

Setting God's People Free

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"Setting God's People Free"
A Report from the Archbishops' Council

*"He is the one we proclaim,
admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.
To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ
so powerfully works in me."
Paul of Tarsus, Colossians 1:28-29*

Renewal and Reform

A body of work which seeks to provide a narrative of hope to the Church of England in the 21st century - “Growing the Church for all people and all places”.

Building on the 3 goals articulated and embraced by General Synod in 2010 to:

- Contribute as the national church to the common good
- Facilitate the growth of the church in numbers and depth of discipleship
- Re-imagine the church’s ministry

SET MY PEOPLE
FREE

A Lay Challenge to the Churches



RUTH ETHELLS
*Foreword by the Archbishop
of Canterbury*

ALL
ARE
CALLED

**Towards a
Theology
of the
City**



A CHRISTIAN PRESENCE IN EVERY COMMUNITY

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Renewal and Reform

More about Renewal & Reform

Renewing Discipleship and Ministry

Setting God's People Free

Evangelism and Witness

Estates Evangelism - Podcasts

Peer Review

Setting God's People Free (SGPF) is a programme of change to enable the whole people of God to live out the Good News of Jesus confidently in all of life, Monday to Saturday as well as Sunday.





As time passed Dot became quite adept at juggling work and homelife.

Free..... to follow Jesus

How can we, ordained and lay together, enable one another to live out the Good News of Jesus in all our life, Monday to Saturday, as well as Sunday?

“ We are soaked to the skin in the death of Christ. Our union with Christ drips from us.... We trail wet footprints of the drenching wherever we go; we never dry off.”

Michael Jenkins

The Church Faces Death p.23

Two shifts in culture and practice.....

1. We, ordained and lay, must teach and equip lay people to **follow Jesus confidently in every sphere of life** in ways that show the difference the Gospel makes

Set free to fulfil our calling as the Church and as people of the Kingdom



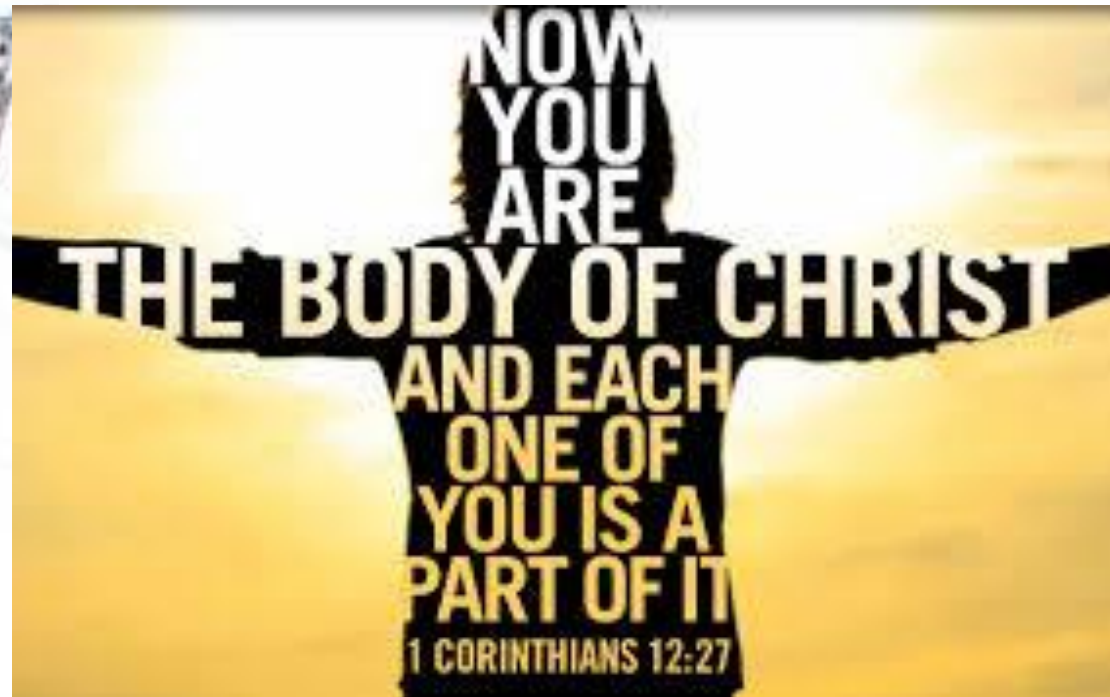
Equipping the whole people of God to follow Jesus confidently in every sphere of life

Two shifts in culture and practice.....

2. We, ordained and lay, must recognise that **we are baptised equally into Christ**, we are equal in worth and status, complementary in gifting and vocation, mutually accountable in discipleship, and equal partners in mission.

Free ... to be the body of Christ

Ephesians 4 – the body of Christ



Free ...to have right relationships

“Relationships between clergy and lay people are not always as healthy or fruitful as they need to be.”



Why?

We are all called to witnesses to Jesus every day

- 67% of non-Christians know a Christian
- Only 1% know a vicar

www.talkingjesus.org.uk

Why?

For me, one desire rules my life
One urge drives soul and will. . . .
It is to re-establish God's holy
ordinances
In Church and home, in state and
school,
Regardless of the world's protestations,
For the benefit of the nation.



There is not a square inch in the whole domain of
our human existence over which Christ, who is
sovereign overall, does not cry, "Mine!"



Doing Good: A Future for Christianity in the 21st Century

With a foreword by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury's Vicar General, Archbishop of York

Calling People of Goodwill: The Bible and the Common Good

NEWS
US 'stands in solidarity' with UK on Russia
Theresa May and Donald Trump
UK
10% more of...
Premier...
What...

Free.... to grow into fullness

“The
Church, his
body, the
fullness of
him who fills
everything in
every way”
Ephesians 1



Free..... To be ambassadors for Christ

“I teach Sunday school for 45 minutes a week, and they get me up to the front of the church to pray for me. I teach in a school 45 hours a week and the church has never prayed for me.”

Comment from a teacher



How?

Eight levers of culture change

1. Reforming church structures and legislation to strengthen the relationship between ordained and lay people
2. Bishops integrating an interest in and concern for lay people into priorities
3. Refocussing clergy selection, training and development
4. Reorienting church communications
5. Developing a biblical vision for the role of lay people
6. Listening to lay peoples experiences
7. Equipping lay people for their Monday to Saturday ministries

Nationally

- Unanimous support from GS for the report
- SGPF Steering Group– Programme Director Nick Shepherd
- Lay Champion is Jamie Harrison
- Episcopal Champion +Rachel
- Discipleship Learning Communities started in January
25 Dioceses signed up – 3 cohorts in 2018
- Digital resources being developed – #GodWithUs and #LiveLent
- Review of selection, training and development of ordained ministers
- Summary document produced
- FAOC – theological enrichment

Dioceses

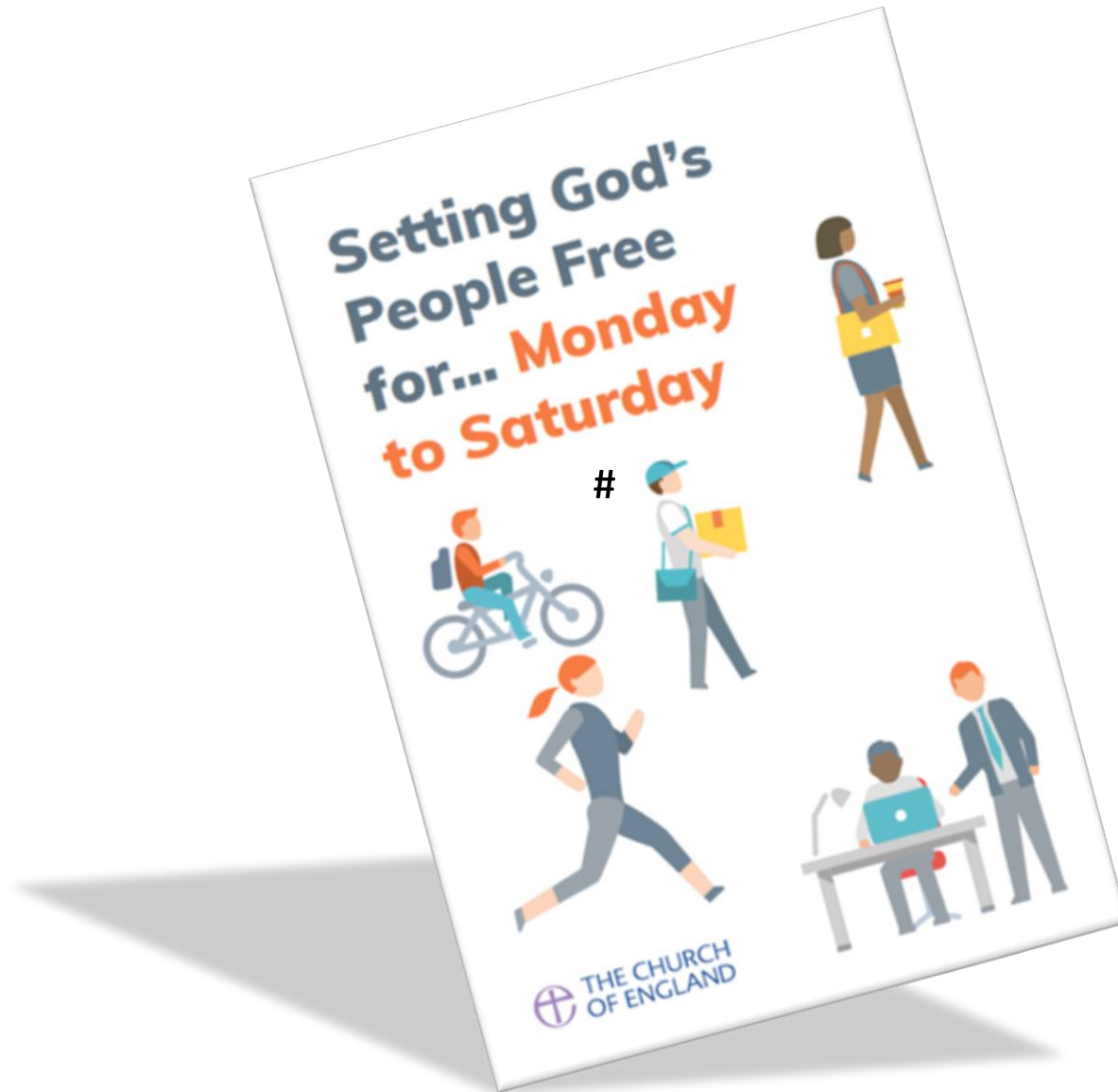
- Diocesan Learning Communities
- 3 meetings over a year
- Identifying how to shift culture and what works

Cohort 1 Jan 2018 – Jan 2019
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Cohort 2 May 2018 – May 2019
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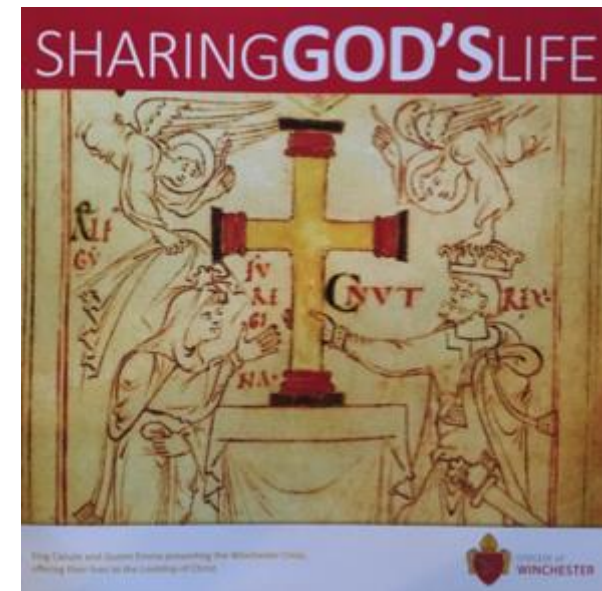
Cohort 3 June 2018 – June 2019
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Local Church



What can I do?

- Pray
- Ask God to show you how to serve him not just on a Sunday but Monday to Saturday as well
- Weave this into your Rule of Life
- Think about what you pray and talk about
- Love your Vicar / your lay leaders – build relationships and work together on this
- Support the DLC – work out how to communicate and work on this in your Church family
- Think about how we can encourage everyone to follow Jesus Monday to Saturday and to experience more of his presence with them every day.....



Culture change – how?



What can I do?



Free... from 'Saul's armour'



Questions for you

1. What is your experience of this?
What did you talk about /
preach about / pray about last
Sunday?
2. What is today's 'Saul's armour'?
3. What practical things **WILL** you
do to equip all God's people for
Monday to Saturday ministry?

Discipleship Learning Communities - DLCs

Objectives

- A community of dioceses who will pilot, test, champion and evidence the impact of their work on SGPF
- Each diocesan team will articulate, refine and strengthen their Diocesan vision for transformative culture change in this area
- Each diocesan team will identify and implement actions that have an immediate impact and create momentum, alongside 'slower burn' activity that delivers long term and deep-rooted change
- Each diocesan team will pray intently, lead visibly, influence widely and take risks in order to transform the culture in their Diocese
- Together the participants will create and sustain an environment in which the teams can intentionally learn from and challenge other dioceses in a peer learning community
- The community of dioceses will support the dissemination of what we are learning beyond the learning community and contribute to fresh theological thinking to help sustain this learning

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord....

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Strategic Development Programme Status Update

Diocesan Synod

15 March 2018

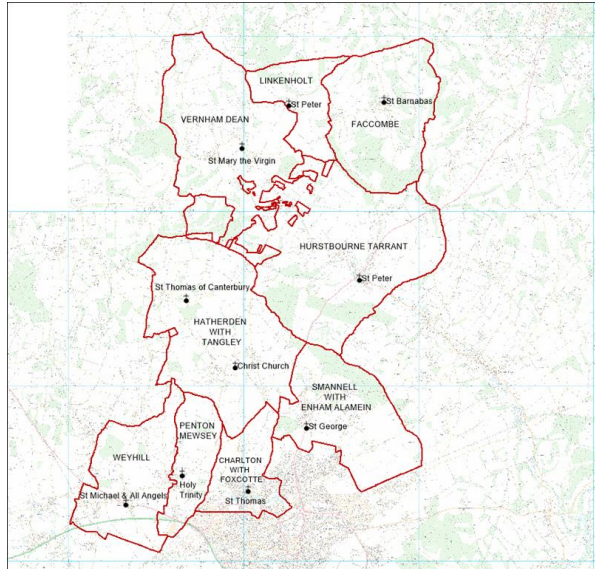


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Four Major Projects

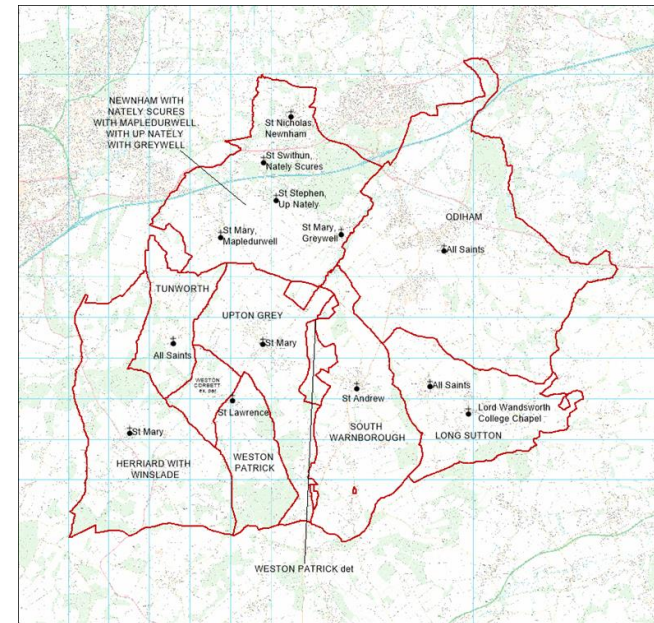
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- Invest for Growth
 - Resource Churches
 - Church Planting
 - Pioneer Hubs
- Major Development Areas
- Student Evangelism

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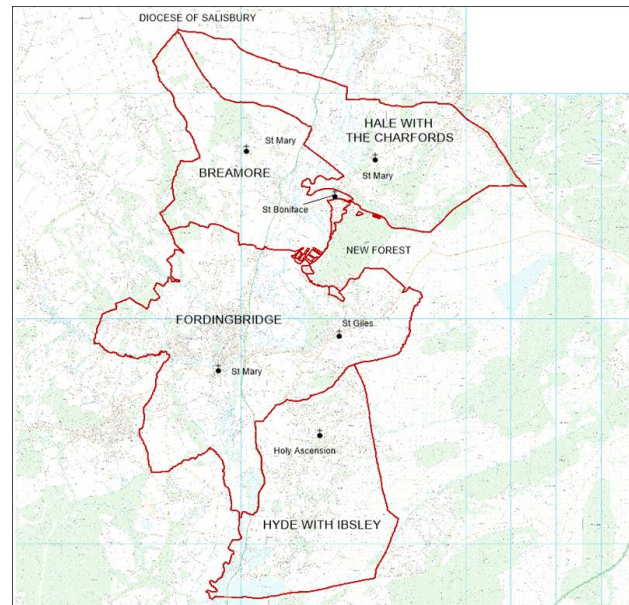


Benefice of the Future

North Hampshire Downs



Avon Valley



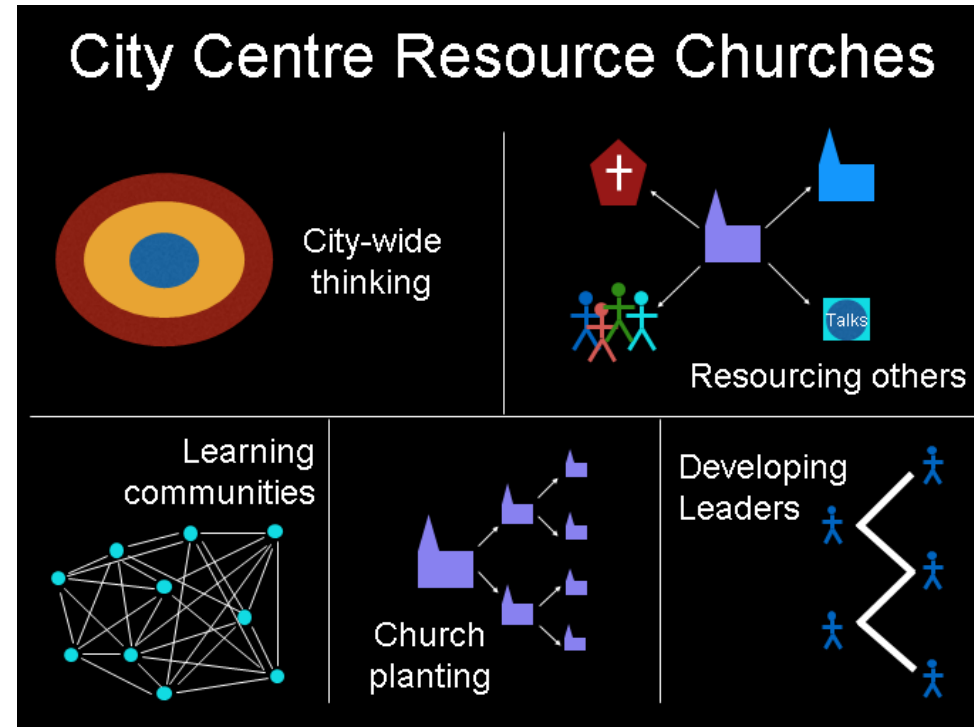
Benefice of the Future

- Growth of 15% with 60%+ missing generations (160 new or returning Christians; 40 retained)
- 30 new lay leaders; 4 new vocations; curates progressing to rural ministry
- 5 fxC (each including 20+ participants)
- Community engagement
- Distinct 'brand' identity
- Distinctive contribution for each church
- Simplified structures/governance
- Effective use of ICT
- Culture prioritising missing generations

Resource Churches

'It would be great for every diocese to have a resource church – and not just one but two or three' - the Archbishop of Canterbury.

- St Swithun's (Bournemouth)
- St Mary's (Southampton)
- North Hampshire
- *Highfield (Southampton)*
- *Christ Church (Winchester)*



Resource Churches

St Mary's Southampton:

- 500+ membership
- 20%+ unchurched
- 25% students
- Av. Age <40yrs
- Service to community
- Phase planting each 3 years



Partnership with HTB



Church Plants

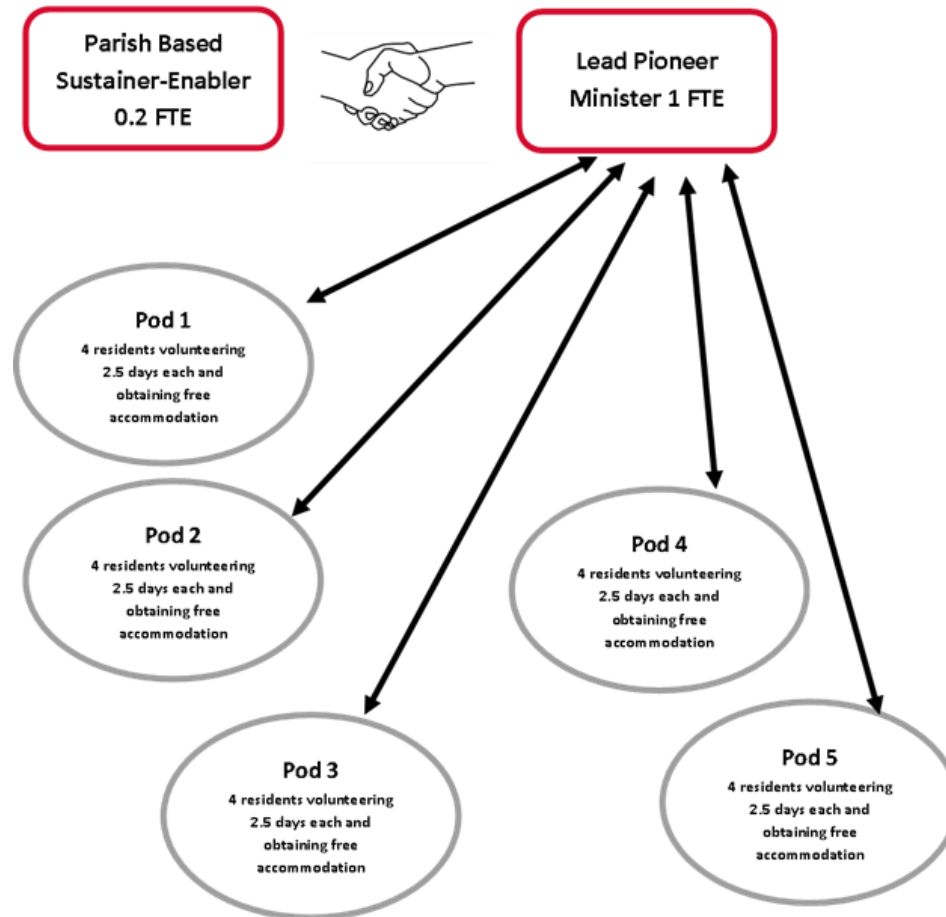
- St Nicolas's (North Stoneham)
- Phase Plant (New Milton)
- Manydown (Basingstoke)
- Picket Twenty (Andover)
- Potential for up to 20 church plants
 - Revitalising vulnerable parishes
 - Major Development Areas
 - Grafting into existing parishes



Pioneer Hubs

- Build on successes in Sholing
- New hubs in **Maybush** and **Andover**
- Growing lay-led fxC:
 - Scoping: planned, emergent, growing fxC
 - Focusing: growth in urban deaneries
 - Identifying: entrepreneurial lay leaders
 - Strengthening: resourcing lay leadership
- Measuring pioneer activity/outcomes

Pioneer Hubs



- 20 new fxC in Southampton
- 10 new fxC in Andover
- 35%+ unchurched
- 25% <30yrs
- 70% lay-led

Major Development Areas

- Centenary Quay
- Kings Barton
- Manydown
- North Stoneham
- Andover
- South Basingstoke



Major Development Areas

- Physical presence; community evangelism; sustainable community development
- Missional teams:
 - Local parishes; church plants; pioneers; church schools; social enterprises
- Launchpad Early Years Nurseries
- Community hubs

Student Evangelism

- Disciple-making amongst students
- Culturally relevant apologetics
- Resource churches engaging with major institutions
- Eight parish churches engaging with FE
- Student evangelism workers
- Social media/communications

Student Evangelism

- 3,000 contacts with FE students
- 200%+ increase in HE students attending churches
- 1% of students coming to Christ per year
- 30 student workers

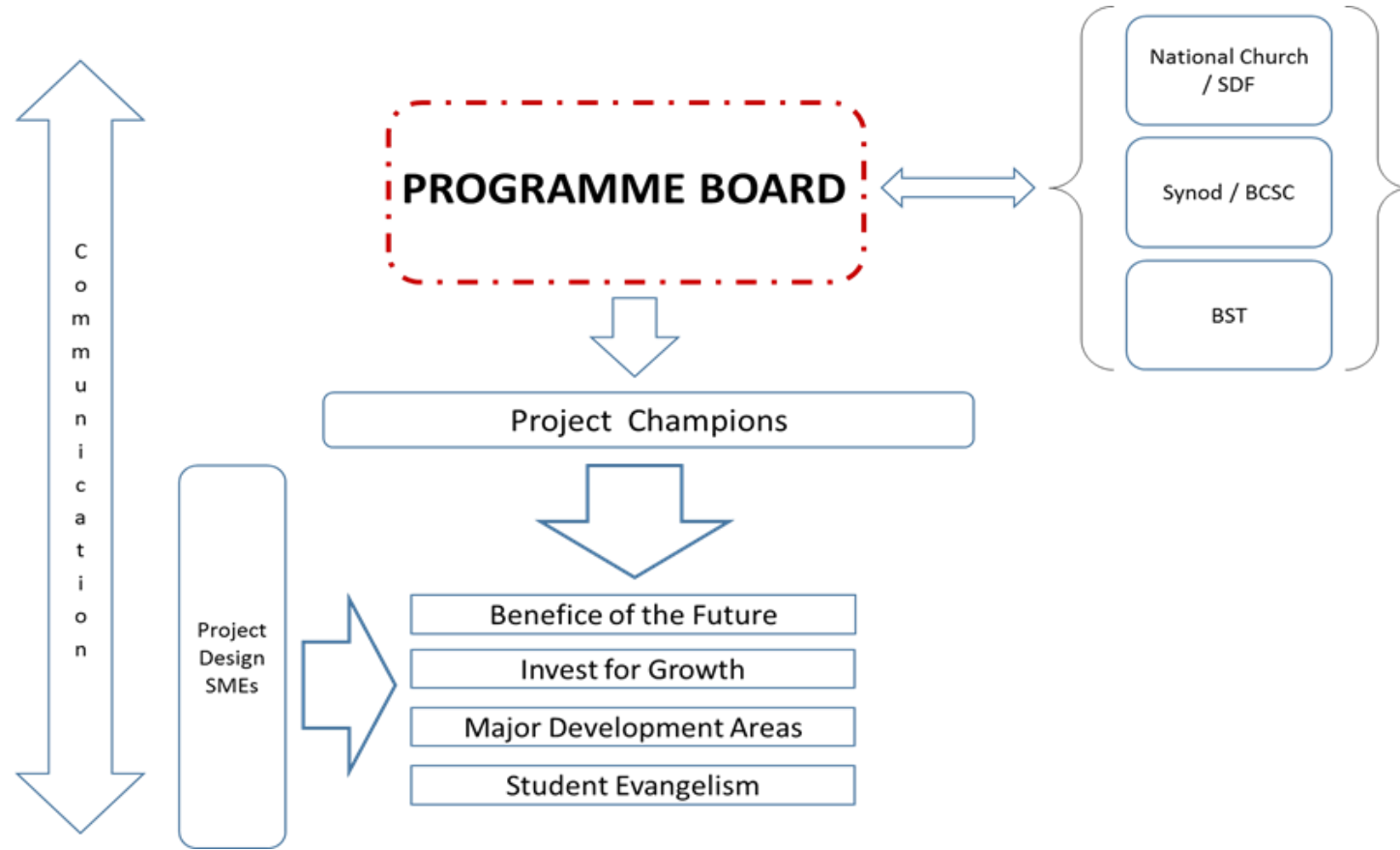
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General Synod

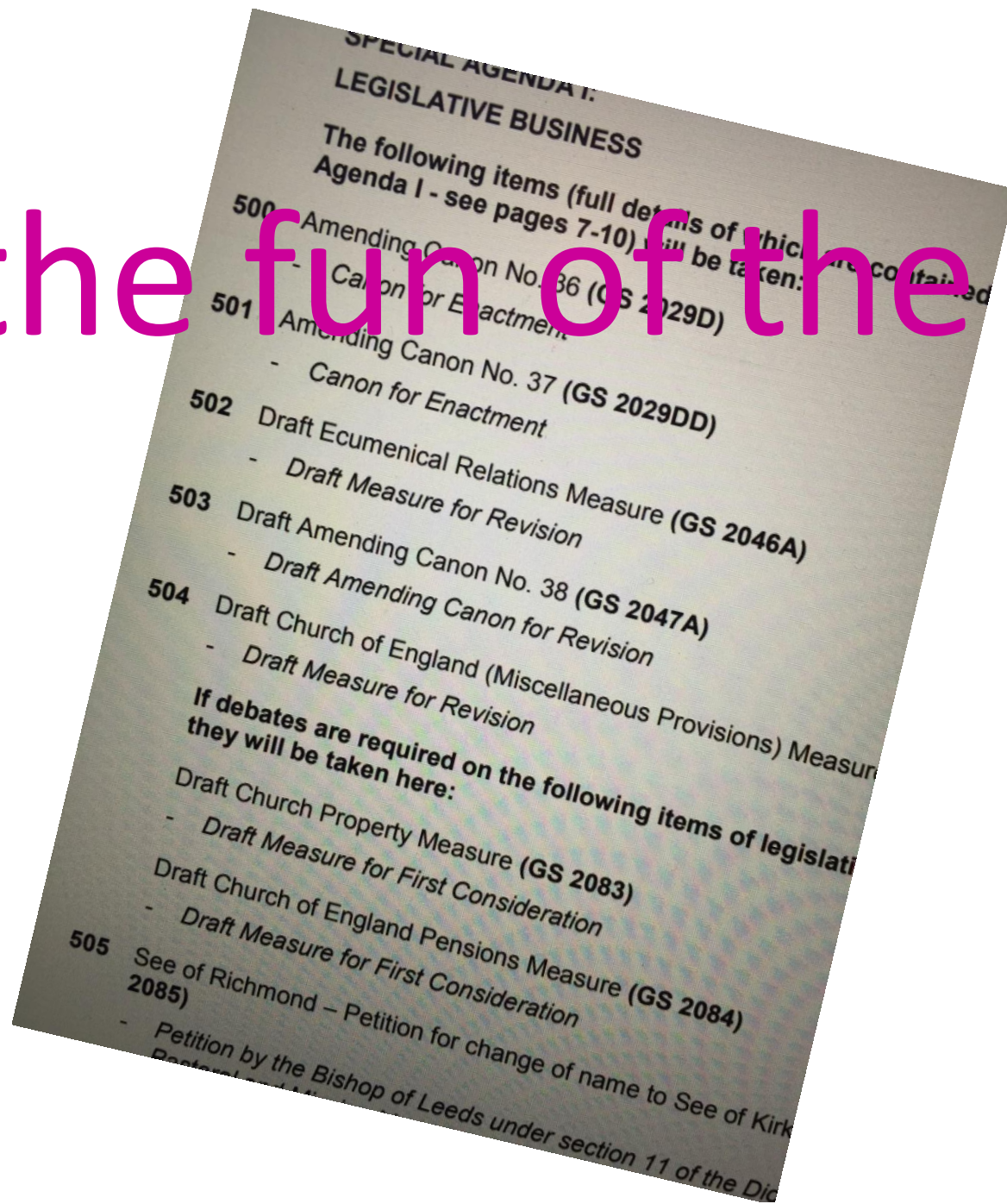
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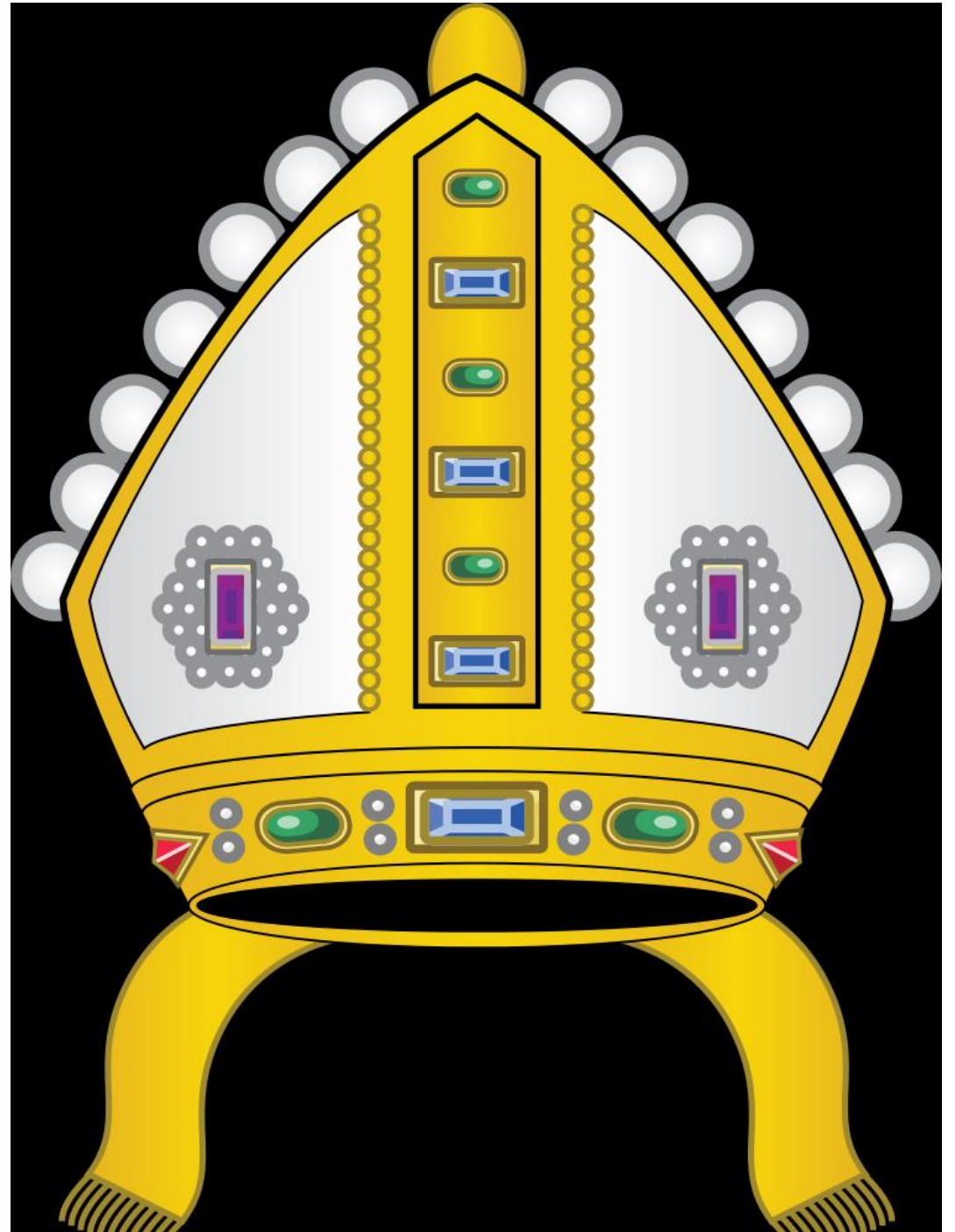
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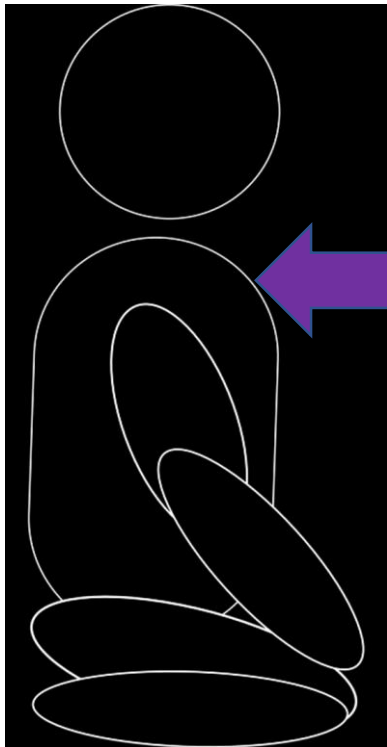
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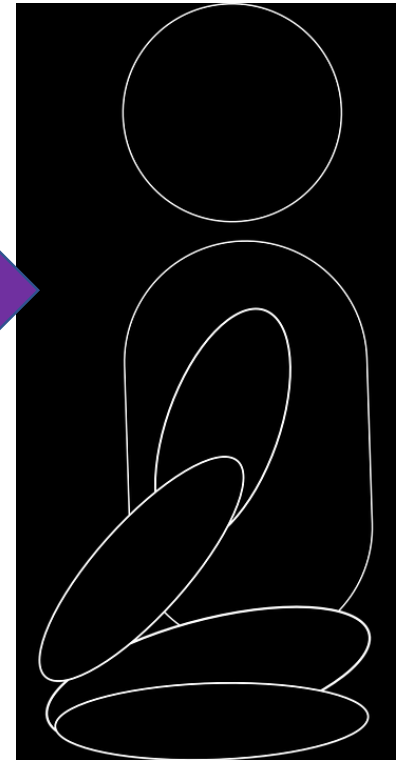


Mission and Ministry in Covenant



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'This will not be an easy couple of years'

safeguarding

A PRESENTATION on national developments in relation to safeguarding, and on the Church of England's preparation for the Independent Inquiry into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), took place on Saturday morning.

The Archbishop of Canterbury encouraged members to keep the questions short and not refer in detail to specific cases.

said, had been achieved through "determined and rigorous teamwork". He asked how well the Church should invest in safeguarding. "We cannot expect to be taken seriously if we talk about safeguarding, but fund it inadequately, especially at diocesan level."

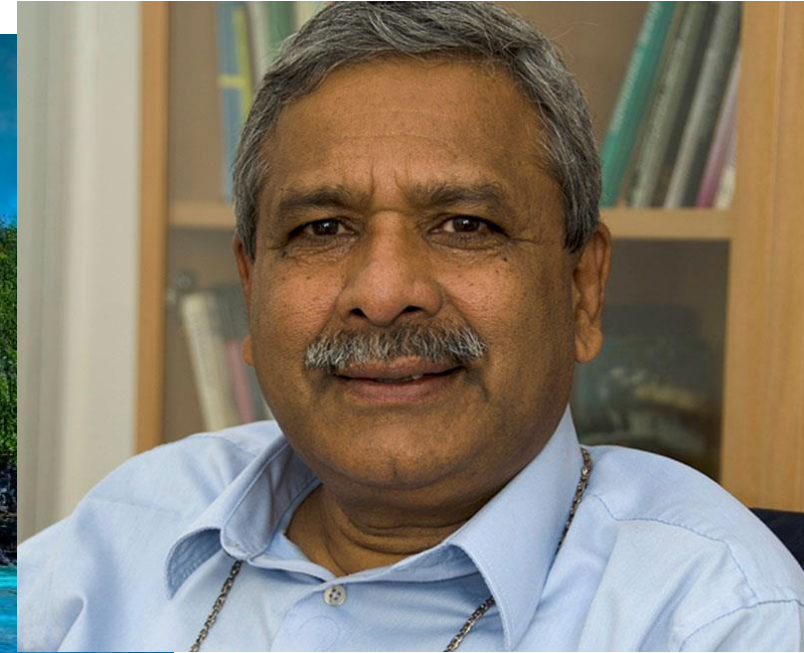
Outlining the steps that Chichester diocese had taken to learn from survivors, he said: "Survivors are people, not problems to be solved."

Safeguarding

Religious Communities



Companion Links



Food wastage



Digital Evangelism



**General Synod affirms dignity and
humanity of people with Down's
Syndrome**

10/02/2018

**Valuing
People with
Downs'
Syndrome**

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