



a fresh vision and strategy for churches, groups and individuals by...

### the challenge...

“The three strands, of **Living Worship, Growing Disciples & Seeking Justice** are separate, but at the same time deeply intertwined, like the strands of a rope. They also reflect the Trinitarian nature of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will all need wisdom, discerning from God where to put our priorities and with what and whom to engage. I hope this outline and the other resources on the diocesan website will act as a catalyst to enable change, to help parishes and groups see what God is doing and how to join in His **Transforming Mission** where we are.”



### the journey...

The three strands, and the four values (discerning God, valuing people, serving community, enabling change) which continue to underpin all we do, link us together, like the raft above, as we travel on God’s stream. We do not travel alone - we join together with God, one another, our fellow Christians and our fellow humans. The experience will sometimes be exciting and risky, sometimes more mundane, but it is definitely a journey worth taking!

+Paul



An outline for reflection, on how we join together to be part of God’s transforming work in our churches, communities and the world, by engaging with three practical strands:

### Living Worship, Growing Disciples & Seeking Justice



“...he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour...” Isaiah 61:1



AFTER a year of visiting places, meeting people, listening to stories and sharing experiences across churches and communities, Bishop Paul explains: “I have been seeking to discern what God is already doing amongst us, recognising it and encouraging us all to join in. I

believe this is our vision from God together, our God given strategy. It grows too from engaging with scripture, particularly passages from Isaiah (56-66). I hope this will provide a stimulus for planning and action to enable us to see God doing even greater things among us that will be transformational for us and those among whom we live and work.”

## Living worship

**Giving God the glory and honour in our life together and out in the world**

Hallmarks of Living Worship will include:

**Vibrant** - God’s presence is evident  
**Authentic** - genuine, honest and open to God



**Faithful** - to our global Anglican doctrine, heritage and tradition  
**Creative** - being thoughtful and open to new ways  
**Whole Life** - offering all of our lives as an act of worship  
**Word & Sacrament** - the Bible and sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist



**Generous** - with our time, gifts, abilities and money.

## Growing Disciples

Seeing more people become followers of Jesus and seeing Jesus’ followers more humbly confident in their faith

Ways of Growing Disciples will include:

**Sharing Good News** - living and telling the story of Jesus



**Worship** - as part of our lives

**Prayer** - discovering the power of prayer in Jesus’ name

**Apostles’ Teaching** - Reading and studying the Bible to help it change our lives

**Fellowship** - building communities that know, encourage and support each other



**Work** - living out our faith in the workplace as whole-life disciples

**World** - understanding how we are part of God’s worldwide family to learn from this and be encouraged

“This justice is about transforming people’s lives; it is about transforming communities, society, and indeed the world.”

## Seeking justice

**Working for a fairer world for everyone both locally and globally, marked by God’s justice**

Routes for Seeking Justice includes:

**Education** - continuing our commitment to education and finding new ways to enhance our work in schools, colleges and institutions

**Health** - supporting healthcare workers and finding ways to help stop health inequalities

**Housing** - working with voluntary and state partners to bring about practical improvements

**Hospitality** - welcoming strangers and all those on the edge with open arms  
**Work** - working for fair employment and equal opportunities for a living wage



**Freedom from Oppression** - seeking truth and equality in criminal and civil justice systems, including global justice

**Peace** - building wholesome communities of harmony and security  
**Creation Integrity** - working for wholeness in the natural world and tackling issues like climate change