***Thought for the Week***

13th May 2019 – Christian Aid Week

**Did you know?**

The slogan for this year’s Christian Aid week campaign is ‘Hands Around the World’. Think about your hands. Look at yours.

* Every person has a unique fingerprint and toeprint.
* Our hands can adapt to different temperatures quickly; they are covered with a waterproof protective layer - our skin.
* Our hands usually have 27 bones.
* Your thumb can work with each of your fingers to make complicated tasks easier.
* We can use our hands to communicate.

Our fingerprint is just one way in which we are unique. Look around the room at all the people here. We all look different - even identical twins have differences - and we all have our own gifts and talents. Isn’t that wonderful and amazing! For most people, the belief that every person is unique and valuable is very important, and is reflected in the way they choose to live their lives. This week we are thinking about the work of Christian Aid.

It is a Christian charity that speaks up for and supports some of the poorest communities in the world. For Christians, the belief that every person is completely individual and valuable is very important. They believe that God made our wonderful world and that each person, being precious to God, has a valued place in it. There are many words and stories in the Bible which help Christians to think about this.

Look around the room and notice all the different people in your form.

Think about just one or two people and think about their special talents or gifts. We all feel encouraged when a friend or carer tells us why we’re important to them, or points out something that we shine at.

Could you encourage someone today? Try to find an opportunity this week to tell one of your friends or family members why you think they are special.