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## From the Chaplain....

'For want of a nail, the shoe was lost', begins the old poem, which ends with the loss of the battle and even the kingdom. The point being that even the little things matter. The point being that all, no matter how small and seemingly insignificant, have a role to play.

As we consider God the Son in our worship this week, we turn to one of my favourite texts in the whole Bible (*Colossians 1:15-20*) which contains the following words about Christ:

He is the image of the invisible God... for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible...all things have been created through him and for him... and in him all things hold together.

The words paint for me a picture of the whole of creation as a marvellous and intricately designed machine. Each creature, each plant, each unique habitat and each person having an important role to play in order for the machine to function as it should. Each element being essential and each needing to work in harmony with the others; with the whole of creation ultimately existing for the pleasure of God and being held together in delicate balance by him. Elsewhere, in his letter to the Corinthians, Paul makes a similar point



using the metaphor of a body in which each individual part is different and needed by the others; a passage we will be using next week as we celebrate the King's CE School Day of Cultural Diversity. I wonder how a sense of all things and all people belonging to God and being valued by him, created for a specific purpose, might affect the way that we treat and look after the environment and the people around us? Year Seven this morning suggested that these words demand a response of 'respect' and 'kindness' towards all things.

Later in our text we read:

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

For Christians, one of the key roles which Christ plays is that of reconciler. It is in our nature as human beings to separate and divide. We struggle to see our connectedness with one another and with the rest of creation, and the separation between us, those around us and God only grows wider when we are tired and irritable, fearful or disappointed. Our need to protect our own egos cuts us off from the other. But 'created in God's image' we were designed for connectedness, just as God himself takes the form of community (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). We were designed to live happy and fulfilled lives not in isolation but together as part of society and rest of creation.

Christ was appointed from the beginning of time with this purpose: to reconnect, to reconcile and to reunite where relationships are broken and the togetherness has been lost. Through him we are given a way back into full relationship both with God and with one another. It is an ongoing process and often painful; but one day, I believe, all shall finally be restored to the way God created it to be.

The Theme for Worship w.c 8th May

**The Holy Spirit** 

Gen 1:1-3

John 14 15-17

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At The King's CE School we believe that everyone is unique and created in God's image. We enable all to achieve their God-given potential; to grow, learn and aspire; to transform their lives and the lives of others and to journey in faith without limits within a unified, respectful and harmonious community.



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