



Vision Survey

This survey will help us to plan for the development of the Diocese of Chester. The questions are designed to give you space to gather your ideas. You do not need to answer every question.

We have two surveys, one is our **Fast Track Survey** on p3 for those short of time, the other is our **In-Depth Survey** on p5 for those with more to say.

Please return completed surveys to Church House for the attention of:

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Fast Track Survey

We want to know what factors you think make churches welcoming, accessible, caring and actively transformative. We would love to know how you think churches can grow in numbers and in their depth of discipleship and relationship with Jesus.

1. What does a good church look like?

In-Depth Survey

In each section, feel free to share blue sky thinking or share examples and tell us what is going well. Also, tell us what there needs to be more of, what needs to change or where there are challenges which would make a Vision difficult to achieve. We would like to know how churches can become simpler, humbler, and bolder.

There is additional space at the end of these questions if there is anything else that you wish to tell us that you feel would be useful.

Section 1: Telling

The Church exists to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom and make more followers of Jesus Christ.

1. How do we make sure that we are communicating a clear message that the Gospel is real and relevant?

2. How do we reach the 1.5 million people across the Diocese of Chester who are not connected with a church?

3. The overarching vision for the Church of England is to be more 'Jesus Shaped' and 'Christ Centred' – what do these phrases mean to you?

Section 2: Teaching

The Church exists to help people to teach, baptise and nurture new believers, helping everyone to grow and learn as Christians in their everyday walks of faith.

4. What is most effective at bringing people to faith and teaching them about the faith?

5. What activities encourage and help us most to deepen our faith in God?

6. How could we be more effective in helping people to link their faith journey with their everyday lives?

Section 3: Tending

The Church seeks to bring love, hope and healing. We want to share the love of Jesus in practical ways, through mutual support and care.

7. How can worshipping churches relate to the wider communities and minister to bring hope and healing?

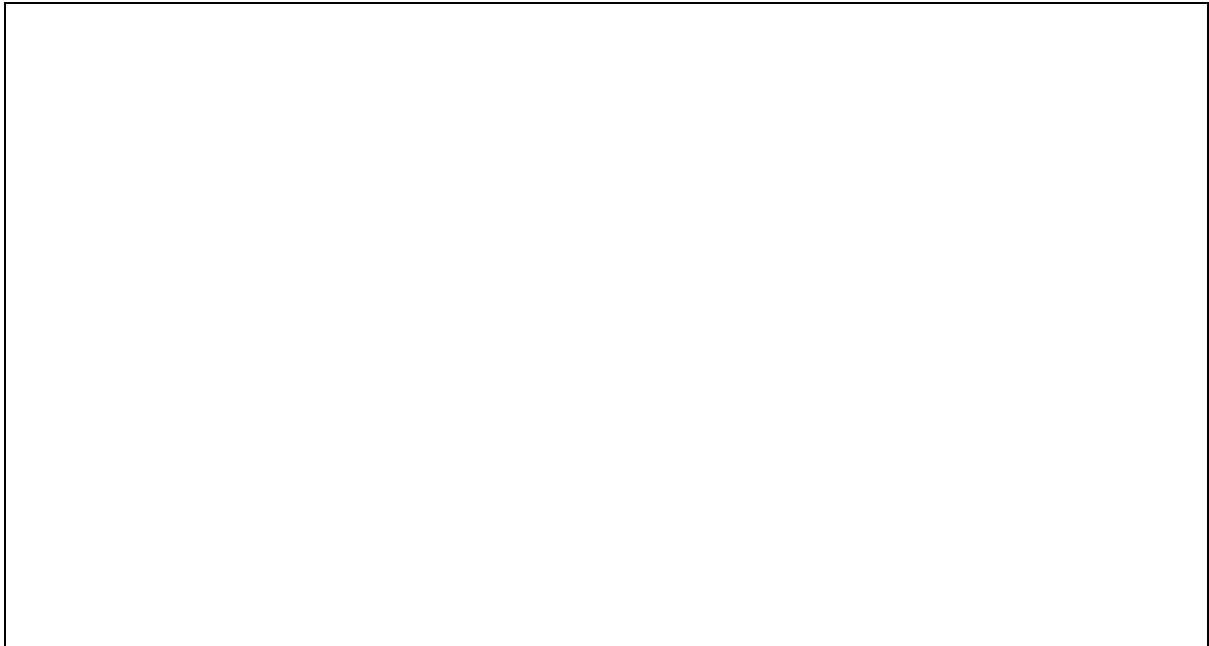
8. Where, how and in what situations could the church provide ministry to the spiritual needs of those outside of our buildings?

9. These are challenging times. What are the big themes that resonate across the Diocese? What is causing hurt in all our communities? Where do people need help?


Section 4: Transforming

The Church seeks to transform unjust structures of society. We want to be proactive as well as reactive and lead practical change.

10. How can our faith have an impact outside of church buildings to transform the lives of people and places in your community and across the Diocese?

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11. How do we give more attention to the ethical and moral, societal issues facing individuals, families, and communities?

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12. How do we listen and respond to those who are isolated and on the margins across the Diocese?

Section 5: Treasuring

The Church strives to safeguard creation and sustain and renew the Earth as faithful stewards of God's planet.

13. Across the Diocese how can we respond to this challenge?

14. What opportunities are there for our church buildings to be a blessing not a burden, i.e. how can they make a positive contribution to the environment?

15. How can churches contribute to a society where we are all being asked to take less and make less mess?

Section 6: Other ideas

16. Please use this space for any other ideas you would like to share for our vision development.

