

# Vision for Education in the Diocese of Hereford

## Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust

Sharing God's Mission in Education across the Hereford Diocese today, to shine as a light to the glory of God the Father

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The Church of England has been involved in education in this country for hundreds of years.

Our schools are not faith schools. They are highly inclusive places and aim to provide a vibrant education, not just to Christian families, but for everyone from all faith backgrounds, including those of no faith.

Jesus excluded no-one from his ministry and focused on the most vulnerable in society. Ours is an education for everyone.



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# 'Educating for life in all its fullness'

Educating for life in all its fullness is the goal of the Church of England's 'Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good' vision for Education and is central to the vision for our diocese and our trust.




# 'A wisdom that rings true both with the Bible and experienced educational practice in the twenty first century'

At the heart of this shared vision is the search for a wisdom that rings true both with the Bible and Christian understanding and with experienced educational practice in the twenty-first century.

Support for school leaders is all-too-often lacking in our education system and in our diocese. We work to provide additional and bespoke support and sustenance to our school leaders, especially our headteachers.

We cherish our school leaders because we know that high-performing headteachers and school leaders build and sustain high-performing schools which in turn enable our children to flourish.

We work in partnership with the Church of England's Foundation for Educational Leadership and together we aim to:

*"inspire a set of leadership practices that both exemplify Wisdom, Knowledge & Skills, Hope & Aspiration, Community & Living Well Together, and Dignity & Respect, and that also go to the heart of educational purpose:*

***Called** – inspiring the vocation of the education leader; **Connected** – enabling the flourishing of children, adults, teams and communities; **Committed** – sustaining long-term engagement in realising this vision for education."*

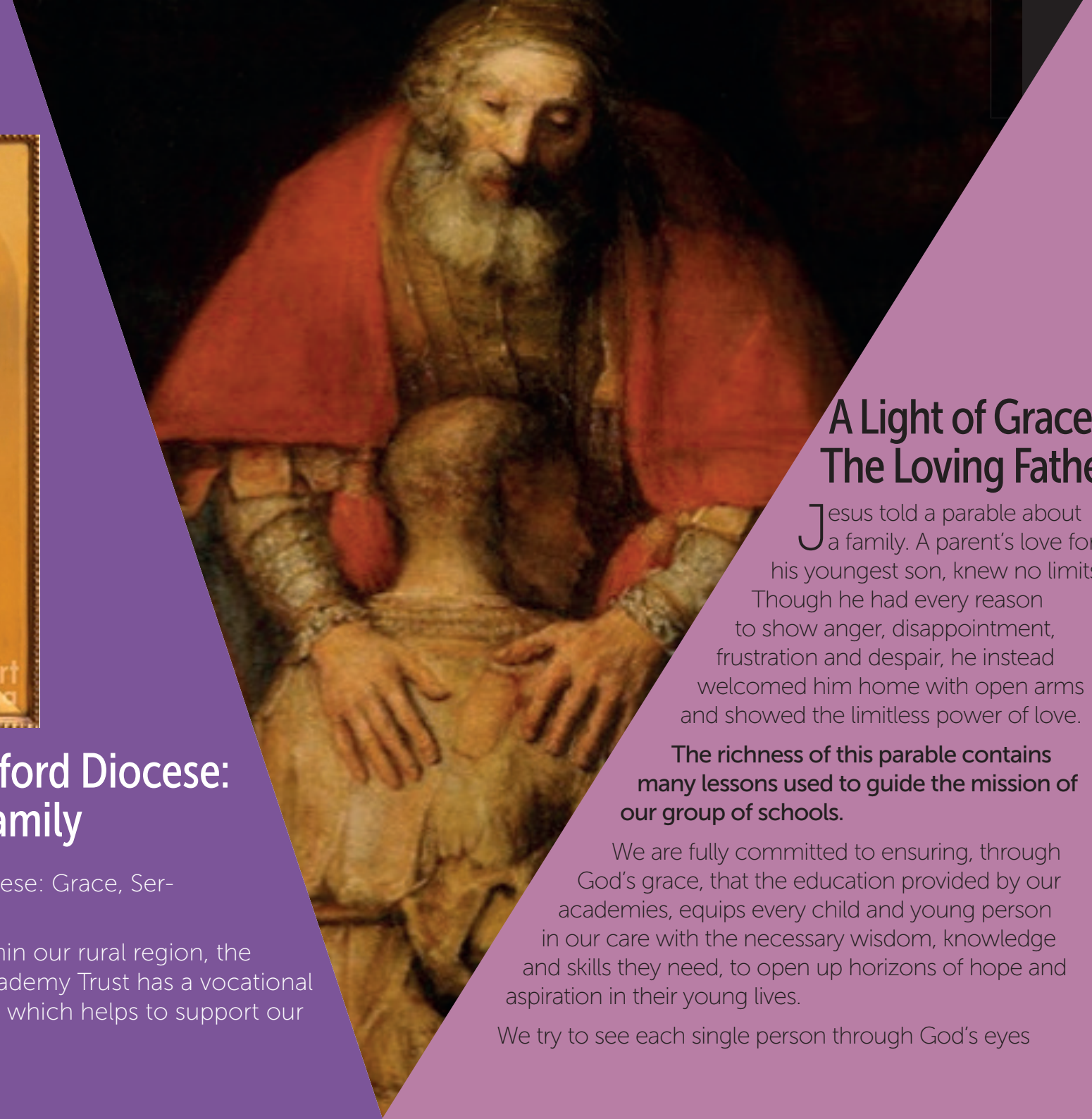
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# A Light in the Hereford Diocese: Grace, Service & Family

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In the field of education within our rural region, the Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust has a vocational mission of Grace and Service, which helps to support our families through education.



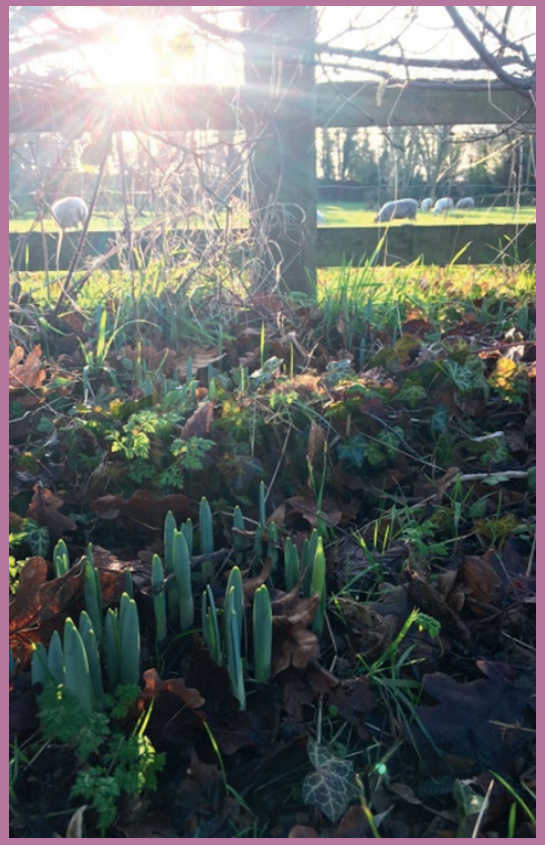
# A Light of Grace - The Loving Father

Jesus told a parable about a family. A parent's love for his youngest son, knew no limits. Though he had every reason to show anger, disappointment, frustration and despair, he instead welcomed him home with open arms and showed the limitless power of love.

**The richness of this parable contains many lessons used to guide the mission of our group of schools.**

We are fully committed to ensuring, through God's grace, that the education provided by our academies, equips every child and young person in our care with the necessary wisdom, knowledge and skills they need, to open up horizons of hope and aspiration in their young lives.

We try to see each single person through God's eyes

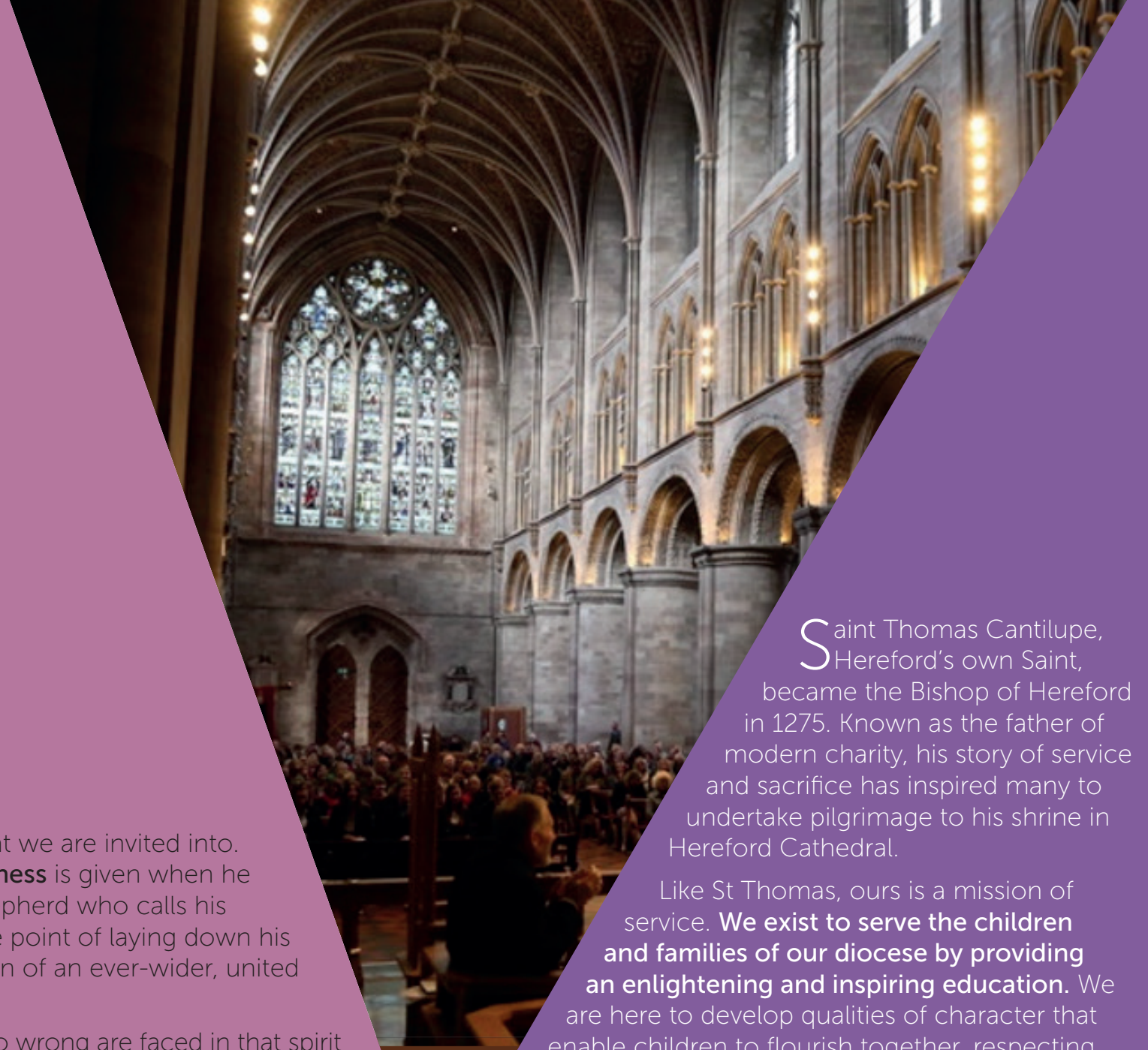


# A Light of Service - The Good Shepherd

Jesus offers a new vision of what we are invited into. His promise of **life in all its fullness** is given when he describes himself as the good shepherd who calls his sheep by name, loves them to the point of laying down his life for them, and opens up a vision of an ever-wider, united community (John 10:1-18).

A school where the things that go wrong are faced in that spirit **can nurture in children a lifetime of perseverance in hope**.

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Saint Thomas Cantilupe, Hereford's own Saint, became the Bishop of Hereford in 1275. Known as the father of modern charity, his story of service and sacrifice has inspired many to undertake pilgrimage to his shrine in Hereford Cathedral.

Like St Thomas, ours is a mission of service. **We exist to serve the children and families of our diocese by providing an enlightening and inspiring education.** We are here to develop qualities of character that enable children to flourish together, respecting human dignity and with appreciation of the ultimate worth of each person.



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## A Light for Family

"The Diocese of Hereford has seldom held and is never likely to hold, a very conspicuous place among the dioceses of the Church of England, but it has claim to represent that unobtrusive phase of life which is expressed to us in the notion of family."

A Diocesan History – 1888 By Henry Wright Phillott - Extract from Saints and Sinners of the Marches by Michael Tavinor



Our diocese and our trust continues to recognise the importance of family at the very heart of things, especially for our children. We maintain a climate where families can flourish together.

We also try to work together as a family of academies, different in countless ways, yet bound together by a common purpose to give the children of our diocese, the best start in life, we possibly can.

We are here to develop qualities of character that enable children to flourish together, respecting human dignity and with appreciation of the ultimate worth of each person. Ours is an education which builds bridges and **which enables all our children to live a life in all its fulness.**