



The church's response to the housing crisis

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The Church of England is committed to the life of the whole nation and every community and has a responsibility to be actively involved in housing.

Collectively, the Church of England holds approximately 200,000 acres of land as well as a large stock of historic and other buildings. There are around 20,000 Anglican clergy and nearly one million members living and serving in every neighbourhood in the country, offering a wide range of community services, such as food banks, debt advice centres and night shelters.

As stewards of the land and other assets, the Commission believe that the Church of England can and should make a substantial contribution to solving the housing crisis, by using what resources it has to serve others.



me' report, the Commission has enabled the following.

## **Newly appointed Bishop for Housing**

Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani has been appointed as Bishop for Housing. She will be supported by an executive team who will embed this vision within the Church, and support dioceses in using their land well.

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## Bishop for Housing - executive team



Executive team and an advisory board.

## Church resources

Guidance and case studies to help churches respond effectively to housing needs locally

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"Britain is in the midst of a housing crisis. It is a crisis which undermines the material, physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing of the country but one which the Church of England is uniquely positioned to respond to, with its presence in every community and a concern for the wellbeing of the whole community, especially the poorest and most vulnerable."

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