



Faith and service

FAITH & SERVICE (STEWARDSHIP / HOSPITALITY / PRAYER) Courage – Loyalty – Commitment – Teamwork

Recognising the image of God in each person and honouring each one in their giftedness and limitations. Striving together for the common good and growing in relationship with God, one another, and self.

“Let all things be common to all.” (Rule of Benedict 33)

St Benedict teaches that growth comes from accepting people as they are, not as we would like them to be. The key to spiritual progress lies in constantly making the effort to see Christ in each person – no matter how irritating or tiresome.

“Let all be received as Christ.” (Rule of Benedict 53)

“The members should serve one another.” (Rule of Benedict 35)

“Listen intently to holy readings. Give yourself frequently to prayer.” (Rule of Benedict 4)

"Let everyone that comes be received as Christ" is one of the most familiar and oft-quoted phrases of the Rule. Everyone who comes – the poor, the traveller, the curious, those not of our religion or social standing or education – should be received with genuine acceptance.

Stewardship is another value which, like hospitality, captures the essence of Benedictine life. On a most basic level, Benedict prescribed care and reverence of material things ("treat all goods as if they were vessels of the altar").

