

WEST RUNTON HOLIDAYS

Vision, Values and Statement of Faith

Vision and Values

1.1 A background to West Runton Holidays

West Runton Holidays was founded in 1919 and was affiliated with Scripture Union until 2009 when it became a registered charity (Charity No. 1135213).

1.2 The current vision statement for West Runton Holidays

“WEST RUNTON HOLIDAYS WANTS TO MAKE JESUS KNOWN TO YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH EXCITING, EXCELLENT ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS.”

“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done.”

Psalm 78:4

1.3 A brief overview of the holidays

Our Values:

Evangelism & Discipleship (West Runton Holidays wants to make Jesus known)

We want to see children and young people discover and know Jesus. To grasp who Jesus is and how Jesus wants to have relationship with us. To talk about and create an environment where children and young people can encounter Jesus is vital to who we are. We want to encourage children and young people who don't know Jesus to come on our holidays as well – what a great opportunity for them to meet Him, our creator, our provider, our King, friend and Saviour!

But we want more than just a camp experience. We want to see followers of Jesus not just converts, so seek to give them the skills and encouragement to go on with God when camp has finished. Discipleship begins with young people going from having never heard of Jesus, to salvation, going on to be mature followers of Jesus.

We exist to introduce children and young people to Jesus and see them grow and develop into mature disciples, seeing their potential unfold!

West Runton Holidays wants to make Jesus known to YOUNG PEOPLE.

We are an organisation that is currently focused on young people, from ages 9 up to 21. And we are open to any young people in between those ages, from any background, culture and experience.

We want young people from all over the place to hear about us and want to come on our holidays because we want them to meet and go on with Jesus.

We want young people to be introduced to Jesus because He is the only one who can give them hope. He is the only one who can love them truly. He is the only one who can heal them and give them life and life in all it's fullness.

West Runton Holidays wants to make Jesus known to young people through exciting EXCELLENT holidays.

From The Message, Col 3:23 says

“Servants do what you are told by your earthly master. And don't just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident

in that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ. The sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being 'Christian' doesn't cover up bad work. "

We want to work as if working for the Lord. We run good quality, safe holidays with qualified leaders and team, providing a fully relevant and accessible programme. A real HOLY day, a break from the norm, set apart from everyday life... a holiday!

Everything we do we aim to do well – from the planning through to the delivery and care on our holidays!

As West Runton Holidays, we aim to pursue excellence in all we do.

West Runton Holidays wants to make Jesus known to young people through exciting excellent ADVENTURE and ACTIVITY holidays.

Jesus came, God became flesh so we could better grasp who He is and Jesus invites us to join Him in seeing the Kingdom of God come on earth as it is in heaven. It's at hand, God's full rule and reign here on earth, is within our grasp and living like we believe that has to be an adventure!

Life with Jesus is an adventure and we want to provide holidays that have adventure and action in them, to reflect the Kingdom, whether that's introducing Jesus to someone for the first time, or through exploring more of the Christian faith, through games, canoeing, karting, skiing, sailing...

At West Runton Holidays we love the outdoors and God has given us THE most incredible creation to play in – whether that's playing crocker on a field, building a model aeroplane, karting around outside, windsurfing on a lake somewhere in Europe, or learning to snowplough in the Swiss Alps – we offer a distinctive brand of holidays and that's partly because we have a high emphasis on adventure and activity!

One of our unique selling points is that we are small enough to be creatively adventurous and provide fantastic out of the ordinary activities!

So, West Runton Holidays wants to make Jesus known to young people through exciting excellent activity holidays – something it's been doing for years gone by and we hope will do for years to come.

Statement of Faith

What we believe

As the West Runton Family, we accept and proclaim the historic truths of the Christian faith, including the following:

God and the human race

We hold that the Lord our God is one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and that he fulfils His sovereign purposes – in creation, revelation, redemption, judgement, and the coming of his Kingdom, by calling out from the world a people united to himself and to each other in love. We acknowledge that though God made us in his own likeness and image, conferring on us dignity and worth, and enabling us to respond to him, we are members of a fallen race; we have sinned and come short of his glory.

We believe that the Father has shown us his holy love in giving Jesus Christ, his only son, for us, while through our sinfulness and guilt, we were subject to his wrath and condemnation; and has shown his grace by putting sinners right with himself when they place their trust in his Son.

We confess Jesus Christ as Lord and God; as truly human, born of the virgin Mary; as Servant, sinless, full of grace and truth; as only Mediator and Saviour, dying on the cross in our place, representing us to God, redeeming us from the grip, guilt and punishment of sin; as victor over Satan and his forces, rising from death with a glorious body, being taken up to be with his Father, one day returning personally in glory and judgement to establish His Kingdom.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who convicts the world of guilt in regard to sin, righteousness and judgement; who makes the death of Christ effective to sinners, declaring that they must turn to Christ in repentance, and directing their trust toward the Lord Jesus Christ; who through the new birth makes us partake in the life of the risen Christ, and who is present within all believers, illuminating their minds to the grasp of Scripture, producing in them his fruit, granting them His gifts, and empowering them for witness in the world.

The Scriptures

We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are God-breathed, since their writers spoke from God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit; hence they are fully trustworthy in all that they affirm, and are our highest authority for faith and life.

The Church and its Mission

We recognise the Church as the body of Christ held together and growing in him;

both as a total fellowship throughout the world, and as the local congregation in which believers gather. We acknowledge the commission of Christ to proclaim the Good News to all people, making them disciples, and teaching them to obey Him

and

We acknowledge the command of Christ to love our neighbours, resulting in service to the Church and society, in seeking reconciliation for all with God and their fellows, in proclaiming liberty from every kind of oppression; and in spreading Christ's justice in an unjust world...

...until he comes again.

Lifestyle

We believe that the Bible calls us to a distinctive lifestyle of discipleship . Our ministry requires us to demonstrate that, especially as we are likely to influence others. Such a lifestyle includes regular Bible reading and prayer and active involvement in a local church. It is marked by a selfless attitude to money, possessions, time, work, leisure, social action and relationships. It demonstrates moral standards including an acceptance that the only appropriate place for a sexual relationship is within a marriage between a man and a woman.

Whilst we recognise that as fallen people we often fall short of this ideal, we believe that grace and forgiveness are always available to those who repent. We nevertheless expect that all working with us will be committed to work towards achieving such a lifestyle with God's help.

Our child protection policy statement

We believe that all human beings are of equal worth in the sight of God and aim to follow Biblical principles in all that we do.

Therefore:

- We commit ourselves to the nurture, protection, and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to protect children and young people from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and to report any abuse suspected or discovered.
- In order to achieve this, we are committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people. We will provide appropriate supervision and recognise mutual accountability.