

St George's Christian Values

What we say to each other
What they mean to us

These values underpin and run through all of our work. We use them weekly as the starting point and notes for Collective Worship. This was after working together as a school, local community and clergy to choose, identify and share them.

Isaiah 30:21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left

Compassion:

- **Isaiah 49:13 = Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.**
- **Psalm 145:9 = The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made**
- **Corinthians 1:3 = Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort**

To younger children we say 'Compassion is understanding why someone may be feeling sad, upset or worried and comforting them in ways to help them'.

To older children we say 'Compassion is recognising others' negative feelings, understanding why they are feeling this way and reacting to them in a positive way'.

To each other as adults we say 'Showing compassion is about listening without judgement and offering support'.

What makes you feel gutted... word for compassion is 'from the guts'. It's not just being kind. I'm gutted for people who are struggling and something inside us stirs, like 'courage is from the heart'

Hope:

- Hebrews 11:1-3 = Let us hold unswervingly to the hope that we profess, for He who promises is faithful.
- Jeremiah 29:11 = “For I know the plans I have for you” declared the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future”.
- Psalm 71:17 – As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more
- Romans 15:13 = May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

To younger children we say ‘Keep trying, you will do it!’.

To older children we say ‘Practice makes perfect.’

To each other as adults we say ‘Keep positive, take small steps.’

Not just about ‘wishes’ it’s about having faith and a certainty- for example. Any storm will end. Even in a disaster, good can come from it. YNWA ‘At the end of the storm there’s a golden sky’

Community:

- Galatians 6:2 = Carry each others burdens, and in this way honour the law of Christ.
- Romans 12:5 = So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

To younger children we say 'Sharing the work is fair.'

To older children we say 'Working equally in a team we all achieve our goal.'

To each other as adults we say 'By using entire individual skills and strengths we build a stronger community for all to benefit from.'

We are all very different but can play a part. The community is like a body. Eyes to see, practical. If everyone was a goalkeeper or good at writing poems it'd be rubbish. In a band you need bass, guitar, drums etc. Music good descriptor. If everyone in the community put everyone else first, what would it look like?

Endurance:

- **James 1:2-3 = Consider it pure joy, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance**
- **Romans 12:12 = Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer**
- **Philippians 4:13 = I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength**

To younger children we say 'never give up even when it gets hard, knowing it will help you grow.'

To older children we say 'learning is a journey that will sometimes be difficult. Remember how you felt at the beginning and celebrate each step.'

To each other as adults we say 'break down the task, remember to ask for help and know you are not alone!'

Learn to be content during any challenge. Lift your eyes up from the situation sometimes, you can do more. It's like the K2B- a lot of the miles are in your head.

The reward of facing a challenge and getting through it is amazing. Derek Redmond/Eric the Eel/ various sports. Running- the race with perseverance- Hebrews 12. 1

Pilgrimage

Thankfulness:

- **1 Chronicles 16:34 = Gives thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.**
- **Colossians 3:17 = Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him**
- **Phillipians 4: 4: In every situation.**

To younger children we say 'always thank anyone who helps us.'

To older children we say 'appreciate any opportunities you are given and give thanks to those people around you.'

To each other as adults we say 'show gratitude and appreciation to others.'

If a child is in crisis, you need to look for the good. Such as training your brain. Write your own risk. Things that perhaps are more permanent. Animals, Sun, sea, sky, beach, love, family etc. Find the more permanent. Groups/Teams that we belong to. 'Moments' in teaching. Finding gold. Choosing joy- don't wallow (hard, but like a muscle you have to exercise being positive) When you get dressed you choose what clothes we want to put on. We can choose what attitude we have just the same

Forgiveness:

- Colossians 3:13 = Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against them. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- Luke 17:3 = “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them”.
- **1 John 1:9** = If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

To younger children we say ‘to let go of hurt feelings and make a new start.’

To older children we say ‘release hurt feelings towards others and make a new start whether they deserve your forgiveness or not.’

To each other as adults we say ‘release feelings of resentment or vengeance towards a person who has harmed you whether they deserve your forgiveness or not.’

First, what it isn't. It isn't about brushing things under the carpet. Or saying what has happened to you is ok. It's about choosing to release yourself from the damage someone else has caused.

If you get a splinter, you've got to take it out quickly so it's doesn't cause you harm. Remove it quickly- forgiveness is like that. Not letting anyone live 'rent free' in your head.

Creativity:

- Romans 12:6a = We all have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.
- Colossians 3:23 = Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not human masters.
- Genesis 1:1, 27 = In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

“The creative mind plays with the objects it loves.” Carl Jung

To younger children we say ‘you have a special gift – use it!’

To older children we say ‘we each have a special talent. Use it and share your gift with everyone!’

To each other as adults we say ‘Explore your creative side and don’t be afraid to try new things.’

Each of us is creative but we all have different gifts and abilities. Some of us love to paint, others to cook: some like to make music, others to build models. Our job at school is about helping us to be as creative as we can. People who believe in God often talk about him as the Creator. They believe that God made human beings in his own image which means that each of us is also creative.

Justice:

- Amos 5:24 = Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!
- Romans 12:19 = Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written "It is mine to avenge; I will repay" says the Lord.
- Psalm 106:3 = Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

To younger children we say 'We need to be fair. How would you feel?'

To older children we say 'Make the right choice/decision.'

To each other as adults we say 'Do you think that's right? – Talk and explain how you feel.'

Justice. Maybe bring in grace and mercy in this. 1 John 1 v 9 He is faithful and just. Justice is fairness. One of the main themes in the Bible overall is that God is Just. Vengeance is mine says the lord! Micah 6 v 8 is a great verse *Act justly love mercy and walk humble with God* Isaiah 58 v 6-12 talk about what real religion is. *Doing away with oppression. Clothing the naked. Feeding the hungry Rebuilding restoring and repairing.*

Liberty:

- **Galatians 5:1 – It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened.**
- **2 Corinthians 3:17 = Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom**

To younger children we say ‘be yourself. Enjoy our world!’

To older children we say ‘we are free to live our life without being treated unjustly.’

To each other as adults we say ‘the state of being free within society without oppressive restrictions imposed by others.’

Liberty The truth will set you free John 8 v 32 Maybe an opportunity to look at William Wilberforce Or John Newton who wrote amazing grace. Found faith and stood against the slavery they were part of. Maybe even get someone

Respect:

- **Matthew 7:12 = In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.**
- **Philippians 2:3 = Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.**
- **John 13:34 = A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, you must love one another.**

To younger children we say ‘Respect is talking to and treating others how you would like your friends to talk to and treat you.’

To older children we say ‘Respect is earned as well as given, by acknowledging other’s feelings and beliefs, even when they differ from yours.’

To each other as adults we say ‘Respect is to admire and support the achievements and beliefs of your peers.’

Respect Love one another. The Good Samaritan didn't care who he was helping. But he did so and went above and beyond. Showing respect to his fellow human. 1 Thessalonians 4 v 11 in message version talks about living in a way that will earn respect not just expect it. It talks about live in a way that will earn respect not just lying around sponging off friends