

Dear All,

## **Our Shared Future**

I am writing to thank everyone who has so willingly shared their feedback over the last few months, either through the parish needs survey we conducted, by taking part in workshops or contributing individual feedback. It has been a valuable experience and I am grateful to those who have taken the opportunity to share their experiences, ideas and opinions.

The listening phase is an important part of our annual planning cycle and will help shape [Our Shared Future](#) which articulates the three pillars of the Bishop's 2030 vision and the key commitments we have made to help deliver to this vision.

We have produced a short report which highlights some of the feedback we have heard and the themes that have emerged. This has been considered at June's Bishop's Council and Diocesan Synod, and will inform our priorities for next year. It has now been [published](#).

This has been the first iteration of the annual cycle for the Diocese of Coventry and there have been some encouraging levels of engagement and much learning that we can take into future years. A wide range of voices have been heard from many stakeholders across the diocese which have been rich in content and insight, and the responses and data received has been honest and powerful.

This has proved to be a humbling and encouraging process for all who have been privileged to be involved. Some clear themes have emerged from the many collective and individual insights and these have helped to shape the findings for which there is much gratitude.

It has also been a prayerful, reflective process and, at the heart of all our conversations, the question of where God is calling us to has been central.

With much appreciation for all that you do for this wonderful Diocese.



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