



The Bishop of Lincoln

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Dear Friend,

The Transformation Fund

It gives me great pleasure to write to you to announce the launch of our Transformation Fund.

The Transformation Fund is the latest step in our continuing work to resource the mission and ministry of the diocese as we seek to be a healthy, vibrant and sustainable church, transforming lives in Greater Lincolnshire. This is building on the work begun in 2014 to recruit more stipendiary clergy to our parishes, and complementing the resources already available to our parishes through the inauguration of the Bishop of Lincoln's Social Justice Fund in 2015. To date, that fund has already disbursed £165,000 in direct grants to projects which are making a real difference to the lives of people right across our diocese. These two initiatives are a sign of our commitment to growth, and I am delighted that we are able to continue that trend in 2016 with the launch of the Transformation Fund.

The fund has up to £100,000 available between now and the end of 2016, and further funds available in subsequent years. I hope that you will give serious consideration to whether or not the fund can help you to further the mission and ministry of your parishes. Please do visit the website www.lincoln.anglican.org for more information about the fund, its criteria and how to apply, or contact Simon Dean on transformation.fund@lincoln.anglican.org or call (01522) 580003. Paper copies of all papers are also available from Simon.

I want to support all the parishes of the diocese in our shared mission and ministry, and to ensure that our resources are released in ways which help us to focus them on the places where they are needed most. We will be working hard during this first year to monitor the projects where Transformation Fund grants are invested, and to share learning from them across the diocese. We welcome any feedback you have which will help us to make this fund the best it can be.

I hope that you will give serious consideration to ways in which the Transformation Fund might provide an opportunity for you to develop new and exciting projects that will further mission and ministry in the place where you are set. Together, may we continue to respond to God's call to us build a healthy, vibrant and sustainable church, transforming lives in greater Lincolnshire.

With every good wish,

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The Right Reverend Christopher Lawson
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