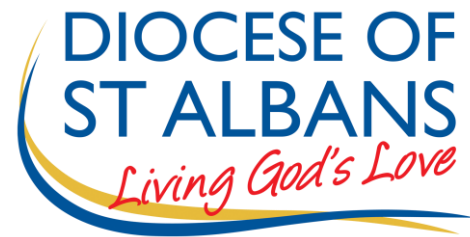


Diocesan Synod June 2021

Emerging Hopefully



Introduction

As we continue along the roadmap to the end of lockdown and restrictions, our aim is to emerge hopefully as the church in each local place across our diocese. How we can live God's love, with generosity and joy, imagination and courage, within this demanding and complex situation, is a question at the forefront of our minds. Vital to church life, ministry and mission at this time is our renewed sense of God's purpose for us and our planning to help make this a reality.

Stories of Local Mission and Ministry from Across the Diocese

To encourage our vision, thinking and planning Diocesan Synod will hear from three parishes / benefices in response to the following key questions for churches and leaders at this time:

- What has God led you to be and do over the past year?
- What difference has it made?
- Where do you hope this will lead you, and in what ways is this different to where you were heading?
- How does the above change your plans?

Planning for Mission and Mission Action Planning

Planning for mission and Mission Action Planning provides a living process for discerning our God-given purpose and putting it into action.

Mission Action Planning is a shared tool because it's our common process, and when put into action it becomes our living guide, helping us to fulfil the next steps on our journey with Christ.

Questions for Discussion

As we seek to discern a renewed sense of God's purpose for us, how can we improve the use and quality of MAPs so that we are better equipped for the journey?

What key step will you take to act on this?