

A VISION FOR CASTLEHOLD

At Castlehold we have a Vision full of Hope during these unsettling times. We want to communicate Jesus and His Positive Kingdom, and we seek to do this in a number of ways. These include:

[A church which leads with compassion](#)

Before presenting a challenging message to an individual or group, Jesus would usually preface this with an attitude of love and compassion. We seek to do likewise.

[A church which affirms Biblical truth](#)

Jesus never compromised Scriptural teaching to accommodate to the surrounding culture, and neither do we. We understand the need though, to speak the truth in love. Specifically, we hold on to the truth that mankind needs to be saved from their sin and this salvation can only be secured through the cross of Christ.

[A church moving in the Power of the Spirit](#)

It is Jesus who baptizes in the Holy Spirit. It is Jesus who ascended so that the Holy Spirit could descend. We understand that it not enough to be compassionate and to hold on to Scriptural truth. We need the Holy Spirit to enable us to do both, and more. Ultimately, we cannot love others without having the Holy Spirit reminding us that we are loved by our Heavenly Father, as Jesus knew He was loved by His Heavenly Father.

[A church growing in real community](#)

At Castlehold we seek to reflect the actual demographic of Newport in particular and the Isle of Wight in general. We do not seek to reach out to any one single group, but we do note that the poor and marginalised seemed most readily drawn to Jesus and so we seek especially to reach out and serve them.

[A church which is flexible](#)

Flexible thinking is key to the very survival of a church. We regard it as inspiring to be challenged to think differently about how we spread the Good News of God's Positive Kingdom. Ministries continue at Castlehold only if the need still exists.

[A church which is engaged in spiritual warfare](#)

We believe we are in a battle with Satan. We are not ignorant of his devices and we put on the full armour of God.

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