



Southwark Vision 2017-2025

Our vision is founded on mutual commitment from all who make up the Diocesan family to walk together in the pilgrimage of faith, supporting, encouraging and resourcing each other in our common task.

A pilgrim people

We are a diverse community of Anglican churches, schools and chaplaincies in the hugely varied area of South London and East Surrey, from our Cathedral Church at London Bridge to our retreat house in the Surrey countryside. We work hard to journey well together, united by our faith in Christ. We're discovering that God's love changes lives, transforms society and sets our hearts on fire with the love of Christ; and so we are working to enable others to experience that reality.

Journeying together

From the Archbishop's Charge given to Bishop Christopher in 2011, the Diocese of Southwark has been on a journey of discernment towards a shared vision which is now brought together from the themes and agreed outcomes described in the Strategy for Ministry adopted by Synod in November 2015, and Hearts on Fire Vision for Mission, with its commitment to the five marks of mission and the strategic goals, adopted by Synod in March 2016.

A fruitful future

We share a vision for the future in which we will see:

- growing churches, new worshipping communities and new Christians
- deepening discipleship: engaged, prayerful and informed Christians
- growth in vocations to existing and new ministries
- generous giving and prayer supporting all we do
- justice and peace built up, and violence challenged, in our local and global community
- a shared commitment to the integrity of creation
- a church for all which reflects our diverse community in membership and leadership.