

Our Diocesan Vision



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Growing in depth

Responding to the call of Christ we continue to deepen our desire to respond to the call of Christ in every part of our lives.

Growing in number

Drawing the contacts we have into the life of God's kingdom, we will plant and water for God's growth of the numbers of those attending worship and fresh expressions and belonging to our electoral roll by 2022.



Growing in influence

Reaching beyond ourselves in our impact on the wider world, we aim to increase our engagement and service with the wider community.

Growing younger

Building churches whose age ranges reflect our communities; lower the average age of our congregations to match the average age of the population.

Faith & Discipleship

Through enhancing the quality of our worship, building up our fellowship and extending our witness, we will develop flourishing and outward-looking congregations making a difference for our communities.



Relationships & Structures

We will develop partnerships and networks for mutual learning and support and sharing good practice; working with ecumenical partners, schools and people of good will. We will align all our structures to serve the flourishing of our congregations.



Vocation & Ministry

We will build up the numbers of those in lay and ordained ministries including pioneers, evangelists and children's and youth ministries. Our training will be accessible, flexible and integrated. It will place as much emphasis on continuing development as it does on initial training.



Resources & Buildings

We will manage our resources and buildings as gifts for mission. We will develop resources and operations to support congregations for growth. We will be innovative and work together to identify the best use of our buildings for mission.

