

Coming Home

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Around 8 million people in England are living in overcrowded, unaffordable or unsuitable housing, according to a recent report by the National Housing Federation. This number is likely to have risen as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Whole sections of our society, including people of all ages, are affected by the housing crisis, but those caught in poverty bear the brunt of this injustice. The scale and consequences of the housing crisis have been further exposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, and it is a national scandal.

In response to this crisis, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York has commissioned the 'Coming Home' report. This report sets out vital actions for the Church, Government and other Stakeholders to take with a focus on building better communities and more truly affordable homes, not just houses.

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About 'Coming Home'

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Actions for the Church of England

The Commission recommends that the Church of England commits to using its land assets to promote more truly affordable homes, through developments that deliver on our five core values.

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Actions for the Government and others

This crisis will not be solved without Government action. Instead of the short-term initiatives implemented by successive governments, it is time for a bold, coherent, long-term housing strategy, focused on those in greatest need.

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"If the purpose of housing was understood as building homes and communities, not merely building accommodation with bricks and mortar, the whole nature of the industry would be changed."

Justin Welby, Reimagining Britain: Foundations for Hope

5 values for good housing

This report highlights five core values that set a new standard and vision for what good housing should look like.

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The church's response

How the Church is responding to the Housing Crisis and its response to The Commission.

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Actions for the Government and others

Resources to educate, equip and inspire individuals, church leaders and dioceses into more housing-linked mission within churches.

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"Simply building more houses is not sufficient. What we need are stronger communities in which people can be proud of and where they can feel safe, welcome, and able to put down roots and flourish."

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