***What does Christian Distinctiveness mean at Langley Fitzurse School?***

As a Church of England School, our vision and values are underpinned by the Bible. Having chosen our school vision and values in 2019, we thought about a Bible verse that would embody these and sum up what it means to be part of the Langley Fitzurse School family.

*‘Let us help each other to love others and do good’* Hebrews 10:24

This comes from the letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament, and it is thought the writer may have been Paul or Luke. It was written to a community of Christians who were finding it challenging to live their faith day by day. The letter is full of examples of faithful men and women to help inspire this church to persevere. Christians were not intended to live alone – they were made to be part of communities, offering each other mutual encouragement. Just as we work together in school to care for each other, so that we can become the confident and courageous people God wants us to be.

I love The Message version which says: ‘*Let us see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out’*. It’s just like our motto ‘Amaze, Excite, Inspire’!

‘*Let us’* – reminds us that we need to be thoughtful and intentional in our actions. We consider, reflect and decide, because what we do makes a difference and has an effect on others.

‘*Help each other’* – also means encourage or motivate. Some translations use the word ‘spur’ or ‘provoke’. It’s about learning and modelling ways of kindness and service, which helps build up and strengthen our school community and beyond.

What makes us a good church school is not rules or rituals, but knowing and trusting God’s love, following the example of Jesus, and caring for each other with the support of the Holy Spirit – then we can all experience God’s promise of ‘*Life in all its fullness’.*

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