

# St Mark's Word of the Week



# Philanthropy

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?



Let's see if we can work out what it means from looking at its etymology:

You saw this root word  
last week. Can you  
remember what it  
meant?

# Philanthropy



**Philos**

Latin  
Love

**Anthropos**

Latin  
Humanity

**So what does philanthropy mean?**

**'Love of humanity'**



# Philanthropy (noun)

## Definition

The desire to promote the welfare of others.

## Examples:

- Philanthropy is the practice of giving money, time, and other resources to causes like education, healthcare, the environment, and arts and culture.
- “Working for a just distribution of the fruits of the earth and human labor is not mere philanthropy. It is a moral obligation.” — Pope Francis.

Can you come up with your own?



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The desire to promote the welfare of others.

### Can you think of any synonyms?

- Benevolence
- Generosity
- Humanitarianism
- Altruism
- Charity

### Can you think of any antonyms?

- Selfishness
- Misanthropy
- Unkindness



# What does this have to do with our Mission of the Month?

Mission of the  
Month

**Preferential  
option for  
the poor**

A preferential option for the poor means that we show our **philanthropy** (our 'love of humanity') by thinking first about the needs of the poorest and those who are the most vulnerable.

What might you do this month to practice philanthropy?

