

Transforming Outreach and Mission

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Introduction and Context

- Core part of the diocesan vision
 - *1.1 - shift the focus of church life to outreach, the joy of service, partnerships and outward-facing projects that make a difference to people's lives in our communities*
 - *3.1 - engage with parishes to build a confident and joyful local church serving their communities*
- Core part of our faith
 - *“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me”*



Introduction and Context

- Core part of our denomination:

Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission

- *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*
- *To teach, baptise and nurture new believers*
- ***To respond to human need by loving service***
- ***To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation***
- *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth*



Introduction and Context

- Never been more critical
 - *Pre-pandemic*
 - *Substance misuse*
 - *Mental health*
 - *Poverty and deprivation*
 - *Then the pandemic hit*
 - *Grief, bereavement, isolation, fear*
 - *Long lasting mental health impact*
 - *Job loss and state dependency*
 - *But glimmers of hope...*



The Emerging Strategy - Model

- Pandemic has changed everything and nothing
- Jesus' model of Threefold Action
- Good Samaritan
 - “a priest was going down that road; and when he **saw him**, he **passed by** on the other side”
 - “So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and **saw him**, **passed by** on the other side”
 - “a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he **saw him**, he was **moved with pity...**” and then acted



The Emerging Strategy - Model

- Luke 7.11-17 - Jesus Raises the Widow's Son at Nain
 - “When the Lord **saw her**, he **had compassion** for her...”
- Prodigal Son
 - “But while he was still far off, his father **saw him** and was **filled with compassion; he ran** and put his arms around him and kissed him”
- Jesus’ various interactions with crowds
 - “When **he saw** the crowds, he **had compassion** for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” – Matthew 9.36
 - See it again at Matthew 14.14 and 15.32, and Mark 6.34 and 8.2

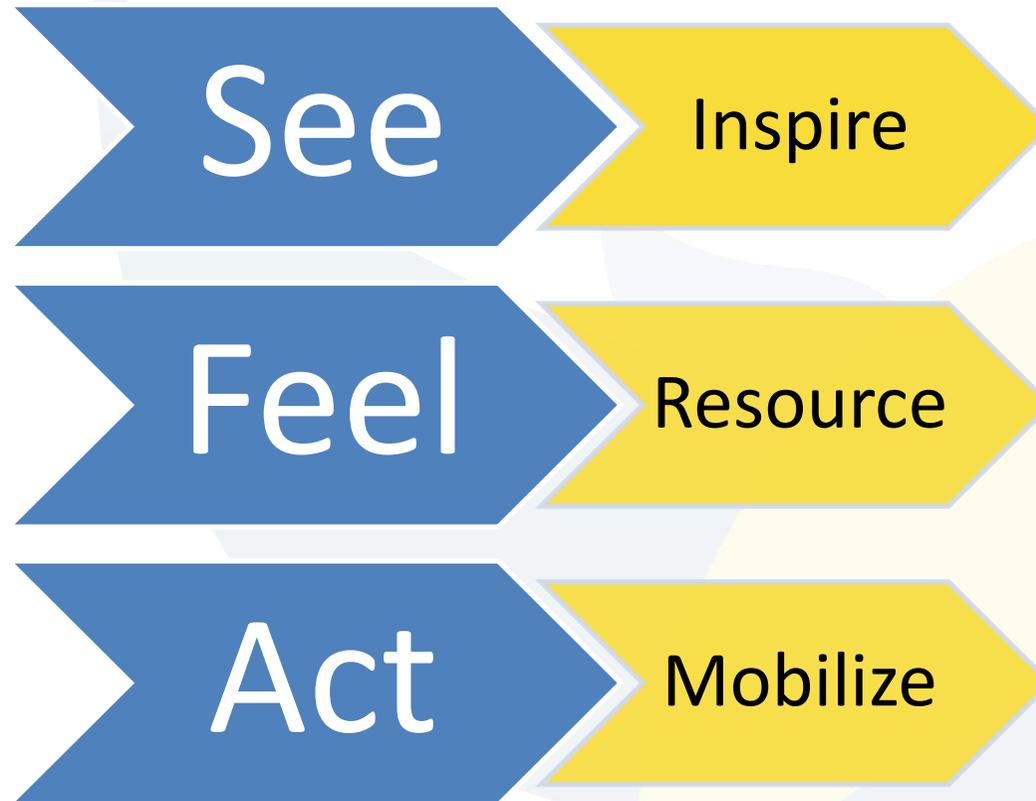


The Emerging Strategy - Model

- Focused on churches
- Freeing you to do what you do best
- Offering you the support you need, how and when you need it
- No events, no fun days - long term, lasting and impactful change



The Emerging Strategy - Model

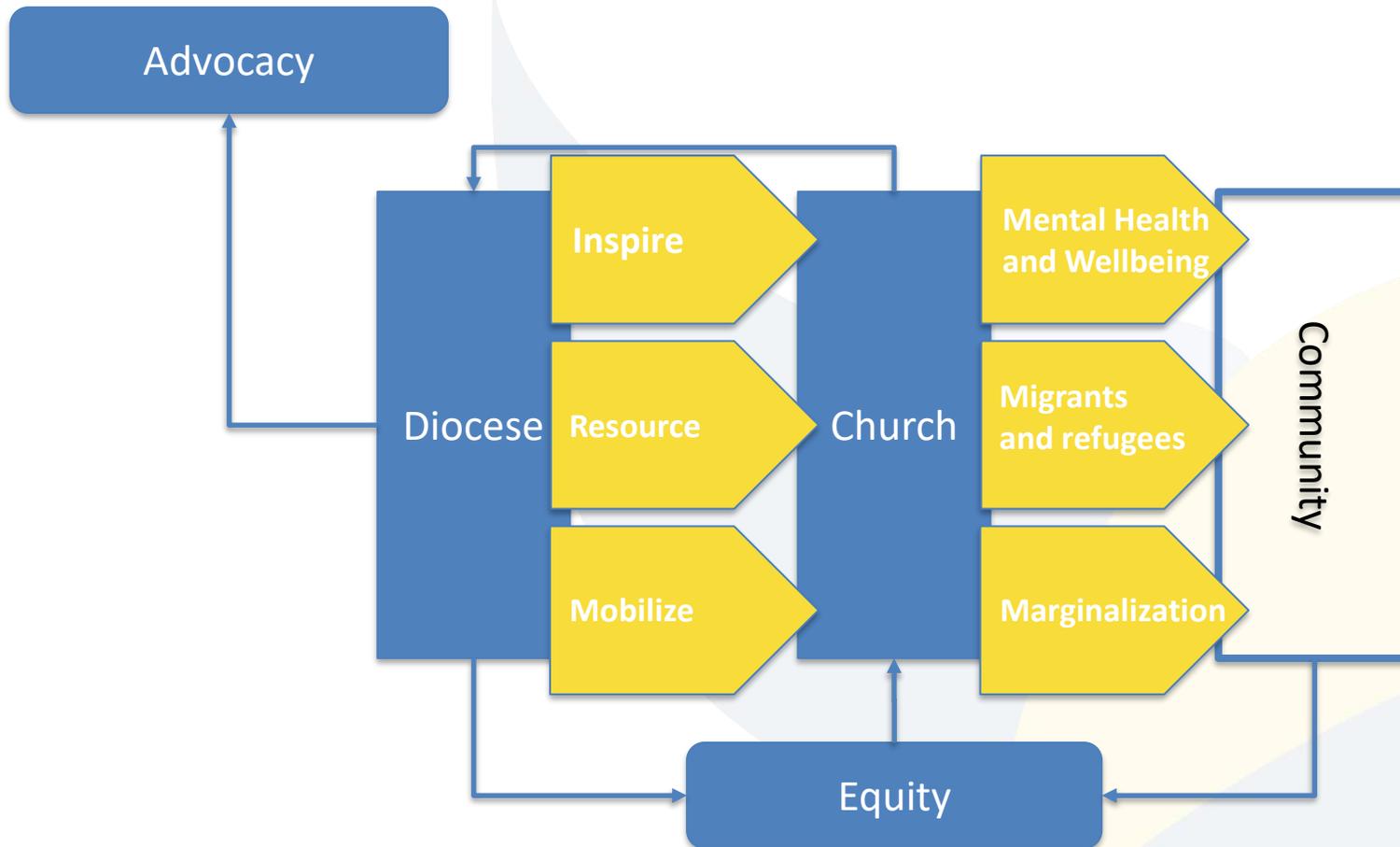


The Emerging Strategy - Priorities

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Migrants and refugees
- Marginalization
 - Poverty and deprivation
 - Homelessness
 - Prisoners
 - Cultural and social marginalization
- Equity – Reaching out to welcome in
- Advocacy – Speaking with one voice to bring about change



The Emerging Strategy – The Concept



Roundtable One

- Marginalization

- Over half of working age adults are out of work in the South Wales Valleys
- 23% of all people in Wales living in relative income poverty
- Highest rate of child poverty in the UK
- The number of people held in prisons in Wales has increased by 23% since 2010

In your churches and ministry area:

1. What are the barriers to supporting you community
2. What are the unique opportunities?



Roundtable Two

- Reaching out, welcoming in
 - Wales has a higher age population than the UK - higher rate of dementia
 - Around 30,000 people in Wales have autism – about 1 in every 100
 - 80,000+ do not have English or Welsh as their main language

In your churches and ministry area:

1. What are the barriers to welcome in church?
2. What could you do to break down these barriers?



Your Homework

- Mission audit, but with a difference
- A lament is an outpouring to God of pain, anger and complaint – either for individuals or for communities
- 67 of the Psalms are laments – more than any other type of psalm



Your Homework

- Challenge is to identify and feel the pain of your community, to see their needs and to lift them up to God in lament
- Help you see the issues in your community you might begin to address
- Integrate this into your personal and church-based prayer life
- Share on social media



Your Homework

- Pick-up a template
- Psalm 13 is a really quick and short example of this template if you need inspiration
- Once you're finished, email them to me!

My Homework

- Feedback to you on the insights from the roundtable
- Finesse the strategy based on your feedback
- Meet with you and your ministry areas to tailor how we can support you



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