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St John is an international family of charities whose mission is to lead globally in First Aid and medical responses to community healthcare needs.

We promote physical, mental and spiritual health and well-being. That is the vocation we share and we will build an enduring community in which all its members can find purpose and enjoyment.

It is built on our motto “Pro Fide (for the faith), Pro Utilitate Hominum (in the service of humanity)” and embodies the Christian principles of our founders.

- Respect
- Unselfishness
- Excellence
- Openness and transparency
- Devotion
- Togetherness
- Diversity and inclusiveness
- Faithfulness

Personal Letter from the Grand Prior

Dear Member of the St John family,

All of us, as members of the one family of St John, have the aim of helping the unfortunate and sick in society. Whether you are a member of the chivalric Order of St John; or you are a volunteer, delivering front line service or support or leadership to our organisation; all of us seek to live and work by the set of values described here.

The Order of St John, as a chivalric order with His Majesty The King as our Sovereign Head, admits its members and conducts its promotions based upon these values. And if you are a member of the Order, you become part of a worldwide network committed to ensuring that your behaviour and your actions are modelled on these values. But unlike other orders of chivalry, selection and promotions are based not only on what you have done, but also carry responsibility for what you will do, with even greater effort, in the future.

The Order of St John was founded as a Christian order, but we welcome people to join us from all faiths or none, provided they respect the principles of our founders. Our mission is based upon the example of Christ about loving our neighbour and providing aid to the poor and sick. Members of the Order of St John understand themselves to be called to do everything possible to ease the suffering of those most in need, regardless of their colour, creed or gender.

As a charity, we will endeavour to deliver aid to those in need. Our Christian predecessors saw the poor and the sick as the embodiment of Christ and serving them was akin to serving Christ himself. It is for this reason that we speak of 'serving our lords, the poor and the sick'."

To live up to these values will be demanding for all of us, but I believe they will undergird the growth of each one of us and of the whole of the Order of St John in the days ahead.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester KG GCMO GCMSTJ
Grand Prior of the Order of St John

Our first four values are based upon our view of human need, in which we promote physical, mental and spiritual health and well-being, guided and inspired by the Christian principles of our founders:

Respect

Showing respect and loving kindness for all humanity



Everyone, no matter their age, gender, race, creed, political affiliation or national identity, or what they may have done, will receive loving kindness from St John without discrimination.



Unselfishness

Selflessly helping those in greatest physical, mental and spiritual need without judgment, and building their resilience

We will put the needs of others before ourselves, working for stronger communities.

Excellence

Delivering modern care to a high standard, with a clear focus on impact and efficiency



All those involved in delivery will keep up to date with the latest standards and all our services will be delivered with compassion, to the highest level, ensuring those in most need get the care they require.



Openness and transparency

Committing to openness and transparency so that we become a learning organisation

We will seek to learn from each other. We will share the things that go well, so they can be used by all. We will also be open and honest about our mistakes, so we can all learn and improve for the future.

Our next four values are concerned with how we behave within St John, building an enduring community with a shared vocation based on timeless principles of virtue and honour:

Devotion

Building a spiritual home for ourselves and future generations, where all can find fulfilment and meaning through a shared devotion to helping others



As members of St John we seek to ensure that everyone feels part of one community, devoted to our mission while providing support to each other and to future generations.



Togetherness

Working to create a sense of one family of St John by strengthening and bringing together our many locally-led organisations around a common vision and common values

Based across the world and mainly in the Commonwealth, we endeavour to help and support the one family of St John.

Diversity and inclusiveness

Embracing diversity and inclusiveness to support our common purpose, respecting our differences and accepting those of all faiths and none, whilst confident in our Christian roots and traditions



Everyone should feel included in our St John family.



Faithfulness

Holding ourselves to the highest standards and looking for the best in others, we are faithful to the vision of our founders

Presuming good faith in each other, we hold ourselves and each other to account for high standards of propriety and behaviour, and honour those who do good works.



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