



Transformed Lives | Growing Church | Building Community
THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

The Vision of the Diocese of Derby

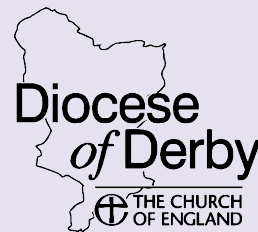
The Rt Rev'd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby writes:

'Strive first for the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.' (Matthew 6)

This is my desire for our diocese: knowing we are loved beyond measure in Christ, we are able to offer, with generous faith and courageous hope, life-giving love without restraint. This gift of love, transforming our lives and translated into love passed on, is how I understand the Kingdom of God.

We have discerned our vision: 'the Kingdom of God: good news for all'. The outworking of that vision will shape the coming decade. We are called to proclaim afresh, in this generation, the good news of that Kingdom, seen in transformed lives, through growing church and building community. Who we are, as much as what we do, proclaims the Kingdom - so we will live out our values of generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love.

And we also know that the coming of the Kingdom is God's business: the world, and every community in it, are God's creation; the Church is not what we make it – but the Body of Christ; lives are transformed by the work of the Spirit. The coming of the Kingdom is God's business and does not depend on any strategy and is not constrained by any schedule. But wonderfully, God invites us to join in. That's an undeserved privilege which we are to treasure beyond price.



Derby Diocesan Board of Education



Vision & Strategy

Derby DBE's Vision & Strategy is derived from our key partners: our Bishop and the wider Diocese, The Church of England's Vision for Education and the DBE's own evaluation of the needs of our church school family, children and young people.

Our Vision

Living out the Christian values of generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love, the Derby Diocesan Board of Education will support our diocesan family of schools to

Transform, Grow & Build by offering:

- life-giving, life-changing learning through excellent education, shaped by a distinctively Christ-like vision and ethos
- inclusive and inspirational Collective Worship, inviting all to grow in faith
- excellent Religious Education, enabling children and young people to reflect critically and explore faith, belief, and Christian responses to life's big questions
- hospitality, hope and love to children, young people and households
- a sense of belonging to those of all faiths and none, building community near and far, local and global

Derby DBE

Derby DBE believes that it makes its own, unique and distinct contribution to the work of the Diocese of Derby and the national Church. First of all, we recognise that predominantly, we serve our family of church schools, and we aspire for them to contribute positively and effectively to the 'healthily plural educational system' by offering a distinctively Christian ethos. This, of course, must be delivered alongside academic rigour and excellence.

Our schools can and do, echo the Diocesan Vision where the Kingdom of God is proclaimed, and the Good News of Jesus Christ is shared. Our schools can be places of transformation, inspiration, celebration and welcome.

In addition to serving our family of church schools we share responsibility for supporting work with children and young people across the Diocese of Derby. Children and young people are valued members of our worshipping communities, and we aspire that they grow in discipleship.

The Church of England's Vision for Education:

'Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good'

This vision – for all of education and not simply church schools - embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of children and young people. The Church of England, as a whole, seeks a vision of human flourishing for all, one that embraces excellence and academic rigour, but sets them in a wider framework. This is worked out theologically and educationally through four basic elements which permeate the vision:

Wisdom - Hope - Community - Dignity

The vision, in line with the Church of England's role as the established Church, is for the common good of the whole human community and its environment, whether national, regional or local. It is hospitable to diversity, respects freedom of religion and belief, and encourages others to contribute from the depths of their own traditions and understandings. It invites collaboration, alliances, negotiation of differences, and the forming of new settlements in order to serve the flourishing of a healthily plural society and democracy, together with a healthily plural educational system.

In church schools the deeply Christian foundation for this vision will be seen explicitly in teaching and learning both in RE and across the curriculum, and in the authentically Christian worship and ethos of those schools. In other schools which are not rooted in an explicit Christian ethos, the vision for education can still be expressed and promoted as one of human flourishing that can inspire what the school is and does.

