

Shaped by God

Everyday





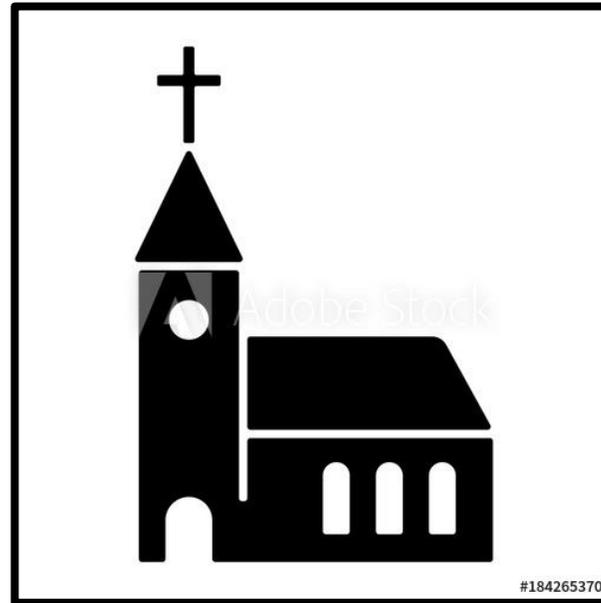


Enlarging our vision

From church =

Building
you go to...

All about
money...



For one
hour on
Sunday...

Run by clergy on
behalf of
everyone else...

**To church =
Every day
Shaped
By
God
through
Everyday
Faith**



“when we become overly preoccupied with maintaining the activities of our institutions, when fear of scarcity overwhelms us, when survival dominates our mindset, we lose sight of God... we become practical atheists rather than Spirit-inspired people of hope.”

L. Gregory Jones

“practical atheists”

- **When prayer is not integral to PCC meetings / Synods**
- **When our church services are not connected to the issues of the workplace, the community, the home.**
- **When we give no time to learning i.e. to discipleship**

Everyday Faith

Starting point = baptism

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have **clothed** yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:27



Everyday Faith

Growing point = discipleship

A disciple is an active, intentional learner...
... an apprentice and a practitioner...
... a follower of Jesus Christ.

A disciple is accountable to others who help them learn...
A disciple is focussed on helping others learn what it means
to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

A disciple seeks to be shaped by God every day.

Everyday Prayer

Starting point = “help” / “thank you”

Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire,
Uttered, or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

James Montgomery



Everyday Prayer

Growing point = relationship

Praying is an expression of relationship – like a child speaking to a loving parent – and therefore can and should happen at any time and in any place.

There are many different ways of praying – liturgy, silence, song... **the goal is to make it part of everyday life.**

Everyday Witness

Starting point = a life that speaks of
God

“To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. **It means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.**”

Dorothy Day

Everyday Witness

Growing point = “**everyday faith conversations**”

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

1 Peter 3:15

Everyday Action

Starting point = acts of kindness

Freely you have received; freely give.

Matthew 10:8

Everyday Action

Growing point = social justice / social innovation

e.g. campaigning for decisive action on climate change.

e.g. listening to the experiences of people who have experienced homelessness.

e.g. finding creative ways to combat loneliness.

Everyday Faith

What will the bishops and diocesan staff do?

Resources for **everyday prayer...**

Confidence for **everyday witness...**

Ideas for **everyday action...**

What are you doing / will you do?



Diocese of
Leicester
Shaped by God

**For this next season in the life of the
Diocese of Leicester,
we are reshaping our 3 key questions:**

**Q1: Depth of
discipleship** –
how are you
making prayer
a part of your
everyday life?

**Q2: Numbers of
disciples** – how
are you making
witness and
“everyday faith
conversations”
a part of your
everyday life?

**Q3: Loving
service** – how
are you showing
kindness and
serving others
every day?

1. What does it mean to you to be a follower of Christ?

2. How does your faith shape your Monday – Saturday life?

Church

Everyday Faith and Christian Community



Church

**A disciple
needs
other
disciples**



Everyday Faith

Thrives in communities that are
places of

Generosity & Forgiveness
Prayer & Worship
Loving welcome

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