

The Diocesan Vision: *UNFOLDING GOD'S PLAN*

6 Sessions to help parishes respond to the Archbishop's Invitation to unfold God's plan.

The Diocesan Vision, which was published at Pentecost 2021, laid out the Archbishop's vision for the future of our Diocese and his dream for how parishes and individuals could join him in seeing it bear fruit.

A series of six sessions has been designed to help parish leaders and small groups engage with the Vision, and think about how they can take practical steps to renew their mission and ministries.

The general structure for each meeting includes:

- Opening prayer & Scripture
- Excerpt from the Diocesan Vision document
- Short reflection and questions/activity
- Conclusion and closing prayer

Each session suggests an activity based on the theme so that, by the end of the six meetings, we hope that you will have been able to:

- *get to know your parish better;*
- *become familiar with the Diocesan Vision and share it with others;*
- *discern where your parishioners need formation, and appreciate the gifts they bring to the parish;*
- *consider where your parish ministries fit into the 4 Themes of the Diocesan Vision;*
- *see how your parish serves families & young people.*

The aim of each session can be found to the right. This resource will also be useful to follow up the recent Synod and the discernment that parishes engaged in.

Paul at the Office for Mission can help you with further information & support: paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk

1. Reflect with Me

The Archbishop asks us to review our recent experiences in the light of God's call. The activity invites us to see what God has been doing and where he might be leading us.

2. Our Diocesan Vision

We look in depth at the Vision statement itself and our response to it. What does it mean and how does our parish reflect its values?

3. Make a Powerful Change

How can our parish take proactive steps to make the most of the opportunities we have. How might we invest in our greatest untapped resource: **our parishioners.**

4. Our Four Themes

In this session, we look at how our parish ministries fit within the themes the Archbishop gives us and where the opportunities for mission might be.

5. My Commitment

The Archbishop wants to make our diocese fit for mission. He encourages us to see where our parish culture helps or hinders that mission and how we might envisage change.

6. Pray with Me

We are invited to make prayer for the fulfilment of our Vision a central activity of parish life, and to consider our next steps.