus into the world. Set in the small town of Nazareth, we're reminded that God does some of His greatest work in quiet, ordinary and unknown places. Jesus begins his earthly life in a place not celebrated with status and importance. Mary says "yes" to God and in doing so, reveals to us a deep care and compassion for something beyond herself. She shows compassion by responding with love, even though it will cost her greatly! At the beginning of this Advent season, how can we be making room for Jesus? How can we, like Mary, live with love and compassion and carry light out into the world? Let's seek to be those that do acts of compassion and kindness knowing that small things make profound impact.	<i>“Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.” - Luke 1:30-31</i>					N/A	DXJ	DYY	MER	AJH		
2	8th December	Advent Week 2	Topic: Jesus - In the Land of Bethlehem Value: Integrity British Value: The shepherds show us what it looks like to respond with simple, honest faith as they get up and go to Bethlehem. They don't wait around, looking for absolute certainty or a more convenient moment - they take immediate action and GO ! Bethlehem, another small and seemingly insignificant town, is an unlikely stage for the greatest story and the birth of a King! God chooses humble places to do holy things - just as he chooses humble people (like shepherds!) to do his holy work. Our world is a place where it's easy to pretend or perform but the call to integrity is a call to be real, honest; to choose what is right but not always easy. How can we follow the example of the shepherds and show courage and willingness to follow what is right? In the season of Advent, Jesus comes not just to be admired, but to be encountered, and like the shepherds, we too are invited to go and see, to experience Him, and then live out what we've discovered.	<i>15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” - Luke 2:15</i>					8th Dec	9th Dec	10th Dec	11th Dec	12th Dec		Emailed
1	15th December	Advent Week 3	Topic: Jesus - In the Land of Exile Value: Determination British Value: Soon after Jesus is born, Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt to keep Him safe. We have seen Jesus celebrated as a King by the angels and shepherds and now he becomes a refugee! He goes to live in exile, far from home where he can be safe from danger. We can so easily overlook this part of the story, but it reveals something important and powerful to us about Jesus - He knew what it was to live in a land that wasn't His own. This part of the story shows danger and Mary and Joseph's determination and commitment to protect their son. In it all, God is determined to see his promise fulfilled, even in hard and trying circumstances. As we come to the end of another year, we can take a moment to look back, to see where God was with us - in joy, in celebration, in uncertainty, in change, in pain - in all circumstances! Even in the land of exile - whatever that might mean for us personally - God is still at work, and we wait for the day when all the exiles come home!	So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”” - Matthew 2:14-15					15th Dec	16th Dec	17th Dec	18th Dec	19th Dec		
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1	5th January	The Epiphany 6th	Topic: Guided from Above Value: Ambition British Value: During Epiphany, we remember the wise men - travellers guided by a star, who journeyed from afar, determined to find the one that they believed would change everything. They weren't self-focused, but directed toward something that was far greater than themselves where they hoped they would discover truth, hope and a new King. In our world, ambition can often look like competition or working hard to be seen and/or heard but with the wise men we see a different way. The journey that they make reminds us that when we align our ambitions with a purpose and they are guided from above, they can lead us somewhere far more meaningful. We can dream big and aim high, not just for ourselves but as we pursue something lasting, that serves others and honours God. What are your aims in the year ahead? Who are you letting guide your path? Where is the light coming from?	<i>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. - Matthew 2:10-11</i>				5th Jan	6th Jan	7th Jan	8th Jan	9th Jan			
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2	12th January	Chinese New Year - 17th George Fox - Founder of the Quakers 13th	Topic: The Land of Peace Value: Integrity British Value: In these verses, Paul reminds the church in Thessalonica that true peace isn't found in empty promises of comfort but instead as they live in the truth that they are "children of the light!" Real peace today isn't about pretending that everything is ok or ignoring the fact that we are facing difficult times but embracing the reality of who God says we are! George Fox was a man who lived with deep integrity - he refused to accept this fake peace or shallow answers to the difficult things of life. As the founder of the Quaker movement, he challenged injustice and hypocrisy and instead sought peace that was deeply rooted in the love and presence of God. Peace can so often be reduced to avoiding conflict or keeping quiet but integrity means we need to speak truth in love, being honest, courageous and peaceful even when it's difficult because it's standing for what is right! What might it look like for us to bring peace with integrity?	<i>When they say, 'Peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, like labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in the dark, for this day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. - 1 Thessalonians 5:3-5</i>				12th Jan	13th Jan	14th Jan	15th Jan	16th Jan			
								N/A	Bibles John Craven						
1	19th January	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25th	Topic: The Land of Unity Value: Determination British Value: These words from Paul remind us that unity between people doesn't just happen - it takes effort, humility and at times, a great deal of determination! Differences can so easily divide us, we see that so much in the world today - whether it's beliefs, differing opinions, backgrounds or choices; God calls us to something deeper! It's a unity that isn't about all being the same as one another but choosing peace, love and grace - again, and again, and again! Determination means we stay committed to this community that we are part of, even when it's messy and hard. It means making space for one another and refusing to give up on peace. What part are you going to play in building unity within our Magnus family?	<i>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. - Ephesians 4:3-6</i>				19th Jan	20th Jan	21st Jan	22nd Jan	23rd Jan			
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			Topic: Chosen for the Land Value: Humility British Value: Paul is reminding us of something powerful here - we are <i>chosen</i> by God -					26th Jan	27th Jan	28th Jan	29th Jan	30th Jan			

2	26th January	Thomas Aquinas - 28th	not because of our status, success or popularity but wholly because of His love! Being chosen doesn't focus on being better than others but seeing our place in God's big story with humility and gratitude. Thomas Aquinas was a highly intelligent guy but he wasn't proud; he was quietly humble and deeply devoted to God. He believed and used his gifts in love and service of others. It is so tempting in our world today to believe that being chosen puts us <i>above</i> others but as we seek to live with humility. we learn that being chosen means being <i>for</i> others! How might we seek to live as chosen people, not to impress but to serve one another?	<i>We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people. - 1 Thessalonians 1:4</i>					N/A	Lee Marshall Stop Vaping	Lee Marshall Stop Vaping	Lee Marshall Stop Vaping	Lee Marshall Stop Vaping		
1	2nd February	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - 2nd	Topic: Presentation of Christ in the Temple Value: Compassion British Value: This week we remember the moment that Mary & Joseph brought Jesus to the temple - an act of Jewish tradition and devotion to faith. Simeon, an old man, who had waited his whole life to see God fulfill His promises to His people, recognised in the child Jesus the hope and light and responded with deep love and great joy! When we live with a heart of compassion, we are called to slow down and stop so we can see what is in front of us, just like Simeon did. We're called to see others, those that might be otherwise overlooked, to be moved by their stories and to respond with warmth and care. Here we see Jesus, the light of the world, and today we are called to be a light - taking love and compassion to one another, to our community and out into the world.	<i>Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God' - Luke 2:27-28</i>				2nd Feb	3rd Feb	4th Feb	5th Feb				
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2	9th February	National Apprenticeship Week Safer Internet Day - 10th Valentine - 14th	Topic: The Land of Good Work Value: Determination British Value: Paul encourages the Thessalonians to value those that work hard for others, to keep showing them love even when it's tough. In our world today it can be sad that hard work and kindness aren't always celebrated as they should be but this reminds us that doing good work, especially when it serves others, really does matter! Love can be reduced to the romantic, gushy stuff - chocolate, cards, flowers etc. But here, love looks like encouraging the tired and weary, helping the struggling, being patient with those that test us. Love is a choice - a choice to show up and keep showing up, to keep on doing good things, to keep working hard for peace and to serve others. What will this love look like for you this week? How might you show love not with a card or a box of chocolates but with your actions and how you treat one another?	<i>Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14</i>				9th Feb	10th Feb	11th Feb	12th Feb				
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