



Guildford Diocese - our vision

At the heart of Guildford Diocese is a desire to bring the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and the next. This is expressed in '**Common Purpose**' - our vision 'of growing communities of faith and engagement.

'**Common Purpose**' is focused on growth in three key areas: Spiritual Maturity, Numerical Growth and Growing in Community Engagement.

- **Spiritual maturity**
resisting superficial and simplistic Christianity in our secularised culture
creating an ethos of commitment to worship, prayer and learning, both corporately and individually, in our churches and our schools.
encouraging lifelong discipleship and attractive, godly living
- **Numerical growth**
resisting talk of decline as inevitable
creating an ethos of expectation of new things because nothing is impossible with God
encouraging all people to hear and respond to the Gospel of salvation
- **Community engagement**
resisting isolation and inward looking, self-preserving attitudes
creating an ethos of involvement that seeks to serve the world God has made and loves
encouraging a practical concern for justice, right living and respect for all in our wider communities.

A culture of mutual support and encouragement between all who work and worship in every part of the Diocese, parish, fresh expression, chaplaincy and Cathedral, is essential to the outworking of '**Common Purpose**.' All the ministries, structures and departments of the Diocese serve this vision and work towards enabling engagement with it.

Clergy working in our parishes play a vital role in creating and sustaining our vision; working collaboratively with those in the parish, with colleagues – lay and ordained; with neighboring parishes across the deanery and diocese in chapter and synod; investing time and resources in stewardship and administration.

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is a priority for the Diocese of Guildford as we seek the outworking of '**Common Purpose**' with all clergy coming into the diocese receiving appropriate training in their first year in post.