

# ST MARY & ST MARGARET'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## OUR CHRISTIAN VISION & VALUES

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Our vision is for all members of our school family to continually develop spiritually, morally, academically, emotionally and culturally so that they can be the best version of themselves possible: we want each child and adult to experience the 'life in all its fullness' that Jesus talks about in the book of John.

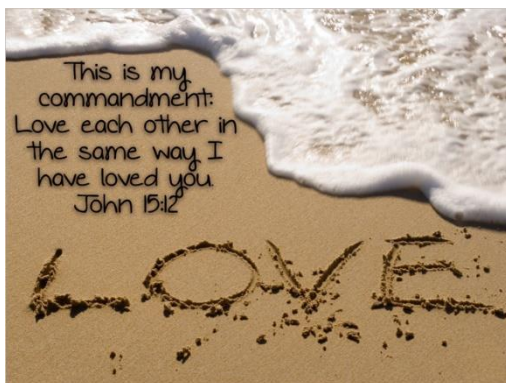
## What do we mean by 'life in all its fullness'?

We see the life of Jesus as the ultimate example of living life in all its fullness. Jesus' life was a life of purpose – a life lived to make a positive difference in our world. It was a life motivated by love, by acceptance of all and by a belief in the value of everyone – no matter what their background, no matter what mistakes had been made and no matter what strengths or weaknesses people showed.

We believe that we can help every member of our school family discover 'life in all its fullness' through:

- Giving opportunity to explore and identify what we're good at, what we value, where our passions lie, what we believe in and what we stand for
- Allowing everyone to flourish and to grow in confidence, in self-belief and in self-worth, whilst developing knowledge and empathy for the people around us and those in the wider world – regardless of background or circumstances
- Helping everyone to achieve in all areas of life and learning, and to develop into the best possible version of ourselves
- Helping all of us believe we can make a positive difference in the world around us
- Seeking the good in and showing love to everyone, even those who may not like us or those we may find it difficult to like.

In particular, we believe that living life in all its fullness can be summed up by the following things that Jesus said:



**"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12**



**"Let your light shine before others." Matthew 5:16**

In other words, living life in all its fullness is all about following Jesus's example, sharing God's love with everyone and making a positive difference in the world around us.

Our school values are listed on the following pages. They are based on five key purposes. They are all important to us, but we believe that the life and teaching of Jesus show us that the most important of our values is **LOVE**. Christian love for all is central to everything we do.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But  
the greatest of these is love."

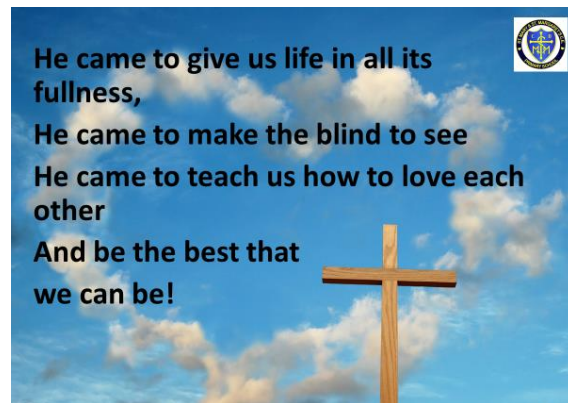
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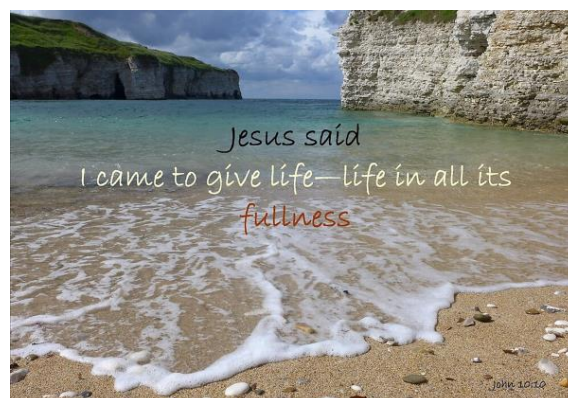
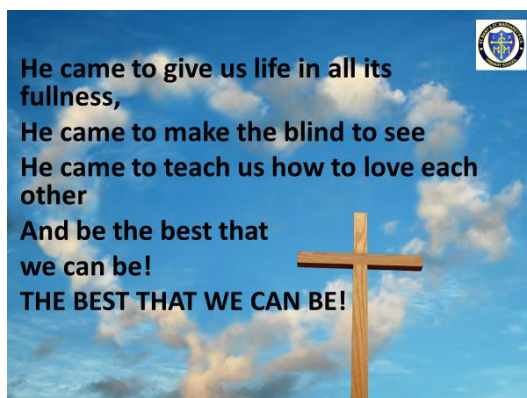
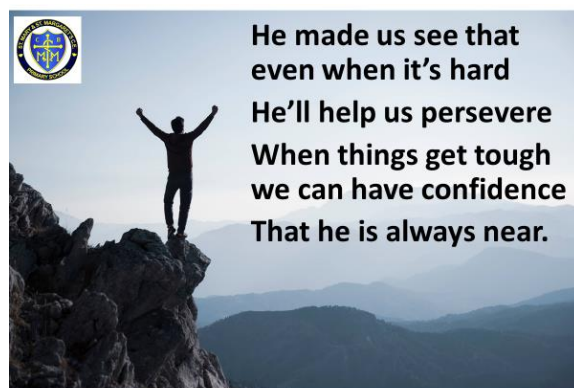
We have a special school song which reminds us of our values and what it means to live life in all its fullness:



He taught us everyone is special  
And that we all can now belong  
He taught us how to show forgiveness  
And start again when things go wrong.



He taught us to be humble and to serve,  
To think how others feel,  
He taught us how to love and share and care  
And show respect that's real.

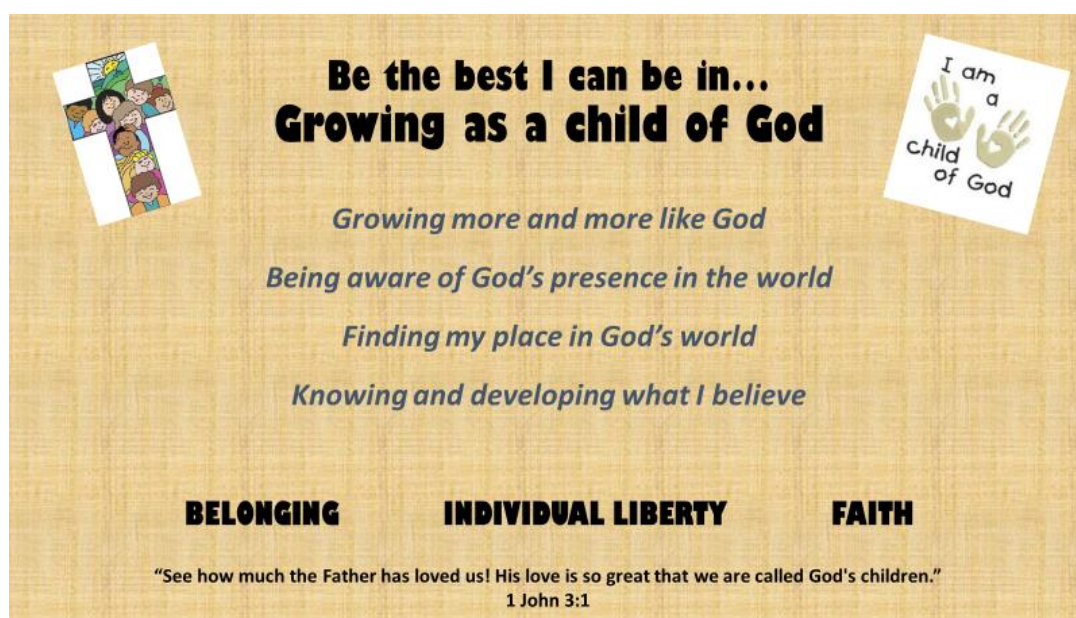


## OUR VALUES

At St Mary and St Margaret's, we believe it is important that we all know what we want to achieve as a school. For this reason, staff, governors, parents and children have contributed to deciding our school values. Our curriculum is built around our school values and we use them as a tool for school improvement, aiming to ensure that they are central to any new initiatives the school takes on. All members of the school community are encouraged to model and help build these values.

We believe that St Mary and St Margaret's CE Primary School exists to enable every child to realise his or her potential to the fullest possible extent, whatever his or her particular needs and abilities.

To this end we promote our agreed Values. For each area, the impact we hope these values will have is shown below:




### Impact – Growing as a Child of God:


Children have an ever-developing sense of their spirituality and place in God's world and of their beliefs and values.

*"You are a child of God. You are wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in his sight."*  
Psalm 139:13-14





## Be the best I can be by... Loving Learning



*Enjoying learning new things*  
*Showing enthusiasm*  
*Learning how to learn*  
*Setting goals*  
*Asking and attempting to find answers to questions*  
*Learning in and out of school*


**CREATIVITY      ENTHUSIASM      TEAMWORK**

"My child, learn what I teach you and never forget what I tell you to do. Listen to what is wise and try to understand it."  
 Proverbs 2:1-2


### Impact – Loving Learning:

Children demonstrate a love of and enthusiasm for learning. They develop the skills to become lifelong learners.

*"Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future."*  
 Proverbs 19:20



## Be the best I can be through... Caring



*Caring about ourselves*  
*Caring about each other*  
*Caring about the school*  
*Caring about the community*  
*Caring about the nation*  
*Caring about the wider world*  
*Caring about God's creation*  
*Respecting differences*



**LOVE      EMPATHY      MUTUAL RESPECT & TOLERANCE      SHARING**

"Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love."  
 1 Corinthians 13:13

### Impact – Caring:

Children become responsible, compassionate citizens with a sense of the positive impact they can have in their world.

*"This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you."*  
 John 15:12

**Be the best I can be in...  
Achieving**

*Becoming the best readers, writers  
and mathematicians we can be*

*Finding and developing our talents*

*Building on our strengths and persevering when we struggle*

*Celebrating our successes*



**PERSEVERANCE                      ASPIRATION                      EXCELLENCE**

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."*  
Philippians 4:13

#### **Impact – Achieving:**

Children develop detailed knowledge & skills across the curriculum and, as a result, achieve well.

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**Be the best I can be through...  
Personal Development**

*Learning how to solve tricky problems together*

*Working with each other, even when we disagree*

*Developing resilience and perseverance*

*Knowing and believing in ourselves*

*Learning to control our emotions*

**FORGIVENESS                      DEMOCRACY & THE RULE OF LAW                      INDEPENDENCE                      CONFIDENCE**

*"So then, encourage one another and build each other up"*  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

#### **Impact – Personal Development:**

Children develop their character, naturally displaying the values of the school in all that they do. They know how to keep physically & mentally healthy. By the time they leave, they are prepared for the challenges they will face in secondary school and beyond in modern Britain.

*"I urge you, then — live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you."*  
Ephesians 4:1

## Our School Values – Bible Stories

Our School Values are rooted in scripture and each is linked to a different story from the Bible. These stories are often used in worship to help us focus on a particular value, especially for our Value of the Half Term. The stories or passages are listed below, along with additional suggestions for some values:

GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD	
Value	Story/Reading
Faith	<p><b>The Fiery Furnace</b> <b><i>Daniel 3</i></b></p> <p>Mary Obeys God <i>Luke 1:26-38</i></p> <p>The Faith of the Centurion <i>Matthew 8:5-13</i></p> <p>Jesus Walks on the Water <i>Matthew 14:22-33</i></p> <p>Noah &amp; The Flood <i>Genesis 6:1-9:17</i></p> <p>The Exodus <i>Exodus 11:31-14:31</i></p> <p>Joshua &amp; The Battle of Jericho <i>Joshua 5:13-6:21</i></p> <p>The Story of Gideon <i>Judges 6-8</i></p>
Belonging	<p><b>The Lost Sheep</b> <b><i>Luke 15:3-7</i></b> <b><i>(or Matthew 18:12-14)</i></b></p> <p>The Shepherds &amp; The Angels + The Three Wise Men <i>Luke 2:8-20</i> <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i></p> <p>The Good Samaritan <i>Luke 10:29-37</i></p> <p>The Lost Coin <i>Luke 15:8-10</i></p> <p>One Body Many Parts <i>1 Corinthians 12:12-27</i></p>



<b>Individual Liberty</b>	<b>Daniel in the Lions' Den</b> <i>Daniel 6</i>  <b>The Story of Esther</b> <i>Esther</i>
<b>LOVING LEARNING</b>	
<b>Value</b>	<b>Story/Reading</b>
<b>Creativity</b>	<b>God Creates the World</b> <i>Genesis 1:1-2:4a</i>
<b>Teamwork</b>	<b>The Four Friends</b> <b><i>Mark 2:1-12</i></b>  One Body Many Parts <i>1 Corinthians 12:12-27</i>
<b>Enthusiasm</b>	<b>The Parable of the Lamp</b> <b><i>Matthew 5:14-16</i></b>  Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls of Jerusalem <i>Nehemiah 3-6</i>  Joseph's Coat <i>Genesis 37-50</i>
<b>CARING</b>	
<b>Value</b>	<b>Story/Reading</b>
<b>Sharing</b>	<b>The Feeding of the Five Thousand</b> <b><i>Luke 6:1-14</i></b>  The Rich Young Ruler <i>Mark 10:17-27</i>  The Pharisee and the Tax Collector <i>Luke 18:9-14</i>
<b>Love</b>	<b>The Love Chapter</b> <b><i>1 Corinthians 13:1-8a</i></b>  The Greatest Commandment <i>Matthew 22:34-40</i>  Nothing Can Separate Us From The Love of God <i>Romans 8:31-39</i>  The Crucifixion <i>Matthew 27:32-56</i>
<b>Empathy</b>	<b>Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet</b> <i>John 13:1-17</i>

<b>Mutual Respect &amp; Tolerance</b>	<b>The Good Samaritan</b> <i>Luke 10:29-37</i>  Zacchaeus The Tax Collector <i>Luke 19:1-10</i>
<b>ACHIEVING</b>	
<b>Story</b>	<b>Story/Reading</b>
<b>Aspiration</b>	<b>David &amp; Goliath</b> <i>1 Samuel 17:1-51</i>  Parable of the Talents <i>Matthew 25:14-30</i>
<b>Excellence</b>	<b>Parable of the Talents</b> <i>Matthew 25:14-30</i>  Run the Race <i>Hebrews 12:1-3</i>
<b>Perseverance</b>	<b>The Friend at Midnight</b> <i>Luke 11:5-13</i>  The Persistent Widow <i>Luke 18:1-8</i>  The Ten Plagues <i>Exodus 7-10</i>  Jesus In The Garden of Gethsemane <i>Matthew 26:36-46</i>  David & Goliath <i>1 Samuel 17:1-51</i>  Run The Race <i>Hebrews 12:1-3</i>
<b>PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	
<b>Story</b>	<b>Story/Reading</b>
<b>Confidence</b>	<b>Moses And The Burning Bush</b> <i>Exodus 3:1-4:17</i>  David & Goliath <i>1 Samuel 17:1-51</i>  I Can Do All Things <i>Philippians 4:13</i>

Independence	<p><b>Jesus at the Temple</b>  <b><i>Luke 2:39-52</i></b></p> <p>Jesus is Tempted in the Desert  <i>Luke 4:1-13</i></p>
Forgiveness	<p><b>The Lost Son</b>  <b><i>Luke 15:11-24</i></b></p> <p>Peter's Denials &amp; Redemption  <i>Matthew 26:69-75 &amp; John 21:15-17</i></p> <p>The Unforgiving Servant  <i>Matthew 18:23-34</i></p> <p>Joseph in Egypt  <i>Genesis 37-50</i></p>
Democracy & The Rule of Law	<p><b>Jesus is Questioned About Paying Taxes</b>  <b><i>Mark 12:13-17</i></b></p> <p>Moses Receives the Ten Commandments  <i>Exodus 19</i></p>