

Discerning the vision and strategy for the Church of England in the 2020s.

Webinars

We are continuing our series of webinars for people who would like to know more and engage with the vision and strategic priorities of the Church for the next decade.

- **Webinar 7: What does it really mean to be a church where mixed ecology is the norm?**

11am, Wednesday 20 October 2021

This session will focus on what it means to be a church where mixed ecology is the norm:

- How can each parish or benefice prayerfully discern what new thing God might be calling them to do to serve the community they represent?
- What would it mean for people in our communities to have ready access to an attractive expression of church in at least one of the 4 'spaces' in their lives: around their home, their place of education/work, their social activities, or their digital connections?

We'll be hearing about the experiences of our panel as well as engaging with your questions.

Panellists include:

- Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich
- Mike Haslam, Chaplaincy Development Adviser
- Plus stories and experiences from those who are pioneering new ways of reaching their communities

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This is part of a series of webinars, exploring what it means to be a church that is centred on and shaped by Jesus Christ – a church that is simpler, humbler, bolder. Click on the links below to watch recordings of our previous webinars,

- Webinar 1: [Introducing the vision and the three strategic priorities, 25 March 2021](#)
- Webinar 2: [Strategic priority: A church where mixed ecology is the norm, 26 April 2021](#)

- Webinar 3: [Strategic priority: A church of missionary disciples](#), 25 May 2021
- Webinar 4: [Strategic priority: A church that is younger and more diverse](#), 15 June 2021
- Webinar 5: [A Church that is simpler, humbler, bolder](#), 30 June 2021
- Webinar 6: [Rural Parishes Focus](#), 27 September 2021

About the Vision and Strategy

The Church of England's calling is and always has been to **proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ afresh in each generation** to the people of England.

The work to develop the new Vision and Strategy is underway but the foundations are already clear: The Church of England must adapt and put its trust in God to become a **simpler, humbler, bolder Church that is Jesus Christ centred and Jesus Christ shaped**.

- A **simpler** Church, both in governance and structure and in the way we live and share the gospel
- A **humbler** Church, recognising our failings and working with others to serve the common good
- A **bolder** Church energised and enthused by the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ and sharing that with everyone.

Our strategic priorities are:

- **To be a church that is younger and more diverse**
- **To be a church where mixed ecology is the norm** – where every person in England has access to an enriching and compelling community of faith by adding new churches and new forms of Church to our parishes, schools and chaplaincies
- **To become a church of missionary disciples** where all God's people are released to live the Christian life.

The picture below illustrates the shape of the vision and strategic priorities from the period of consultation with hundreds of people who reflect the breadth and diversity of the Church of England.

Read [the commentary from the Archbishop of York](#) that accompanies this illustration.

A vision for the Church of England in the 2020s.

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To help us achieve these strategic priorities we are looking at bringing simplicity and coherence to our governance structures, and the practical ways the Church is organised and gets things done that enable the local church to flourish.

Read more about the *Emerging Church of England* programme

Videos

Watch Archbishop Stephen Cottrell and Bishop Emma Ineson in conversation, talking about the vision and strategic priorities.

Links

- **Read:** [Vision and Strategy – address to General Synod](#), July 2021, by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York
- **Read:** Update on progress – address to General Synod, February 2021, by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York
- **Read:** A Vision for the Church of England in the 2020s, 'Christ centred and Jesus shaped. Simpler, humbler, bolder' by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York
- **Read:** A theological reflection on our emerging vision and priorities by Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford
- **Read:** 'Simplicity, humility, and boldness': Archbishop of York outlines ten-year plan for the C of E, *Church Times*, November 2020
- **Read:** [Renewal and Reform – a summary of progress and impact](#), April 2021

Feedback

We would like to hear what you see in the vision and strategy – both the picture and the accompanying commentary. Please share your feedback via our short online survey.

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