

# ST. FAITHS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND VC PRIMARY SCHOOL



St. Faiths' Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled school with close links to the Church and has a strong Christian ethos.

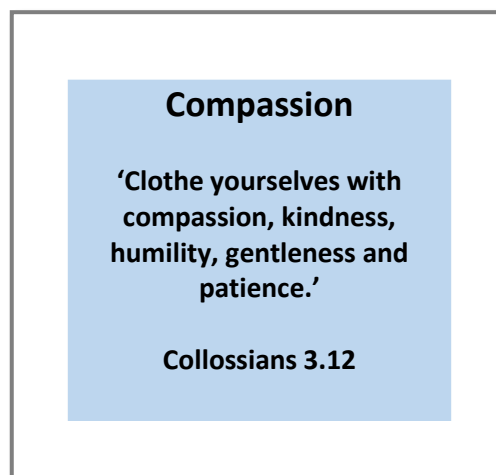
## Our Vision

Our vision is to create a school where every child and adult has self-belief and the opportunity to be the best they can be, fostered through a sense of belonging, of being valued and with respect for individuality. We will be defined by who we are and what we do.

## Our Values

*When your values are clear to you, making decisions become easier.  
It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are*  
Roy E. Disney

We adopt the following Christian Values as guiding principles:



*Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone.*

As a school, we will promote how we encourage all members of the community to show kindness and respect to one another and explore, through links with charities, how we can support those in need.

## **Honesty**

**'Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.'**

**1 John 3.18**

**'Tell the truth to each other'**

**Zechariah 8.16**

*Christians believe honesty is marked as being free from deceit or untruthfulness; being sincere. The Christian life should be one marked with integrity and honesty, yet because we all sin and find it easy to do so, honesty is something we must work hard at.*

As a school, we will promote honesty as it is important on so many levels from relationships at home, at school and in our communities. We will encourage all members of our school community to be honest to themselves as well as to others as it is important to find a balance of knowing both our blessings and shortcomings so we can continue to grow.

## **Responsibility**

**'Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life'**

**Galatians 6:5-15**

*The Bible teaches that life is a gift from God and it is our responsibility to use our talents and abilities in the best way we can.*

As a school, we will encourage pupils to act in a responsible manner and we will also encourage everyone in our school community to do the best they can.

## **Perseverance**

**'I can do all things through  
Him who strengthens me.'**

**Philippians 4.13**

*The Bible teaches us that Christ is our perfect example of perseverance. His faith was tested and yet He never faltered. He suffered and yet did not retaliate. He endured the horrors and inhumanity of the crucifixion. He persevered when He was forsaken and betrayed by those closest to Him.*

As a school, we will encourage pupils to persevere, to find the strength to keep on going when they find things difficult, to make the effort to always do the best they can.

## **Forgiveness**

**'Just as the Lord has forgiven  
you, so you must also forgive  
others.'**

**Colossians 3.13**

*Forgiveness is one of the "key" words of the Christian faith. Christians believe if God had not included forgiveness in His plan for humanity, none of us would enjoy life renewed with Him in heaven. Without forgiveness there would be no hope at all.*

As a school, we will encourage pupils to seek forgiveness and be forgiven. Pupils will be encouraged to say they are sorry, and they should forgive each other. This means that they should not be angry at each other anymore and they should be friends. We recognise that offences are not all the same, and some are much harder to forgive than others. Learning to forgive is an ongoing lesson for children and adults, but teaching children while they are young that forgiveness is important will set them on the right path, providing a foundation for later teaching opportunities.