

# Our Vision Document

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1 Corinthians 16:13-14

At Trinity & St Michael's Church of England and Methodist Primary School we strive to follow Jesus' example and do everything in love.

Through living out our Christian Values we seek to equip our pupils with the skills to be able to learn to love and love to learn so that they are able to become the very best they can for themselves, for others and for our wonderful world. We want children to be able to enact positive change across all spheres of society.

'God's Kingdom is one of peace, love, joy, unity, equality, respect, forgiveness and compassion. It is a Kingdom where all can flourish, finding belonging, purpose and fulfilment. It is a Kingdom where we receive God's love and the promise of 'life in all its fullness' through Jesus' (John 10:10).

Our vision thread – do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:14) – is at the heart of what it means to be Christian. The call to live marked by love is a consistent message found throughout Scriptures. When the apostle Paul wrote to the church of Corinth, he instructed them to do everything in love. At Trinity & St Michael's, we aim to apply this instruction to our lives as we pursue our vision and strive to be more like Jesus. We actively seek to let love guide our thoughts, actions and words when we embrace a culture of togetherness.

Likewise, following the words of John Wesley, "I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that in, whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right, and my bounden duty to declare unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation." –Journal, June 11, 1739, we aim to ensure that all members of Trinity and St Michael's Church of England and Methodist Primary School have a clear understanding of Christian faith and are able to develop the skills required to reach out and engage with the world, to minister to the world and to be in mission to the world.



# Our School Vision

The vision at Trinity & St. Michael's Church of England and Methodist Primary School (TSM) has been established through working with children, parents, staff and governors to ensure that all members of our community not only understand our vision but know how it translates into the life of school.

The vision for our school is based on seven statements:

**We live out our Christian values**

**We strive to follow Jesus's example**

**We learn to love**

**We love to learn**

**We develop a good relationship with ourselves and others**

**We develop a good relationship with the world around us**

**We do everything in love**

**...do everything in love**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



# Our Vision Statements

## We live out our Christian values

We believe that the following of Christian Values creates well-rounded individuals. They are our basic and fundamental beliefs that guide and motivate our attitudes and actions. These values are shared and discussed regularly, not only in worship and R.E. but also in the wider curriculum especially PSRHE. This focus has an inspirational effect on all those at TSM and helps pupils understand the importance of being good members of our community. We believe and follow in the teachings of Matthew 7:12 "do to others as you would have them do to you."

## We strive to follow Jesus's example

During worship, across the curriculum and in our interactions, pupils and staff alike strive to follow the example of Jesus. Our understanding of our Christian values and the life of Jesus is rooted in biblical teaching and ensures we have a strong Christian foundation with 'Doing everything in Love' Corinthians 16:14 at its heart.

## We learn to love

Building the pupil's understanding of what Christian love is and how we love is crucial. It is essential that pupils and staff understand that there is something to love in everything we see and do. Working and acting through love creates a positive and harmonious environment. This cannot be done without first helping our pupils and staff to 'Learn to Love'. This starts by helping pupils and adults to understand who they are, embrace their uniqueness and eventually learn to love themselves.

## We love to learn

At TSM we are passionate about inspiring young people. The passion and enthusiasm that our staff demonstrate in their teaching and learning can be seen not only in the attitude that the staff have towards their endeavours, but also in the attitudes our pupils have towards their learning. When we ask someone to do something everyday, as we do when asking our pupils to learn, we must strive to ensure that they truly value their learning journey. Of course, this is not just when learning academic work, it is also when they are learning how to interact with peers and the wider community. Whatever children are learning, it is important that 'instructing and teaching children the way to go' is done with 'a loving eye' (Psalm 32:8) in order that we demonstrate how and why we embrace and love learning.

## We develop a good relationship with ourselves and others

We truly believe that loving others only starts when we learn to understand ourselves, love the values that we hold and have a developing positive sense of self-worth. Through extensive extra-curricular opportunities, well differentiated lessons and targeted interventions, we ensure that pupils learn to understand themselves better and embrace what makes them different. It is only through this that pupils will have the confidence and belief to 'Let their light shine before others' (Matthew 5:16) and spread their love for themselves throughout their community and the wider world.

## We develop a good relationship with the world around us

Well-rounded, confident pupils, are able to make a real difference to the world around them. At TSM we discuss the importance of 'treating the world as our parish' ensuring we are not simply looking after ourselves and loving others but looking beyond that. We develop a sense of courageous advocacy within our pupils. We help them to facilitate their confidence and courage so that they are able to reach out and engage with the world to support causes they believe in. We empower them to make real changes in the face of some of the seemingly insurmountable giants the world faces. Environmental Issues, Poverty and Research into Health and Medicine such as Alzheimer's research are just some of the many causes TSM pupils have chosen to support. As with everything at TSM, understanding our relationship with the world is done with love and we ensure that, "Whatever we do, we work at it with all our hearts as working for the Lord" Colossians 3:23

## We do everything in love

Love is at the centre of all we do at TSM. We inculcate a love for learning, a love for our community, a love for our world, a love of God and, develop an understanding of our inner values and therefore an understanding of ourselves. Through nurturing this belief that all things are done through love, everything the pupils and staff do in our school is done positively, with empathy and compassion. The focus on Christian love is delivered through looking at biblical teachings and the virtues of the Christian church in the belief that, 'over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity,' Corinthians 3:14. Without love, all the other gifts of the Spirit fall short of the mark.



# Our School Values

Christian Values are at the centre of everything we do at Trinity and St Michael's Church of England & Methodist Primary School (TSM). They help us to live out our Christian Vision "do everything in love". We believe our Christian Values form the framework on which our school community is built; they are embedded into our actions, attitudes, our planning, and policies. They help us to explicitly live out our school vision. We believe our values have the ability to colour and shape our character, our ethos, our aims and the learning experience of all members of our school community. We also teach our pupils that our Christian values can be seen in other cultures and religions.

At TSM we believe that our core values empower our pupils to develop their spirituality and guide them in their personal development as effective learners and as good citizens. The Core values we explore and strive to live by are threaded together by the value of Love. Our Core Values are:

**Courage, Compassion, Forgiveness, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect and Thankfulness.**





Deuteronomy 31. 6: Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

2 Timothy 1. 7: For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid but gives us power, love and self-discipline

*Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says, 'I'll try again tomorrow'. Mary Anne Radmacher*

At TSM we believe in giving pupils the courage to believe in themselves, no matter how insignificant the task may seemingly be. It is important that pupils understand that courage does not only refer to great, bold acts but can be found in the everyday actions that we do in school.

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**Colossians 3.12:** Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

**Luke 10.25-37:** (The story of the Good Samaritan)

**Matthew 7.12:** Treat others as you want them to treat you.

*If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If YOU want to be happy, practice compassion.* Dalai Lama

Pupils are taught to understand the compassion and kindness Jesus showed to those who were suffering or unhappy and follow his example. Children will understand that offering help, caring for others and being sensitive to those who may be suffering not only makes others happier but also creates a fulfillment within ourselves.

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Compassion



1 John 1.9: But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.

Mark 11.25: If you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you.

*When you forgive, you don't change the past, but you do change the future.*  
Bernard Meltzer

At TSM we understand that all people can make mistakes, and this is not necessarily a weakness. We help pupils understand that forgiveness is not just about saying sorry but rather understanding and empathising with others. We therefore teach those who have made mistakes to learn from these mistakes and those who have been wronged to forgive. Without true forgiveness it is impossible to move on from any incident and, in following Jesus's example, we ensure we are always ready to turn the other cheek and move on.

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John 15.15: 'I no longer call you servants', said Jesus...  
'Instead, I have called you friends.'

At TSM we explore together, what friendship with Jesus means for Christians. Jesus' example of self-sacrificial love and commitment to his friends is one that inspires us to place the needs of others above our own and make our friendships faithful and resilient. We encourage an attitude of inclusivity and openness to others, regardless of religious, ethnic or socio-economic background. We are pro-active in forming links and building relationships with schools in a wide range of social, cultural and religious settings.

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# Perseverance

Hebrews 12.1:

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us that is before us.

Deuteronomy 13.6: The Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you.

*Fall seven times, stand up eight.* Japanese Proverb.

Perseverance, closely linked with courage, can be found every day in each class at TSM. The children's understanding that they must not give up and commit to a task is discussed regularly when tackling new topics in any subject. Pupils at TSM understand that this is not done alone, and we must encourage one another to persevere.

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# Respect

Mark 10.14: Let the children come to me.

Matthew 10.29: Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.

*Nobody can be happy without self-respect. Rousseau*

The importance of respect, what it means and how it is shown, is discussed regularly with the pupils at TSM. Respecting others starts with self-respect and we at TSM help each other to see the good in one another, building each other up and instilling self-respect. Respect is a word seen regularly on our Code of Conduct (our school rules) and we ensure that children understand that they must give respect to others in order to be respected back.

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Thankfulness

Luke 22.19: Jesus broke bread and gave thanks.

1 Chronicles 29.12: All things come from you and of your own do we give you.

Following Jesus' example, at TSM we believe that an attitude of thankfulness comes from an active appreciation of what we have. We take time to reflect upon the many blessings that we enjoy acknowledging that some people in our own community, country as well as in the wider world do not have access to basic necessities such as clean air and space and time to play, education, adequate health care, communication technology or even a healthy diet. We allow pupils the opportunity to work for a more just world out of an attitude of thankfulness for all we have.

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# Daily Misson Statement

All stakeholders worked hard to construct a daily mission statement that helps to fulfil our vision...



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1 Corinthians 16:13-14



## Our School Prayer

Dear Lord,  
Please help us at Trintiy & St Michael's, to strive to follow Jesus's example  
And *do everything in Love*.

Through living out our Christian Values,  
Please help us to Learn to Love, Love to Learn and do the very best we can,  
For ourselves, others and our wonderful world.

Amen



# Supporting Our Vision

As a school, we have the privilege of being part of more than one church. We take inspiration and guidance from two churches within our village community. Each church supports us in providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. Although both churches have their own distinct branch of Christianity, Trinity Methodist Church follows Methodism and St Michael's and All Angels Church of England is an Anglican church, they are very unique in their close connection. Both are Christian in their denomination and believe and respond to the scriptures and gospels of God's love. As a result, we are very lucky to be supported by two churches who help to foster the significance of faith and the promotion of Christian values in the actions and experiences we offer our pupils and staff.

Our vision is not only underpinned by many biblical quotes it is also underpinned by the teachings of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church.

For example:

Our Vision Statement 6 - 'we develop a good relationship with the world around us' is not only taking direction from Colossians 3:23 when looking at our relationship with the wider world, we also consider the words of John Wesley, 'we look upon the world as our parish'. We understand the importance of supporting the local community but also believe that our scope can go wider than that. Be this environmental issues, issues of social deprivation or simply understanding and finding the beauty in the world, John Wesley's quote helps us to learn and remember that it is our responsibility to look after and help make the world a better place.

Our vision thread...do everything in Love

To support the Corinthians quote from the Bible we also use John Wesley's words to emphasise the importance of love in all that we do. Wesley explains that love is 'all the commandments in one'. We at Trinity believe that no other value or commandment can be done without love as it is at the core of all our work and all the teachings of Jesus.

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