

Empowering the Local Church

Diocesan Strategy Update 2025 – A Guide for Clergy & Parish Officers

What's This All About?


We're inviting every parish to join in a renewed commitment to God's mission—right where you are. Our diocese is shifting the focus of planning and support closer to the local church, helping to give you the tools and encouragement to lead mission in your community.

Mission Action Plans (MAPs)

Your MAP is a simple but powerful way to:

- Discern where God is already at work
- Focus on realistic, honest priorities
- Review what's making a difference (and what's not)
- Share ideas and identify support needs

It's not an extra task—it's naming what you're doing, what's next, and what may need to stop.

 Need help? Resources and support will be available on [our website](#) (coming soon!)


A Three-Way Conversation

Mission is a shared calling between:

1. **Parish:** you know your people and community. Your MAP leads the conversation.
2. **Deanery:** helps link MAPs, identify shared goals, and add value.
3. **Diocese:** supports your plans, shares learning, and finds resources to help mission thrive.

How to Start (or Restart) Your MAP

- Pray together as a PCC and look honestly at your current mission
- Set 2–3 priorities for the next 12–18 months
- Be realistic. Be honest. Be hopeful.
- Submit your MAP to your deanery and the Diocesan Office

 In multi-parish benefices, MAPs can be combined or tailored—whatever fits your context.

Review, Learn, Grow

MAPs aren't static, they evolve. Reviewing helps:

- Celebrate progress
- Adjust direction
- Steward your people and energy wisely

Key Dates

July 2025: Strategy refocus launched

Autumn 2025: Deanery sessions & MAP support

Dec 2025: MAP submission deadline

Jan–Apr 2026: Review & reporting

Summer 2026: Celebrate & revise MAPs

Our Shared Goals for 2030

- ✓ Signs of revitalisation in every parish & deanery
- ✓ Double the number of children and young disciples
- ✓ 200 new Christian communities

“Changed Lives → Changing Lives” Our lives are changed by Christ—and through us, others can be changed too.

Questions or Help?

Talk to your archdeacon, email Archdeacons@diocant.org or contact Caroline on 01227 473597

