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A photograph of a group of young children in a classroom, overlaid with a purple semi-transparent rectangle containing the title text. The children are looking towards the right side of the frame. The text 'GOVERNOR BRIEFING' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

GOVERNOR BRIEFING

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Jason Aldridge Retiring

Jason, Business and Operations manager, will be retiring on 29 May 2026.

We wish him all the best for his retirement. He will be extremely missed by us.

The new Business and Operations manager, Nina Hern, will be starting mid July so we will have a period where Lindsey and I will do our best to answer all your queries. We will be consulting with Jonathan Warren over any building queries so please contact either of us in the first instance.

If you have any questions, then please call or email.



Diocese of Derby



Bishop Libby is ill so during this period we have Bishop Jackie Searle in place. She is working with us part time.

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/introduction-bishop-jackie.html>

We have a new Archdeacon for East Derbyshire – Archdeacon Emma Sykes

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/latest-news/introducing-emma-sykes-as-archdeacon-of-east-derbyshire.html>

Archdeacons

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AD Emma Sykes East Derbyshire PA Claire Collishaw claire.collishaw@derby.anglican.org

ECT Programme 2026/27



Do you have an ECT for 2026/27?

We are looking to run the Flourishing ECT programme by UCL and the NSE. We need 10 ECTs to run the programme.

Please let me know liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org or come back to us with any further questions.

Early Headship Coaching Offer 2026/27



Is your headteacher in their first 5 years?

There is an Early Headship Coaching offer. They will have needed to have completed their NPQH. It is fully funded by the DfE and is being run by the NSE.

I will be writing and sending out further information by the end of the week. If I miss you please do let me know. There is an Early Bird registration form to complete.

The programme starts in November.

Free Grove Books PDF



Decarbonising Schools (ed67)

A Practical Guide

It is to help schools and academies identify where they are on their own road to net zero carbon, and to encourage them to take the next possible step. This book will not delve deeply into the science, the technology, the funding or the politics of the debate. It will reference those only when it is useful in trying to determine the positive actions and options open to schools.

It follows on from Treasuring the Earth (ed66)

BISHOP'S BADGE 2026



Monday 15 June 10:30-12:30

Derby Cathedral

Thank you for all the nominations. Parents should have received some information about the service and there will be a further letter coming from Bishop Jackie after half term.

Statement of Entitlement 2026



This comes into use from September and will be used by SIAMS inspectors as a reference for inspecting RE.

Debbie Yeomans and I have planned a recording which we will be sending to schools for your use.

A quick short guide to the changes on the following pages but a more in depth look and explanation is coming. We will be in direct contact with schools on the list for next year's inspection.

Statement of Entitlement 2026

Key changes to the Statement of Entitlement for 2026: General

RE as an expression of the school's Christian Vision

Emphasis of RE's 'non-confessional' nature

More accessible format, organised by stakeholder

Alignment with the 'National Content Standard'

Reflects current best practice in RE

Schools and trusts expected to work with their diocese



Statement of Entitlement 2026

Key changes to the Statement of Entitlement for 2026: Specific

Clear expectation regarding the 3 types of knowledge

Increased clarity around multi-disciplinary approaches

Much greater emphasis on pupils' personal knowledge

'Worldviews' encompasses religious and non-religious

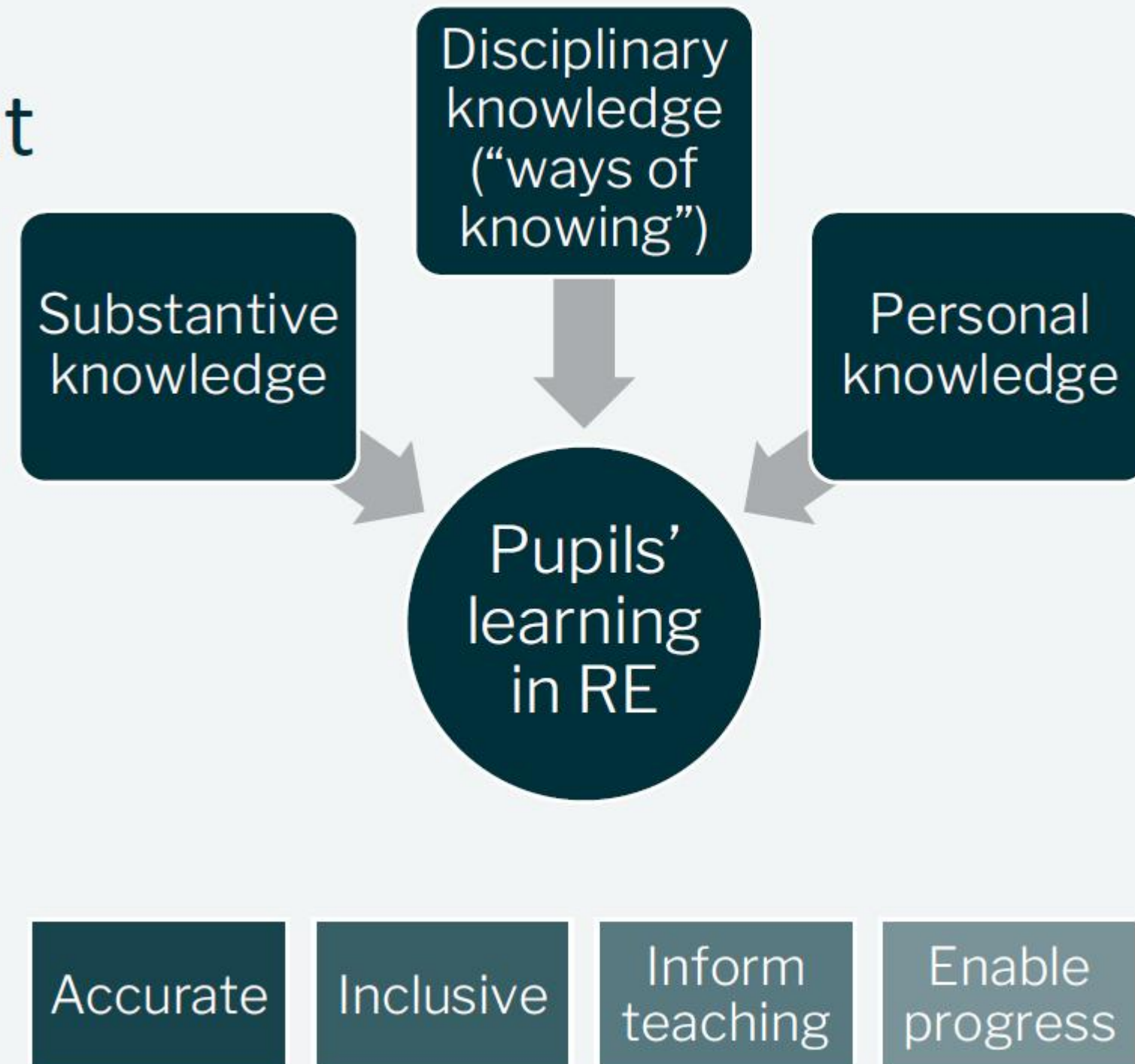
Diversity in Christianity & other worldviews is key

Heightened expectations for pupils with SEND



Statement of Entitlement 2026 IQ7

Statement of Entitlement expectation for assessment



Kolkata 2027

Alison Brown has been in contact about the next trip to Kolkata in 2027.

Would you like to come?

Our next visit is planned for 15th-24th January 2027.

The cost will be £1700 covering flights, accommodation, food and travel in Kolkata.

The visit will include

- * teaching time in the link school
- * planning time with link teacher
- + seeing the historical, religious and cultural sights of Kolkata

+ visit CRS projects

+ There will be one or two pre visit briefing days in the Autumn term where you can get to know the group who is going and have time to prepare activities.

We will be asking for a definite expression of interest by the end of June. So, if you would like an application form or simply want to know more please contact:

alisonbrown3141@aol.co.uk

Growing Younger Conference

GROWING A YOUNGER CHURCH CONFERENCE

Saturday 6th June 2026, 10-4

St John's Walton Walton Back Lane, Walton, Chesterfield, S42 7LT

A free event for everybody who wants to develop their
ministry with children, young people and families.

SEE YOU THERE!

www.bit.ly/GYC2026

Book [HERE](#)

Inclusion Quality Mark Award



St James CE Infant and Nursery School have been awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark.

“The Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) exists to help schools create learning environments where every pupil feels valued, supported and able to thrive.

By achieving the IQM Award, schools demonstrate their commitment to embedding inclusive practice at the heart of everything they do. From curriculum planning and behaviour management to staff development and community engagement.

For school leaders, the Inclusion Quality Mark offers both recognition and a practical framework for addressing the challenges of diverse learning needs, growing accountability, and the pressure to provide consistent, high-quality provision. Whether you are a Headteacher, SENDCo, Trust CEO, or part of a Local Authority team, IQM offers a clear pathway to assess, improve, and celebrate inclusion in your setting.”

If you would like to visit or know more then please contact Luisa Pancini Head on head@stjamesinfants.derby.sch.uk

CPD Programme 2025-26



DBE Governor Two Part Training Programme

Sessions are held online 18:00 - 20:00

Part 2

Tuesday 16 June 2026 with Debbie Yeomans from RE Today

This programme is essential for any new governors and for those who have not accessed DBE training for a while and would benefit from refreshing their knowledge of what it means to be a governor of a church school. This course will give you the firm foundations you need to carry out your role effectively as well as networking and discussion time with other governors in the diocese.

This is for ANY governor of a church school not just foundation governors.

These sessions will be led by Liz Seymour, the Deputy Director for Education and Debbie Yeomans from RE Today Through the programme you will explore:

What a church school is (and is not)

The importance of ethos and vision

RE in a church school

SIAMS

Collective Worship

Fee for both sessions: PA £25 / Non PA £40 (individual governor)

Booking Form [HERE](#)

CPAS Training and Resources



CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) offers:

Training: Developed to be relevant to both school and church leaders for their CPD and to foster closer collaboration, our online training can be attended by school or church leaders for free or subsidised costs. It is most impactful where both come together.

Resources and Grants: A £10k grant fund and accompanying teaching resources are available to help schools, in partnership with their church(es), embed aspects of spiritual development into their residential programmes.

Sign up [here](#) to access the teaching programme and grant application.

Complete this form to receive future information about Schools resources, updates, training and grants.

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You will then receive an email about the Pathway resources coming soon

They are listed below:

The Case of the Empty Tomb Teaching Materials.

The Case of the Empty Tomb Pupil Handbook.

Dangerous Kindness – The Good Samaritan.

CPAS Online Webinars and Training



Spiritual Development vs. Christian Discipleship: Building Shared Theology for Schools and Churches

Date: Wednesday, 10 June 2026

Time: 1-3pm

Cost: £20 per person

Book [HERE](#)

What is spiritual development, and how does it differ from Christian discipleship? This session offers space for schools and churches to explore and clarify their theology around these concepts, helping both partners understand their unique roles and shared opportunities.

CPAS Online Webinars and Training



Pathways Programme

Starting in July, join the year-long Pathways Programme featuring three termly gatherings and gap-tasks that facilitate deeper collaboration between school and church. Topics will include (but are not limited to):

Overcoming barriers to effective collaboration.

Understanding spiritual development.

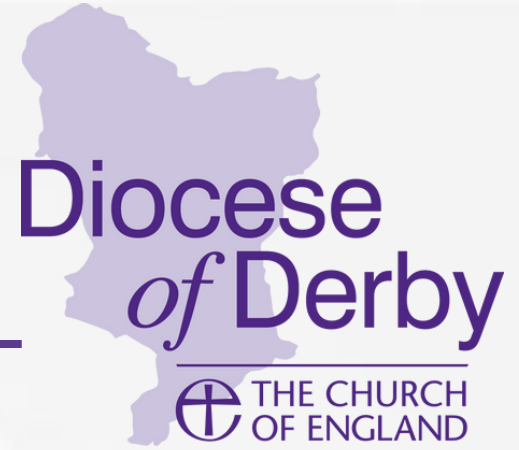
Distinguishing genuine from superficial pupil agency.

Engaging families.

Navigating differences well.

Specific dates, times and costs to be confirmed. Both in-person and online.

SIAMS List 2025-26



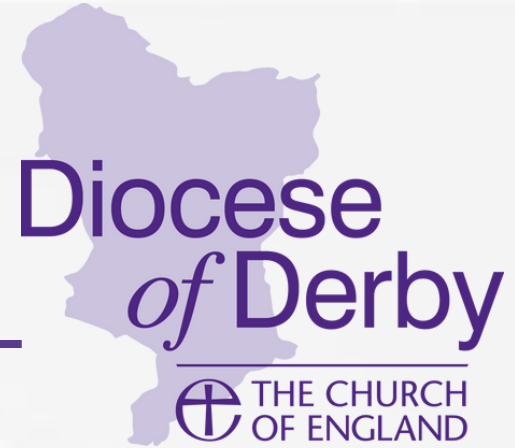
Bradwell CE Primary School
Walton On Trent CE Primary and Nursery
School

SIAMS List 2026-27



Barlow CE Primary School
Bishop Lonsdale CE Primary and Nursery School
Brailsford CE Primary School
Camms CE VA Primary School
Eyam CE Primary School
Hartshorne CE Primary School
Rosliston CE Primary School
Sale and Davys CE Primary School
Stanley Common CE Primary School
St Anne's CE Primary School
St Chad's CE Infant and Nursery School
St John's CE Primary and Nursery School, Belper
St Oswald's CE Primary School
St Werburgh's Primary School
Woodthorpe CE Primary School

SIAMS Inspected in 2019, 20, 21, 22



2019/20 – 8 year cycle

Castleton CE PS
Cromford CE PS
St Peter's CE Juniors, Fairfield
Fritchley CE PS
Kirk Langley CE PS
Netherseal St Peter's CE PS
St Weburgh's CE PS
Stoney Middleton CE PS
Taddington&Priestcliffe
Bishop's Pursglove CE PS Tideswell
Winster CE PS

2020-21 8 year cycle

Church Broughton CE PS
Crich CE Infs
Darley Churchtown CE PS
Dinting CE PS
Killamarsh St Giles CE PS

SIAMS inspected in 2019 & 2020

- Put your SEF together with a focus on impact
- Audit the school curriculum in light of the existing vision
- Explore spirituality with the staff – is there a shared understanding
- Explore justice and responsibility understanding with pupils
- Ensure all relevant staff and governors are attending DBE training associated with SIAMs.
- Ensure all staff and governors are familiar with current SIAMS framework
- Communicate with DBE regularly and share what you are doing
- Check the Statement of Entitlement for RE is being met and local and national RE developments are taken into consideration
- Statement of Entitlement 2026 – new guidance
- RE Training – how are your staff being updated?

SIAMS PREP



- Please do contact me if you would like a visit.
- I am happy to review SEFs, websites etc
- During visits I am happy to speak with pupils or staff.
- liz.Seymour@derby.anglican.org

Eco Schools – Count your carbon



Count Your Carbon from Eco Schools

Every year in England, schools emit more than 10 million tonnes of carbon.
What if we could do something to change that?

Link to information [HERE](#)

Updated for 2025-26 [HERE](#)

Eco Schools – Count your carbon



Help Shape the Future of Eco-Schools!

At Eco-Schools, we know how important innovation and evolution are as new environmental challenges and solutions emerge. As custodians of the programme, we work to ensure it continues to meet the needs of educators. With this in mind, we're beginning to explore how the programme could evolve for the 2027–28 academic year, and we'd love your input. If you're willing to help shape future improvements during a focus group later this academic year please email:

eco-schools@Keepbritaintidy.org to let us know.

Eco Schools – 30 Days Wild - June



Take a breath and notice nature this June

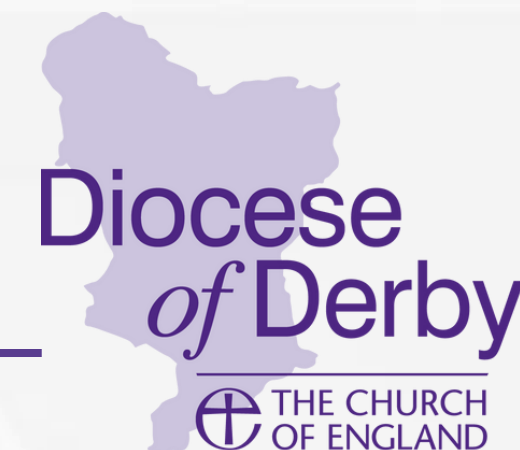
June feels different. The light lingers. Bees buzz around gardens. Swifts soar overhead. Wildflowers push through cracks in the pavement. And we're inviting you to notice it all!

30 Days Wild is the UK's biggest nature challenge. This June, choose one wild thing a day (or a few each week) - from giving nature a helping hand to simply noticing the wild on your doorstep.

Sign up today to receive your free pack in the post and by email. Join thousands of people connecting with nature, feeling better and making a positive difference for nature.

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild#sign>

Eco Schools – The Great Big Green Week



Great Big Green Week. The Great Big Green Week brings together more than 1 million people to take action for communities, nature, and our environment.

This year it begins on 4th June.

You can sign up to [receive a free resource pack](#), or click here to register for one of their [free live lessons](#).

FREE MUSIC The Pilgrim Way



Pilgrimage is not only about travelling long distances, but about pausing to reflect on where we have come from, where we are now, and where we are going. The Pilgrim Way captures this idea in a way that is engaging and easy for all to learn and sing, making it suitable for use in schools, churches, and worship settings.

Nick and Becky Drake said: “We wanted to write a song that helps children understand that being a pilgrim isn’t just about the destination, but about the journey itself — with all its joy, challenges, and moments of hope. Our hope is that The Pilgrim Way encourages children to keep going, knowing that God walks with them every step of the way.” Resource Pack [HERE](#)

The resource includes a full music score and a free backing track to sing along with. To ensure the song is as inclusive and accessible as possible, Makaton and British Sign Language (BSL) video resources will also be released. More Information [HERE](#)

Theo Sheridan-Watts, Faith in the North Programme Manager, said: “We can’t wait for people to hear The Pilgrim Way. We’re hugely grateful to the team at Songs for Schools for producing the song as part of an exciting new boxset of resources for schools, focused on pilgrimage and the Northern Saints. Alongside The Pilgrim Way, schools will have access to a range of newly developed materials, including collective worship resources, guidance for visits to churches, and a new resource, Light from the Past, Hope for the Future, helping children explore the stories and significance of the Northern Saints. Further details about these resources can be found on the Faith in the North website.”

Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, said: “Pilgrimage lies at the heart of the Christian faith, reminding us that God journeys with us through every season of life. We hope these resources will inspire children and young people, enriching their faith and deepening their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus today.”

The Pilgrim Way forms part of Faith in the North’s wider commitment to prayer, storytelling, and church planting, and connects with Archbishop Stephen Cottrell’s plans to teach The Lord’s Prayer at events across the Northern Province of the Church of England during 2026.

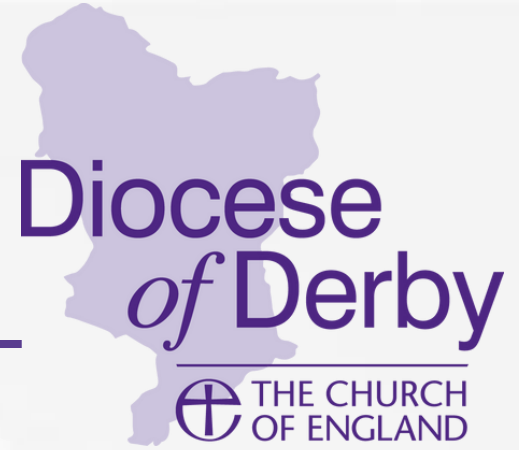
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FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

- Website page with all the information about governance [HERE](#)
- This is for LA Maintained schools. Academies have a different process with their MAT.

Nominations for terms of office ending	Closing date for receipt of paperwork	Papers published to the Board for approval	DBE Meeting date
Up to the end of October 2026	16 June 2026	30 June 2026	07 July 2026

Diocese of Derby



Link to their News update page and sign up for emails [HERE](#)

FUTURE BRIEFING DATES



- Headteacher Briefings
- Tuesday 16 June 2026, 13:30 - 14:30
- Tuesday 21 July 2025, 13:30 -14:30

FUTURE BRIEFING DATES



- Collective Worship Briefings 16:00-17:00
- Tuesday 16 June 2025 – Creation tide and Harvest, Autumn Festivals

FUTURE BRIEFING DATES - GOV

These are from 19:00-20:00. I will be recording these as I deliver them.

- Monday 22 June 2026
- Tuesday 21 July 2026

Contact Details

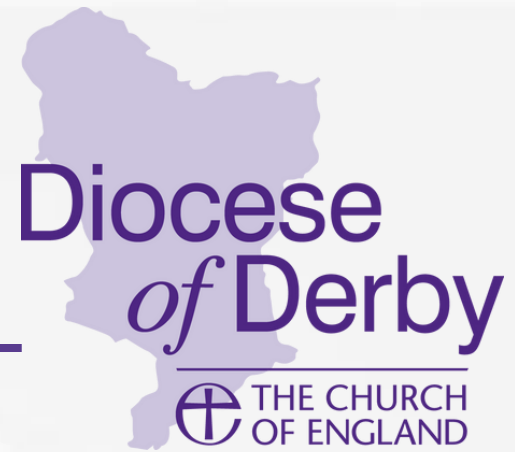


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Diocesan Prayer



Vision Prayer

Gracious God,
in your mercy and for your glory,
renew us, reshape us, revive us –
with generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love –
that, in transformed lives through growing church and building
community,
we may see your Kingdom come and be good news for all.
Amen.



Transformed Lives | Growing Church | Building Community
THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

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