

Exploring Our Core Values

Introduction

Our vision statement says:

We aim to be a loving and growing community which is Bible-based and Holy Spirit-led. We worship Jesus and seek to serve him in our everyday lives.

We also have a strap line that has been added to our logo:

Loving Worshipping Serving.

The vision statement and strapline both express who we are and who we long to be. It is a vision that we wear but at the same time a vision that we are growing into. The strapline is a three-word condensed version of the vision statement.

To help us to grow into this vision we have chosen core values that provided the foundations for everything we. Romans chapter 12 reflects our vision and provides a model for how to be a follower of Jesus, how to be a church that is part of the body of Christ and how to be Christ's body in the world. Therefore our core values are based on this foundational chapter and are as follows:

1. Worship

Worship is at the heart of everything we do.

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1

2. Prayer

Prayer is essential as we seek to do God's will.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12



3. Community

We are a family designed to be in relationship with God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and with each other. We seek to develop and deepen our relationships.

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:4-5

4. Discipleship

By following Jesus we will grow into God's plan for us and will discover fullness of life.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

5. Compassion

Jesus met people at their point of need and revealed his love and truth. We aim to follow his example in our community, in our everyday lives.

Love must be sincere. Romans 12:9

6. Hospitality

We seek to befriend and encourage all in our community. Everyone can expect a warm welcome at Christ Church.

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:13