

The Archbishops' Council was established in 1999. The Council is a charity, set up in law to co-ordinate, promote, aid and further the work and mission of the Church of England. It does this by providing national support to the Church in dioceses and locally, working closely with the House of Bishops and other bodies of the Church. The Archbishops' Council is one of the seven National Church Institutions.

Our Vision

The Church of England's calling is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ afresh in each generation to the people of England. The Vision for the Church in the 2020s is that we become a Church that is centred on Jesus Christ and shaped by Jesus Christ through the five marks of mission:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- To respond to human need by loving service.
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Our Objectives

The Archbishops' Council has seven objectives.

1. **A Younger Church:** To double the number of children and young active disciples in the Church of England by 2030.
2. **A More Diverse Church:** To fully represent the communities we serve in age and diversity.
3. **Revitalise Parishes:** A parish system revitalised for mission so churches can reach and serve everyone in their community.
4. **New Christian Communities:** Creating 10,000 new Christian communities across the four areas of home, work / education, social and digital.
5. **Missionary Disciples:** All Anglicans envisioned, resourced, and released to live out the five marks of mission in the whole of life, bringing transformation to the Church and world. All local churches, supported by their dioceses, becoming communities and hubs for initial and ongoing formation.
6. **Sustainability:** A Church that cherishes God's creation and leads by example in promoting sustainability.
7. **Safety and Dignity:** A Church that affirms the dignity of all people by being a safe place for all, especially children and vulnerable adults.

Our work

The Council and its staff achieve these objectives in a number of ways. Our work can either be indirect or direct and largely falls under seven types of activity:

- Legislate, regulate and deregulate matters (directly or through General Synod)
- Distribute money
- Provide national services to dioceses, parishes, cathedrals, schools etc.
- Provide consultancy services
- Campaign and engage publicly
- Enable the Church to govern itself
- Engage people directly, especially through digital means

The work of the Council over the past year is described in more detail in its most recent [annual report](#) which includes a list of grants to [dioceses](#) and [other institutions](#) awarded by the Council, and is debated by the General Synod each year. Previous annual reports and lists of grants may be found at the bottom of this page.

Social Impact Investment Programme

In 2020, the Archbishops' Council set up a Social Impact Investment Programme, funded by the Church Commissioners, to deploy social investment capital to advance the Church's missional objectives. The programme is designed to support projects which share the Church of England's Christian values and benefit society.

Through this programme, the Church of England is making £16 million available for a social impact portfolio, which will seek investments targeting deep positive impact. The project is managed by, and works closely with, the Mission and Public Affairs division.

The portfolio will focus on investments that strengthen communities, particularly through access to housing and access to affordable finance, as well as investments that focus on protecting and sustaining the environment. The portfolio will be invested primarily through investment funds and similar investment vehicles, targeting investments with a geographic focus in England.

The programme has been designed to complement the Five Marks of Mission and to complement the work of the Archbishops' Council, set up to co-ordinate and further the work and mission of the Church of England both on a local and national level.

The programme will align with the wider Ethical and Responsible Investment policies and guidelines of the Church's Ethical Investment Advisory Group.

An Investment Committee has oversight of the social investment programme and the programme is managed by the Head of Social Impact Investment.

The Programme's first **Impact Report** was published in May 2023 outlining investments made by the Social Impact Programme in its first two years.

Archbishops' Council Members

The work of the Archbishops’ Council is governed by the Council itself, a board of trustees comprising:

Joint Presidents

The Most Rev and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Most Rev and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury

The Venerable Luke Miller

Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of York

The Revd Kate Wharton

Chair of the House of Laity

Canon Dr Jamie Harrison

Vice-Chair of the House of Laity

Mrs Alison Coulter

Elected by the House of Bishops

The Rt Rev Mark Tanner, Bishop of Chester
The Rt Rev Jonathan Frost, Bishop of Portsmouth

Elected by the House of Clergy

The Rev Dr Ian Paul
The Ven Miranda Threlfall-Holmes

Elected by the House of Laity

Dr Rachel Jepson
Mr James Cary

Church Estates Commissioner

Mr Alan Smith, First Church Estates Commissioner

Appointed by the Archbishops

Mr Carl Hughes
Mrs Maureen Cole
Mr Mark Sheard
Mr Matthew Frost
The Rev Charlotte Cook
Mr Joseph Diwakar

Administrative Secretary

Simon Gallagher

Secretary Assistant

Marija McKean

Staff

Here is a guide to the departments, committees, councils and staff who work together to support the Archbishops’ Council's Objectives.

Secretary General

William Nye

Vision & Strategy

Directors: Dave Male & Debbie Clinton

Central Secretariat

Including the General Synod, Bishops’ meetings, governance meetings of the Archbishops’ Council, Safeguarding, Liturgical Commission, Dioceses Commission and the Council for Christian Unity

Director: Simon Gallagher

Faith & Public Life

Including the Mission and Public Affairs Council, Healthcare Chaplaincy and the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns

Director: The Rev Dr Malcolm Brown

Cathedral & Church Buildings

Including the Church Buildings Council and the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England

Director: Emily Gee

Education

Including the National Society and the Foundation

Director: The Rev Nigel Genders

Ministry Development

Including the Ministry Council and the Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme

Director: Rev Canon Nicholas McKee

Human Resources

Including the Remuneration and Common Services Committee and the Council for Ministry of and among Deaf and Disabled People

Director of People and Change: Christine Hewitt-Dyer

Legal Office

Including the General Synod

Director: Alexander McGregor

Communications

Including Church House Publishing and the Digital Team

Director: Hannah Howard

Annual Reports

- [Archbishops' Council Annual Report 2022](#)
- [Archbishops' Council Annual Report 2021](#)
- [Archbishops' Council Annual Report 2020](#)
- [Archbishops' Council Annual Report 2019](#)

Annual Grants to Dioceses

- [Archbishops' Council grants to dioceses 2022](#)
- [Archbishops' Council grants to dioceses 2021](#)
- [Archbishops' Council grants to dioceses 2020](#)

Annual Grants to other institutions

- [Archbishops' Council grants to other institutions 2022](#)
- [Archbishops' Council grants to other institutions 2021](#)
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