

A Vision for St. Cuthbert's Archdeaconry

GOD'S CALL

God calls us to be a pilgrim people; a people who have left the known and the comfortable behind in order to follow Jesus into the Kingdom of God. Throughout the Bible, people are called by God to leave their homes, to become someone different, and to join with God to fulfil God's will and purpose. Abram and Sarai left Haran for Canaan and became Abraham and Sarah. Jacob became Israel. Moses led the people out of slavery in Egypt to freedom in the desert and towards the Promised Land. Jesus' disciples were ordinary people who left their old lives behind and followed him to the cross and the empty tomb and beyond. Simon became Peter, "the Rock." On the Damascus Road, Saul was transformed into Paul. The Kingdom of God is death to our old selves and rebirth into new life.

Today, God is calling the Anglicans of St. Cuthbert's to leave behind our comfortable and reassuring ways to take bold steps to renew the Church. It is a call that goes beyond parish and financial reorganization. God is calling us to renew our zeal for the Gospel, to bring God's Word to our communities, to put our faith into action. For the Anglican Church, it is literally a call to move from death to life.

God is calling us. How will we answer?

This is our **Mission** and our **Vision**:

MISSION

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27

VISION STATEMENT

We are communities of Jesus' disciples together sharing the good news through worship, word and action and engaging the world as a sign of God's blessing and promise.

LIVING OUT GOD'S CALL

As God's people in St. Cuthbert's Archdeaconry, we will:

- Worship the Living God in a variety of places, times, languages, and styles and proclaim the Word to a diversity of peoples.
- Be a welcoming and inclusive community, a haven to all.

- Enable and equip God’s people to grow in their faith and vocation by providing opportunities to learn and to serve. (For example, meeting people’s needs by providing childcare, transportation, intergenerational activities, small groups and bible studies.)
- Be dedicated to evangelism through our words and actions, calling people to the Gospel through the example of our lives.
- Minister to the alienated, lost and forgotten—especially refugees, new Canadians, the poor, the sick, the hungry, and the homeless—respecting the dignity of every human being.
- Be advocates for peace, for justice and for the environment.
- Walk together with First Nations, Metis, Inuit and all indigenous peoples on the journey towards truth and reconciliation.
- Model environmental stewardship and sustainability.
- Work ecumenically wherever and whenever possible.

Renewal of the Church is our goal and our legacy.