



Hilgay Village Church of England Primary School

Christian Values

As a church school we have a responsibility to teach the Christian values to the children. There is a rich variety of nominated values and as a school we have decided to use Collective Worship as a vehicle to incorporate these into our everyday lives. We are now promoting a value every month in the classroom.

Our Christian values are:

Courage/Endurances and Self-sacrifice.

Courage takes many forms: it may mean facing up to the opposition or personal danger, it may mean overcoming personal fears or phobias; it could mean making a stand for the right.

Endurance is the recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful. It often takes real courage to be truly self-sacrificing.

Hope

Hope has lost something of its power as it is a word used too frequently in ordinary conversation. Hope is a universal phenomenon which sustains people in times of great personal difficulty. Where there is no hope society spirals downwards. For some people, hope is so strong that it inspires self-sacrifice to turn their hope into reality.

Humility

This is an attitude that challenges the values of our surrounding culture. Through humble service we discover the truth about ourselves.

Wisdom

This is not the same thing as 'education' or 'cleverness'. Wisdom can be best described as an ability of discernment or understanding which doesn't come automatically but is gained from life experience.

Trust

This is essential to human life and lies at the heart of all relationships. Trust entails being vulnerable because by trusting you are putting yourself into others' hands.

Friendship

This is an undisputed value in our society with children and teenagers often spending more time with their friends than their family. True friendship enables each person to grow and ensures that the unique individuality of each person is recognised.

Creation and Stewardship

The respect for Creation has faltered in the face of technological advances. Now we are face to face with the issues of climate change, crisis over access to food and water, destruction of habitat and the rapid extinction of species. It is not clear whether the earth can still renew itself or whether the damage has gone too far. What should we be doing now?

Agape (Christian Love)

Agape is the key Christian value as it lies at the root of all other values. It means respect, affection, benevolence, goodwill and concern for the welfare of one loved. It is selfless and means putting other first before oneself.

Koinonia (Community)

It means fellowship, community, union, partnership. In Christian teaching "koinonia" describes how Christians come together as a family.

Thankfulness

The concept of thankfulness is important, especially in worship where songs and prayers of thankfulness and praise.

Compassion

Attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus, and the love of God for everyone, with that special concern for the poor and the oppressed. "Compassion" is a much stronger word than 'sympathy', it is more than feeling sorry for someone, it is as if you step into their shoes.

Peace

This is about positive harmony and healthy relationships between people. It involves spiritual as well as material security. Peace is a state of true wholeness, a state of well-being.

Justice

It is more than fairness and equality, it is a strong bias towards the weak, the poor and the socially disadvantaged. Justice builds a community where everyone's well-being is bound up with that of everyone else. Without true Justice there cannot be true peace.

Service

This is a revolutionary concept. This calls upon people to lay selfish things aside for the need of others. Service is given freely without expectation of return.