## **Connected for a Purpose**

In a world hungry for connection and meaning, people seek belonging through family, social groups, and increasingly, online platforms.

Yet true connection is found in Christ. When we accept Jesus, we receive more than forgiveness—we gain a new identity, a new purpose, and a place in the body of Christ and the family of God.

Scripture reminds us that we are each vital members of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:27) and beloved children adopted into God's household (Ephesians 1:5, Galatians 3:26).

The metaphor of the Body of Christ highlights our roles and interdependence, where every contribution—no matter how small, matters.

Likewise, as a family, we are called to love, support, and care for one another.

Love is the mark of God's family; it's how the world recognizes we belong to Jesus (John 13:35).

Church isn't just a weekly gathering - it's a community we belong to and serve in.

Despite our differences, we're called to persevere together, showing compassion and forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32).

In doing so, we reflect Christ's love and grow in faith.

Our challenge is to live as the Body and Family of God right here at St. Columba - contributing, relating, and supporting one another as part of God's grace-filled design.

We are not alone; we are connected for a purpose, and through our shared life, the world gets to see Jesus through us.