



## **The Vision, Mission, and Values of The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Aptos, CA**

### **Our Vision**

We are disciples of Jesus and strive to be a light of hope to those who seek to transform their lives.

### **Our Mission Statement**

The mission of The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist is to equip our members for life and service to others through our ministries in Santa Cruz County and the wider world.

### **Our Values**

Journey with Christ: We walk with Jesus as our way of transforming our lives and spreading Jesus' love in our parish family and in our community.

Worship Joyfully: We worship with formational preaching, reflection time, uplifting music and song, and communion in a circle that welcomes all.

Build Trust and Exercise Integrity: We endeavor to live our lives trusting in the Gospel for our Christian formation and healing as we live into a vision of "acting on God's behalf."

Empower Parishioners: We follow our Christian values in how we live each day, offering all the freedom to grow their faith and equipping all for a life of service to others.

Practice Reconciliation: We share the Gospel, and it deepens our understanding of Jesus' teachings, informs how we work together, shows us how to forgive continuously, and helps us experience the joy of God's love.

Exercise Compassion: We reach out to those who are hungry, those who are homeless, those who are addicted, those who seek better language skills and those who seek healing and recovery.

Welcome All: We strive to be a light of hope and are intentionally conscious of how our presence and activities are tied to our service and outreach to our community and beyond.