



Our place as a Church of England Primary School with St Luke's, the Gloucester Diocese and the Church of England

Church of England

Our Vision: *Jesus Christ centred and Jesus Christ shaped.*

Our strategic priorities are:

- To be a church that is younger and more diverse
- To be a church where mixed ecology is the norm – where every person in England has access to an enriching and compelling community of faith by adding new churches and new forms of Church to our parishes, schools and chaplaincies
- To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are released to live the Christian life

Our aim is to promote education in schools, colleges and universities – education that allows children and young people to flourish in the widest sense.

I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness. John 10:10

Our vision for education is deeply Christian, with Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness' at its heart.

Our vision is for the common good of the whole community.

- Educating for wisdom, knowledge and skills: enabling discipline, confidence and delight in seeking wisdom and knowledge, and developing talents in all areas of life.
- Educating for hope and aspiration: enabling healing, repair and renewal, coping wisely when things go wrong, opening horizons and guiding people into ways of fulfilling them.
- Educating for community and living well together: a core focus on relationships, participation in communities and the qualities of character that enable people to flourish together.
- Educating for dignity and respect: the basic principle of respect for the value and preciousness of each person, treating each person as a unique individual of inherent worth.

Diocese of Gloucester

Our Vision: *"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full".*

With high aspiration for excellence, we are passionate for all within our family of schools to experience God's love in a culture of care, dignity and hope. Our Christian values underpin all that we do. ... We work together to support not only the flourishing of every child, but also the flourishing of school communities within their deanery groups.

The Diocese has a **LIFE** vision with four aspects to which we are committed:

Leadership - Committed to transformation

Imagination - Opening new paths to faith

Faith - Living as adventurous followers of Jesus Christ

Engagement - Living out Christ's love and hope

Within this vision, certain elements speak directly into schools and our work at Saint John's CoE Primary School.

- Placing schools at the heart of our mission with creative connections between churches and schools
- Encouraging new and courageous ways of worshipping, in different places, which connect with more people
- Enabling people to discover new depths to prayer and spiritual growth, individually and together
- Nurturing confident disciples to live out their faith seven days a week
- Investing in people and programmes, which excite young people to explore and grow in faith

The spotlight for 2022 is on **Life Together** which has five vision commitments:

- Nurturing everyday disciples
- Investing in people and programmes which excite young people to explore and grow in faith
- Encouraging new and courageous ways of worshipping in different places which connect with more people
- Being advocates for flourishing through initiatives which combat injustice, environmental destruction, exclusion and isolation



St Luke's Church

Our Vision: *'Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ' Colossians 2.6-7*

The vision for St Luke's is that our church community finds its foundations and security in knowing Jesus. We express this through four values of being disciples of Jesus, local in mission, loving one another and structured to grow. The imagery of 'rooted and built up' combines the sense of organic growth, like a tree, with intentional effort, like a house. What is vital is that both these proceed from Jesus, the Son of God.

St Luke's understands itself as a local parish church. Hence, the geographical area around the physical church site is vitally important to us as the community we desire to love and serve. Saint John's School is a core part of this.

The last 5 years at St Luke's have been about stabilising what was a fragile church community. We feel our roots are now deepening and firm. So, we are in the process of revisiting our vision, to extend our understanding of how we discern God is leading the process of building up.

We believe God is calling us to be a hub for the local community and a haven for those in need or rest. We want everyone who comes into contact with St Luke's Church, both its people and the physical facilities, to go away having experienced the touch of God's love. This will involve the development of our buildings for community service and provision of ministry to meet community needs.

We want Saint John's to find at St Luke's a building which can serve the vision and priorities of the school, and a community where they will find love and spiritual growth.

Saint John's CE Primary School

Our Vision: *We are 'like a tree, flourishing in God's unfailing love' Psalm 52:8*

From diverse beginnings and building on our Christian values, we grow together to reach up and reach out.

Our vision is that Saint John's Church of England Primary School is a place where everyone flourishes and grows. Our logo of a tree reminds us that we are 'like a tree, flourishing in God's unfailing love' (Psalm 52:8). Our tree logo is drawn with one line, showing that fundamentally we flourish and grow together, helping each other as we develop and prepare for our next steps, reaching up and out towards others.

Our school is rooted in Christian values. We learn about these values both formally and informally and we provide ways for our children and adults to cultivate those values. We want to learn about these values, reflect on these values and live these values within our school, within our homes and within our community.

Our sense of family is the strong trunk which holds everything together. As a Church of England primary school, we understand the importance of family; our children, parents, staff, governors and the wider community are the central part of who we are as a school. Saint John's is a place where we all belong and are valued. We recognise that families have different members who bring something precious to the whole family.

Our aims (Curriculum, Caring, Challenge, Community, Citizenship) are the branches of our tree. We are a school with clear aims which impact our decision-making and planning for our children's education. These five branches (our aims) stem from the roots (our values) and our trunk (our family) and they provide clarity, as we focus on our children's needs and provide them with opportunities to develop and grow individually and independently – like the leaves on a tree which are all different and unique.