

CHRISTIAN COMPASSION – Progress Tracker

- Jesus said that the two greatest commandments from the Jewish scriptures are “Love **God** with everything you have” and “Love your **neighbour** as much as you love **yourself**”.
- To explain who is ‘your neighbour’ he told a **parable** (story with a message or a teaching point).
- A Samaritan was an **enemy** of Jesus’s people.
- In the story, the Samaritan was the only one who **stopped** to help a person in need.
- The story is about ‘**the good Samaritan**’ because he showed **compassion** (loving care and concern) for the person who needed help.
- Showing compassion for people in need is also called **charity** and this is also the word for an organisation which does caring work or meets the needs of others.
- One of these organisations is also a Christian **church** and they have worship services every **Sunday** - it is the **Salvation Army**.
- However, its members also do lots of caring work especially with **homeless** people living on the streets and people who are **addicted** to alcohol or drugs.
- Its founder William Booth wanted to **preach** the message of Christianity in London but at the time lots of social problems meant it was hard for people to listen.
- Today some of the facilities this group runs are:
 - **Food banks** for the hungry,
 - night **shelters** where people on the streets can sleep,
 - **hostels** for people to stay while they find a place to live
 - **rehabilitation centres** for alcoholics and drug addicts.