

Learning from Lockdown

The Diocese of Leicester is undertaking a project to understand more deeply how Churches, Fresh Expressions of Church, and our other faith communities are discovering the new ways the Kingdom of God is being revealed amongst us. We are therefore seeking to gather information about your experiences of lived faith, in order to better discern the way ahead. We cannot do this without paying due attention to the experience of the lockdown(s) and we need to hear from as many as possible amongst the 19,000 people and 400 faith communities of the Diocese.

Please choose a question to which you would like to respond.

- Reflecting on the past few months, share a moment when you received, found, or experienced spiritual nourishment.
- Tell us about a time in the last few months when you ministered to others or had others minister to you.
- Tell us a story of something you have done differently - for better or worse - on your spiritual journey from the past few months.

Stories can be positive or negative. They can describe small moments or large actions. What was the situation, and what happened?

Please give your story a name.

Where did the events of this story take place? (Check all that apply) (Choose any combination)

- A parish church
- A cathedral
- Other church building
- Other denomination's building
- Non-church building
- Outside
- Where I live
- Online

In this story... (Use the slider to show where you think this story fits between those two statements)
(Mark on the line)

I did it on my own! ----- Everyone was involved!

How did what happened in this story compare to what you usually do? (Mark on the line)

It was what I always do ----- I'd never done it before

Would you say what happens in this story is a rare or common experience? (Mark on the line)

It happens to one in a million ----- It happens to everyone

In this story, my experience was... (Mark on the line)

Very negative ----- Very positive

How important was a physical location to the events in this story? (Mark on the line)

Not necessary at all ----- Essential

The way the story ended... (Mark on the line)

Got me excited about a new way of doing things ----- Made me miss the ways things used to be

What are three emotions or feelings that you associate with this story?

Which of these groups particularly need to hear this story? (Check all that apply) (Choose any combination)

- Leaders in my local faith community
- Clergy specifically
- My local faith community
- Diocesan staff
- Bishops
- Wider society
- I don't know

What do the events in this story say to you about the Church?

About you

My age is... (Choose only one)

- Under 11
- 11-14
- 14-18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44

- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85-94
- 95 and up
- Prefer not to say

My gender is... (Choose any combination)

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Another gender
- Prefer not to say

My ethnicity is...

My home postcode is...

Were you shielding during the pandemic? (Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

My faith community is located in... (Choose only one)

- Rural
- Market town
- Suburban
- City
- Estate
- Prefer not to say

The tradition of my church or faith community is... (Choose any combination)

- Central
- Modern Catholic
- Traditional Catholic
- Conservative evangelical
- Open evangelical
- Fresh expression
- Charismatic/Influenced by renewal

Local Ecumenical Partnership

I don't know

Do you hold a leadership role in your faith community? (Choose only one)

Yes

No

Do you hold a paid or voluntary position in your faith community? (Choose only one)

Paid

Voluntary

Both

Neither

Thank you for taking part and please do come back and share further stories - you can do so until 30 September.