

Appendix 1: Our Vision – What is the Lord calling us to be?

Diocesan Vision and Our Synodal Diocesan Mission Commitments

A flourishing Diocese alive in the Holy Spirit, where people encounter Jesus Christ, where we live with justice and compassion, grow as one family of faith, and are formed and sent as missionary disciples to build God's Kingdom.



Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Vision

Walking with Jesus and Enabling Encounters with Him

We envision a Diocese alive in the Holy Spirit, where an encounter with the Risen Lord shapes all we are and all we do. We long to be a community in which Christ's love is shared generously, and where people are drawn to Him through our witness.

"Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? ... and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread."
(Luke 24:32, 35)

Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home

We envision a Church that stands with the poor, the excluded, and the vulnerable, recognising Christ in them. We seek to be a Diocese that embodies justice, compassion, and responsible stewardship of creation, continuing the Mission Christ entrusted to His Church.

"...what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

Growing as One Diocesan Family

We envision a Diocese rooted in communion—deepening relationships, strengthening trust, and walking together as one family in Christ. We desire to be disciples united in heart and mind, so that our Mission may be credible and fruitful.

"...that they may all be one" (John 17:21)
"Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind." (1 Peter 3:8)

Being Formed by Christ for Mission

We envision a Diocese where formation is offered for all, at every stage of life, enabling us to grow in holiness and to share confidently in the work of evangelisation and catechesis. We seek to build a culture where every baptised person is equipped and supported to be a missionary disciple.

"After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him... Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." (Luke 10:1–2)