# Lord, Show Us The Way

A journey of listening, prayer and strategy across the Diocese of Lincoln.



## A journey of listening

As we look to the future of mission and ministry in the Diocese of Lincoln, we are setting out on a journey of discernment.

It's about walking together in faith, asking where the Spirit is leading us – listening to **you** and listening to God's call to become the Church we are called to be.

## Shaping a strategy

Rooted in prayer, theology and local wisdom, this journey will shape a new decade-long Diocesan strategy.

## The heart of the process: Lord, Show Us The Way

At the centre of this journey is 'Lord, Show Us The Way' – a period of shared reflection, prayer and honest conversation across our Diocese.



This process is an invitation for every church, group and person to listen first, before planning or acting.

We want to honour the wisdom from every corner of the diocese, shaped by scripture and the Spirit. We need to hear your voice, to ground our strategy in the reality of our shared experiences.

## Companions on the journey

A number of groups are walking alongside us – listening, reflecting, and helping shape the way forward:

## **Strategy Working Group**

Steering the journey.

Bringing together insights from across the Diocese – listening to the Lever Groups, engaging with theological reflection, and shaping the overall direction of the new Diocesan strategy.

## **Lever Groups**

Exploring key areas of growth and mission.

Lever Groups are exploring themes like people, places, ministry and resources to shape our long-term Diocesan strategy.

Each group is meeting regularly and drawing on theological support. They will listen widely across the Diocese.

## **Theological Reference Group**

Grounding the journey in scripture and prayer.

Supporting the shaping of our longterm Diocesan strategy by helping to ensure every aspect of the process is rooted in the life of God, as revealed in scripture, tradition, reason and prayerful discernment.

## Steps along the way

The strategy creation process will unfold in stages, with a final version shared the following year:

## LISTENING AND GATHERING

Spring/Summer 2025

Lever Groups and the Theological Group continue to meet, explore themes and gather insight from across the Diocese.

## SHARING AND REFLECTING

Autumn 2025

Draft strategy themes begin to emerge. Churches and deaneries will be invited to respond, reflect and offer feedback.

#### **SHAPING THE VISION**

Late Summer/Autumn 2025

Early themes and ideas begin to form through shared insight.

### **REFINING THE STRATEGY**

Winter 2025 / Early 2026

Strategy recommendations will be refined and shared with Diocesan Synod and the Bishop's Council for final shaping.

## **LAUNCH AND LIVE**

2026

Launch of the new Diocesan Strategy, with resources and support to help every parish fully engage with it.

## Join the journey!

Have your say at... Lincoln.anglican.org /show-us-the-way

