



# HOPE IN THE FUTURE



## EXPLANATION OF RESOURCES

1. **DVD & Worksheet** from Fr Gerard Kelly's Mission & Evangelisation talks. There are four half hour talks on the theme of 'Missionary Disciples'. These are designed to be shared with the wider parish. You could arrange and advertise four evenings to play the talks on a big screen and pause the talk at key points for discussion and idea sharing. The talks are also available on our website and YouTube.
2. **A5 Celebration Booklet** showcasing 'good practice' from around the diocese. There may be some ideas you would like to use in your parish.
3. **The Joy of the Gospel** prayer resource based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation. This could be used for personal prayer, at the start of a group meeting or as part of the weekend Mass. It includes a commissioning of Mission Disciples and some simple ways to live out the Gospel with Joy.
4. **Give 10 minutes to God** prayer resource designed to be used by all groups in the parish before meetings (e.g. finance committee, SVP group etc.) based on the upcoming weekend scripture with opportunity for reflection and discussion.
5. **Developing a Parish Mission Statement** resource to help your parish shared leadership team/Hope in the Future team to write a mission statement.
6. **Parish Review** designed to help your Parish to 'take stock' of your current situation and identify any 'gaps' or room for improvement. This should be completed by the Hope in the Future Team with the parish priest if possible. There is no need to return this to the Diocese.
7. **Mission Action Plan (MAT)** to help your parish to develop a clear strategy for progressing God's plan. Again this is for your own parish reflection and doesn't need returning to the Diocese. Start by reflecting on where your parish is currently and then reflect on where you would like to be in three years' time. Then make concrete action points with a timeframe and person assigned to each point.
8. **The Great Story of Jesus:** a summary of the Gospel story. So many members of our family, friends and parish communities don't even know the basic facts about the Gospel. Our first job is to tell them about the love of God and the saving work of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and what it means for us personally.
9. **Stage 2 Event Posters** to be displayed on your church noticeboards and information shared in the parish newsletter and website. There are four formation and discernment days on Gifts, Talents & Charisms led by Fr Gerard Kelly. Although it is helpful that you attend the day in your deanery you can attend any of the four days as the same content will be repeated. After the Formation and Discernment day there will be six training days for a range of groups and ministries in parish life. These days are open to the Hope in the Future Team and wider parish in the hope that more parishioners will get involved in the parish. These days are all free of charge. Please register on our website ([www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events)).
10. **Shared Leadership Models** – each parish is asked by Bishop John to put in place a Shared Leadership Team (Clergy and Laity). This resource gives three different models which have worked well in a range of parishes. You may wish to choose your own or a combination of all three. It may take a few months to launch and establish this team.