



Riverside Vineyard Church Vision & Values (Ethos) Statement

As a church, all that we do is based upon a dynamic faith in & relationship with Jesus Christ, and summarised in our mission statement:

Worship God, Love others, Be Jesus in the world

Our mission

As a church, we are committed to expressing God's love to all and being part of building thriving communities wherever we live or work. Our motivation comes from Jesus's command to love God with our whole lives (Mark 12: 29-31) and His commission to make disciples (Matthew 28: 18-20). Our mission shapes our priorities (those things we give our time, energy & resources to), our values, and our charitable objectives.

Our priorities

As a church we have identified key priorities which are integral to our mission, and to which we give our time, energy and resources:

- Bible: we believe in the authority of the Bible as God's word, and are committed to the practical teaching and application of the Bible as a guide for our lives.
- Worship: surrendering the whole of our lives to God and placing a priority on gathering to worship together as a church family.
- Prayer: vital to our relationship with God, as we talk with Him and He with us. We recognize our need to pray for God's Kingdom to come.
- Sending: equipping & releasing people to serve others locally, nationally or internationally. We're also committed also to launching new sites from this church & planting new Vineyard churches.
- Ministry: serving others in our communities including those who are in material, physical or spiritual need.
- Training: equipping people for life and mission.

 Relationships: encouraging genuine, real relationships. This is worked out in our small groups, ministry teams, social events, Sunday services, etc.. As a church, we highly value diversity.

Our values

We have also identified key values which are the essence of the way we seek to do things and are vital to the culture and identity of Riverside Vineyard Church:

•	Spirit-led	We're passionate about being led by God in all we do. We're therefore not resistant to change
•	Together we're better	We know that we need each other
•	Serve Wholeheartedly	We understand that the greatest thing we can do is to serve others
•	Keep it simple & relevant	We want to connect meaningfully with the world in which we live & work
•	Do the best we can	We want to constantly be learning & improving
•	Generous	Open-handed, giving as much as we're able
•	Kind-hearted	Showing kindness, compassion, sympathy
•	Fun-loving	Remembering to celebrate, laugh & have fun
•	Relaxed & informal	Being ourselves & not taking ourselves too seriously
•	Merciful	Treating others with mercy & without judgement, loving others as we are loved by God

Charitable objectives and activities

Riverside Vineyard Church is a registered charity as well as being a Company limited by Guarantee, and as such, the principal objectives and activities are stated in the Memorandum of Association:

- 1) The furtherance of religious public education
- 2) The advancement of the Christian faith including missionary activities in the United Kingdom and overseas
- 3) The relief of the poor and needy
- 4) The relief of the sick and elderly
- 5) Such other charitable objects and for the benefit of such other charitable bodies and institutions as the trustees in their absolute discretion think fit