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# STATEMENT OF VISION, VALUES AND FAITH

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Waverley Abbey Trust has a vision to revive the church and rewire the culture every day with Jesus.

As part of Waverley Abbey Trust, Waverley Abbey College is part of this exciting vision.

Waverley Abbey College already sets the bar as the best institution in the UK for training Christian counsellors, issuing its degrees through the University of Middlesex.

Building on this success, we will move our teaching platforms online as well and expand our range of courses to train a new generation of young leaders, pastors, counsellors, and entrepreneurs globally.

We live in a time between worlds, a liminal time where the world we have known is disappearing, and a new one is emerging. As part of a renewed Abbey, Waverley Abbey College is called to make a way; to navigate, bridge, and lead people through this time - just as the Abbey did in the past.



## **WAVERLEY ABBAY COLLEGE VISION**

Waverley Abbey College will be a centre for education, where learning is the fulcrum for transition and creation of the world God wants to make at this moment in global history. For education and learning is "the process by which society renews itself" and is how a new world order is transformed.

Waverley Abbey College will enable a global generation to understand and navigate the crisis in our world, manifest in crises of economics, climate change, social systems, politics, and identity. To rewire our culture through learning in order to renew our world and revive the church into God's mission globally.

To fulfil this objective, we will:

- Develop a new pedagogy, building on the best of our current modes, that is then made available with state-of-the-art "digital first" streamed learning hub, hybrid learning experiences and face to face courses.
- Embed with 24-7 Prayer to ensure an Encounter with God and discern God's desire for our learning experiences. We will pioneer a learning pathway for a global movement of younger (and older) people, that will equip the wider church.
- Establish centres for learning that catalyse each other. Centres that foster research, best practice, innovation, and continuous development. These centres will focus on – Spiritual Formation, Counselling/Mental Health and Leadership.
- Establish a student pathway that brings people from broader Waverley Abbey learning experiences into our centres and then into Higher Education courses.

And in so doing, we will:

- Become a university with degree awarding powers, to better provide the status and innovation we require for our students and wider learning experiences in the future and to be able to extend that to other global Christian partners seeking similar educational innovation around the world.



## **WAVERLEY ABBEY COLLEGE VALUES**

Waverley Abbey College embraces Waverley Abbey Trust's values within an educational context.

- A commitment to operating with integrity
- A knowledge that we need to be selfless
- A desire to be transformational
- A response that is compassionate
- A love of celebration

## **WAVERLEY ABBEY TRUST STATEMENT OF FAITH**

As a Christian organisation, Waverley Abbey Trust has a statement of faith.

Our beliefs are determined by the Bible and expressed in the Nicene Creed. All Christian traditions -, Orthodox, Catholic and Free Church - have agreed upon this statement of faith since 325AD\*:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.



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For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

\*The agreement on the Nicene Creed pre-dates the addition of the Filioque clause ("and the Son") regarding the Holy Spirit - a simple phrase which sadly caused a rift between Eastern (Orthodox) and Western (Roman etc) Christians. Prior to the addition of this phrase the Nicene Creed in its original form (325AD) certainly did have universal support, successfully articulating the faith of Christians around the world.



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