

St Silas Vision and Values

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Loving God and each other
We work together to be the
best we can be.

Biblical Basis of our Vision

▶ [Mark 12:28-34](#)

When asked what the most important commandment was, Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and the second to "love your neighbour as yourself".

Love

- ▶ Christian Love is based in the Love Jesus and God showed us.
- ▶ Belief that God has revealed Himself to us as **love** is at the very heart of the **Christian** faith. The original Greek word that the New Testament uses to describe the **love** of God is agape. ... It means putting of others before ourselves whether they deserve it or not – a kind of selfless **love**-in-action.
- ▶ [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-37

Service

- ▶ For Christians, God's service is the purpose of our lives. We exist to love, serve and honour him, and we get our greatest fulfilment through doing so. God's Word promises rewards for those who faithfully serve him, but the motivation for service should always be thankfulness to him and a desire to do his will.

- ▶ **Mark 10:45**

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

- ▶ **Parable of the Talents**-Matthew 25: 14-30

This value of service is the foundation for our church school in a community which has a high percentage of Muslim children.

Thankfulness

- ▶ Christians are thankful to God for all that he is, all that he has done, and all that he has promised to do. Thankfulness is the principal reason for our loving service of God and our obedience to the commands in his word, the Bible.
- ▶ [Ephesians 5:19-20](#)
Giving thanks to God the Father for everything.

Parable of the Ten Lepers Luke 17: 11-19

Belonging

- ▶ Christian 'koinonia' is based on believers being one in Christ Jesus, co-heirs of the Kingdom of God and members of the Body of Christ, the church. It involves a mutual sharing and commitment to one another.

- ▶ **1 Corinthians 12:24-26**

But God has combined the members of the body... so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

Parable of The Lost Sheep **Matthew** 18:12–14

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Values

- Service
- Love
- Thankfulness
- Belonging

Provide an inclusive education of the highest quality for each and every child.
Foster a life-long love of learning by providing a stimulating, rich, exciting and engaging curriculum tailored to meet individual needs.

Provide a caring and welcoming school based on Christian morals and values that safeguards and promotes the welfare for all.
Foster each child's unique talents and widen each child's horizons, enabling each child to flourish.

Provide opportunities for children to develop their spirituality.
Help children become self-confident and self-reliant, knowing they are loved by God.
Help children develop socially, have a sense of moral values and to have regard for other people's feelings and situations, knowing all people are created in the image of God.

Value and respect all members of the school and wider community and celebrate their efforts and achievements.
Foster a successful partnership with parents, carers, the church and community.
Help children understand the world in which they live and to challenge injustice and inequality.

A St Silas Child will be:

- ▶ Compassionate-committed to service and charity
- ▶ Life Long Learner –curious with a wide range of interests
- ▶ Loving and respectful-loving God and each other
- ▶ Thankful for what God has provided
- ▶ Striving to be the best that they can be
- ▶ Socially aware-ready to challenge injustice locally, nationally and globally
- ▶ Confident with a sense of belonging-knowing they are a precious child of God unique, special and precious