

St Clement's CE Infant and Bethany CE Junior schools

Vision and Values



Our Vision

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Our Mission

We are empowered with God's hope for the future,
compassion for others and the courage to act

Our Values

Hope

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for good... to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Compassion

“Be kind and compassionate to one another and forgive each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you...reach out to others in acts of love.”

Ephesians 4: 2, 32

Courage

“Be strong and courageous... Do not be afraid, for God is with you and will not leave you.”

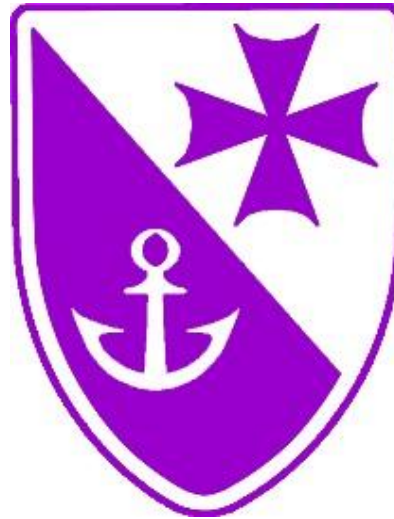
Deuteronomy 31:16

How the values link to our badge

The anchor is **Hope**

It holds a ship safe and steady in a storm.

Jesus is our hope and anchor in stormy times.



The shield is **Courage**

We step out to take action.
We are brave.

The cross is **Compassion**

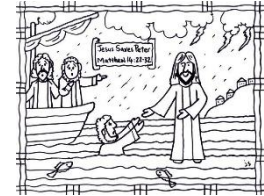
Jesus loved us so much
he died for us.

Jesus reached out his hand to
people who needed help.

We can be compassionate too.

Bible story of Hope, Courage and Compassion

The anchor of our vision and values is The Bible story of Peter walking on water
Matthew 14:22-33. <https://youtu.be/oVy9HGr3Qig>



Peter stepping out of the boat Matthew 14 Verses 13-36

Jesus was very busy healing many people- People put their **hope** in him. With a prayer, He made blind people see, he helped deaf people hear, helped people to walk who had never walked in their lives, and prayed for people to have peace, and they did. He showed lots of **compassion**.

He had heard some bad news, so he got in a boat to go to a quiet place by himself to pray. Many people followed him around the outside of the lake. When he went ashore, he saw a huge crowd of people and had **compassion** on them. He healed the sick. He fed 5000 with just five loaves and two fish. By then it was getting late in the day.

Jesus told his friends, the 12 disciples, to go and find their boat and to go back to the other side of the sea of Galilee. He stayed behind to send the crowds of people home.

When everyone left, Jesus went up a mountain by himself to pray. He had had a long tiring day teaching and making miracles. He knew he had to be **compassionate** to himself, to be close to his heavenly Father so he could have the strength to go on each day and do the work he was on earth to do.

When Jesus had finished praying, it was very early in the morning, just before the dawn.

He came to the shore and could see the boat with his friends in. They were a long way from the land because the storm and wind had taken them fast across the lake. They needed **courage** to keep sailing across the water because the waves were very rough.

Jesus **hoped** to get to the other side of the lake to join the disciples. He had the power to swim, fly or jump across the lake, but he chose to walk across the water. Have you ever tried to walk on water? It's impossible! The water was deep, but he just walked out towards the boat.

When Jesus was close to the boat, Peter, one of the disciples, suddenly noticed Jesus. He was walking on the water towards their boat, even though the waves were huge! When they saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified, because they didn't know it was Jesus.

When Jesus saw they were afraid, he immediately spoke to them and said “Take **courage**, it is me! Do not be afraid!”

Peter answered him, “Jesus, if it is you, call me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” Jesus said, with his hand reaching out to him.

So, Peter took **courage**, got out of the boat and started to walk on the water towards Jesus. But as he looked at the high waves, and felt the strength of the wind, he was afraid and began to sink in the waves. He cried out, “Lord, save me.”

Jesus immediately reached out his hand with **compassion** & took hold of him, saying to him,

“You have such little trust in me Peter,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”

Peter walked to the boat with Jesus by his side and wondered why he was so afraid. He knew Jesus could do anything. He could put his **hope** in Jesus. It seemed that as soon as he took his eyes off Jesus, he began to think about other things and that is when he began to sink.

When they got into the boat, the wind stopped and the water was calm. Then everyone in the boat said “Truly you are God’s son!”

Everyone in the boat was amazed because they know Jesus could do anything, even walk on water! That gave them **hope** for their future, with Jesus as a leader.

When they had crossed the lake to the other side, people began to recognise Jesus again. The people from that area told their friends and soon people were coming from all over to see Jesus. They brought all the sick people to him because they knew he was **compassionate**. They begged just to touch the corner of his long coat, because all who touched him were healed.

HOPE

Jesus had a **hope** for Peter to be a great leader in the future.

Jesus asked Peter to trust him, to walk on the water to come to him.

Peter had **hope** in Jesus when he stepped out of the boat to be close to Jesus.

We show **hope** when we trust in God’s great plan and future for our lives

COMPASSION

Jesus showed **compassion** to Peter. He reached out his hand to Peter when he was afraid in the waves and sinking.

Peter showed **compassion** in forgiving himself, then being the leader of the first church by loving and serving others, and by empowering others to do the same.

We show **compassion** by being forgiving and reaching out to help.

COURAGE

Jesus showed **courage** by telling his disciples not to be afraid.

Jesus told his friends “Take **courage**! It is me. Don’t be afraid”.

Peter showed **courage** when he asked Jesus to call him out of the boat, when he stepped out of the boat and walked on the water to Jesus

We show **courage** when we step out and do what is good and right for ourselves and others, in our learning and in our lives.

School Values Prayer

Dear Father God



Thank you that we are empowered with **HOPE** because of you



Thank you that we are **COMPASSION**, kind and forgiving too



Thank you that we can take **COURAGE**, to choose what is good and right

To step into action, with you by our side

Amen

This is how we live our values, for self, school and community



Christian Values for Schools

Archbishop Rowan Williams

What is it that is distinctive about a Christian school?

It is more than religious bits tacked onto the curriculum.

It's something to do with ethos, atmosphere and the way in which people feel valued.

Our educational world is one in which there seems to be a lot of anxiety around at the moment. People feel they are spending a lot of time jumping through hoops than getting on with educating children. There is an understandable concern with standards, success and accountability. Those are good things but something gets missed out in a picture like that.



A Christian educator would say yes, there is something left out, something to do with the uniqueness about each person, a sense of an absolutely unrepeatable relationship with God with ultimate reality that's at the heart of every person.

It takes time for that to come to come to fruition, to find its level, to find its way out.

That means a school needs flexibility, attention, real care for individuals.

It doesn't mean everybody involved has to share the same philosophy, the same theology. Or that everybody knows they have this relationship with God and is consciously working at it. But a Christian school is one in which the entire atmosphere is pervaded by the conviction that there is something mysterious, potentially wonderful in everybody, has that kind of openness about it, that sense that people are worth spending time with.

People need time to grow, need loving attention. The Christian Gospel says that every person has a unique task to do with God and for God, whether they know it or not.

The Christian educator is trying to get them to connect with that task and grow into it. The Christian school is one which embodies that vision as fully as it possibly can.