



HOPE IN THE FUTURE PARISH TEAM



As you are aware, Hope in the Future is an invitation to every parish in the Diocese to recognise and develop their missionary identity and their call to evangelise.

Thank you for what you have done so far in helping your parish become ever more missionary.

A missionary parish will have a focus on evangelisation: deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ, and inviting others to get to know him and the Gospel message.

As we mentioned in the previous resources, there are five stages and the first stage of this new development is that each parish is asked to recognise and celebrate all that is already taking place in terms of the three key words, “Welcome”, “Engagement”, and “Outreach”. Already we have parishioners, and parish groups, who are bringing the gospel to others in many different forms of service.

WELCOME

The Parish is a place where all may come and meet God and find a place in the community of the Body of Christ = Service in the Liturgy and Hospitality.

ENGAGEMENT

The Parish is a place where everyone is called to be a member of Christ and a minister of the Good News of the Kingdom of God = Commitment of all parishioners.

OUTREACH

The Parish is a place where, nourished by our meeting with Christ, we are charged to do God’s work in the world = Service in Charity and Community.

The **five stages** for Hope in the Future are as follows:

- 1 Celebrating our Parish
- 2 Harvesting our talents
- 3 Living the Sunday Eucharist
- 4 Proclaiming the Good News
- 5 Sharing the Hope

A full description of each stage is enclosed in this pack.

As we continue to seek guidance from the Holy Spirit, this resource pack will continue to place an **emphasis on prayer**.

Within this pack, we have enclosed **seven reflections for Lent, Holy Week and Easter**.

We ask you as a parish team if possible, to meet together over the next couple of months to take some time of prayer together.

Are these reflections something which could be photocopied for other groups within the parish to use?

Outline of Activities and Events

We have also enclosed a **list of activities and events** for the forthcoming year.

Can you please take a look at this list to help promote the activities and events within your parish?

There is a contact for each of these and if you would like any more information, please do not hesitate to email them.

Is there a possibility that there could be a Hope in the Future parish notice board in your Church where these activities and events could be displayed?

For your information, we have two Diocesan pilgrimages this year, both will be led by Bishop John.

The first is in **Walsingham** on Saturday 5th May 2018. In this first stage of Hope in the Future, this would be a great witness and celebration of our parish if we were able to attend as a parish community or deanery. There will be coaches leaving from parishes within your deanery for the Walsingham pilgrimage. We have enclosed a poster to be displayed on your notice board and if your intention to organise a group can you please email John Griffin on John.Griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk who is helping to co ordinate the transport also.

The second pilgrimage will be to **Lourdes** (27th July – 2nd August 2018). It will be 160 years since the 1st Apparition. Please do not hesitate to contact the Lourdes office (Helen) if you have any questions (Lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk). If you have a look at the website (<http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/>), this will give you more information.

We have also enclosed a poster advertising the **Reignite Young Adults Mass** which take place on the third Sunday of each month. If your parish does not have one of these displayed, can I ask you please to display the poster where young people/young adults will be able to access it.

Formation Day on Mission and Evangelisation

You will also have received the information on the Formation day. Can you please ask other members from your parish community to see if they would like to attend? This will create opportunities for more of an insight of what it means to be a missionary parish. There are four venues around the diocese. Please email Marie on: bishop.pa@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Pentecost Service

Today, not only do we celebrate the Church's birthday, we give thanks and celebrate our own gifts and talents.

An outline of the service for Pentecost Sunday will be emailed out to all parishes and Hope in the Future reps nearer the time.

In addition to this there will also be a **Youth Pentecost Service** on Sunday 20th May, The afternoon will begin at 2pm at the Cathedral Centre and will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop John at 5.30pm in the Cathedral. A poster has been included in this pack. Is this something that can be brought to the attention of the young people in your parish?

Thank you for using the gifts God has given to you for the service of others.