



Reflection from Adam Woodhouse- Third Year Student at Westminster

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in this morning's service of communion.

I felt it was important to facilitate this service here in this room. I wanted to celebrate the community that God has given to each one of us. A community of love and care, support and banter! It is the safety of this college where we can all explore what faith is, discover and debate doctrine and the scripture. This is where pastoral care can be given and prayers said. Every day is a day of worship to our God.

Every day I am reminded of the vastness of God's kingdom as I sit, often quietly hearing the stories of the work God is doing in our lives and in the communities where we are all from.

I believe Westminster is a place of love, I feel that since 2017 when I first arrived here I have met some amazing people, some of whom I would have never met if it wasn't for being a resident here. It is special that no matter who you are, here at Westminster you can be happy or sad, energetic or tired but everyone cares for you.

It's a place that if you say something to upset someone you are forgiven if you need to be left alone you can hide and if you need a hug there will be one waiting. Over the two and a bit years I have been here I have seen many people who have experienced the hurt of a death of a loved one, the disappointment of a grade and the excitement of a birthday or wedding. This is a place of true community that I believe that fits with reading from 1 Corinthians.

This morning we have shared a lot, so let's hear the words again before we bless each other with The Grace.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.