

Diocesan Investment Programme (DIP)

‘The purpose of the Diocesan Investment Programme is to focus investment on enabling the Church’s Vision & Strategy to become a reality in parishes and communities, prioritising investment in the most deprived and resource-poor contexts.’

National Vision and Strategy



One Vision

- A Church for the whole nation which is Jesus Christ centred, and shaped by, the five marks of mission. A church that is **simpler, humbler, bolder**.

Three Priorities

- **To become a church of missionary disciples** where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday.
- **To be a church where mixed ecology is the norm** – where every person in England has access to an enriching and compelling community of faith by adding new churches and new forms of Church to our parishes, cathedrals, schools and chaplaincies.
- **To be a church that is younger and more diverse.**

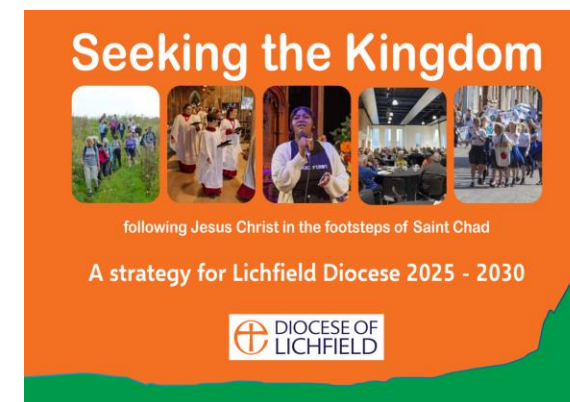


Six Bold Outcomes

- **Doubling the number of children and young active disciples** in the Church of England by 2030.
- A Church of England which **fully represents the communities we serve** in age and diversity.
- **A parish system revitalised for mission** so churches can reach and serve everyone in their community.
- Creating **ten thousand new Christian communities** across the four areas of home, work/education, social and digital.
- **All Christians in the Church of England envisioned, resourced and released to live as disciples of Jesus Christ** in the whole of life, bringing transformation to the church and world.
- All local churches, supported by their diocese, **becoming communities and hubs for initial and ongoing formation.**



Aligned with



What DIP can fund

DIP does not replace core funding. It is to support **mission and growth in three main ways:**

- **Develop and revitalise existing ministries**
 - Strengthening local leadership, discipleship and engagement
 - Renewing struggling or strategic parishes
- **Develop new areas of mission**
 - Church plants, new worshipping communities, chaplaincy initiatives
 - Work with younger generations and under-represented groups
- **Scale up what's working**
 - Expand successful local projects or pilot initiatives across deaneries or the whole diocese

How much

We are eligible for up to:

- **£5 million (2026–2028)**

and a further

- **£7 million (2029–2031)**

£12 million

over

6 Years

DIP is not the only show in town

£3.8 million

- Transitional Funding
- Tapered over nine years
- No restrictions

£600,000

- Annual increase in LInC Funding
- Index Linked
- For our poorest communities

£12 million

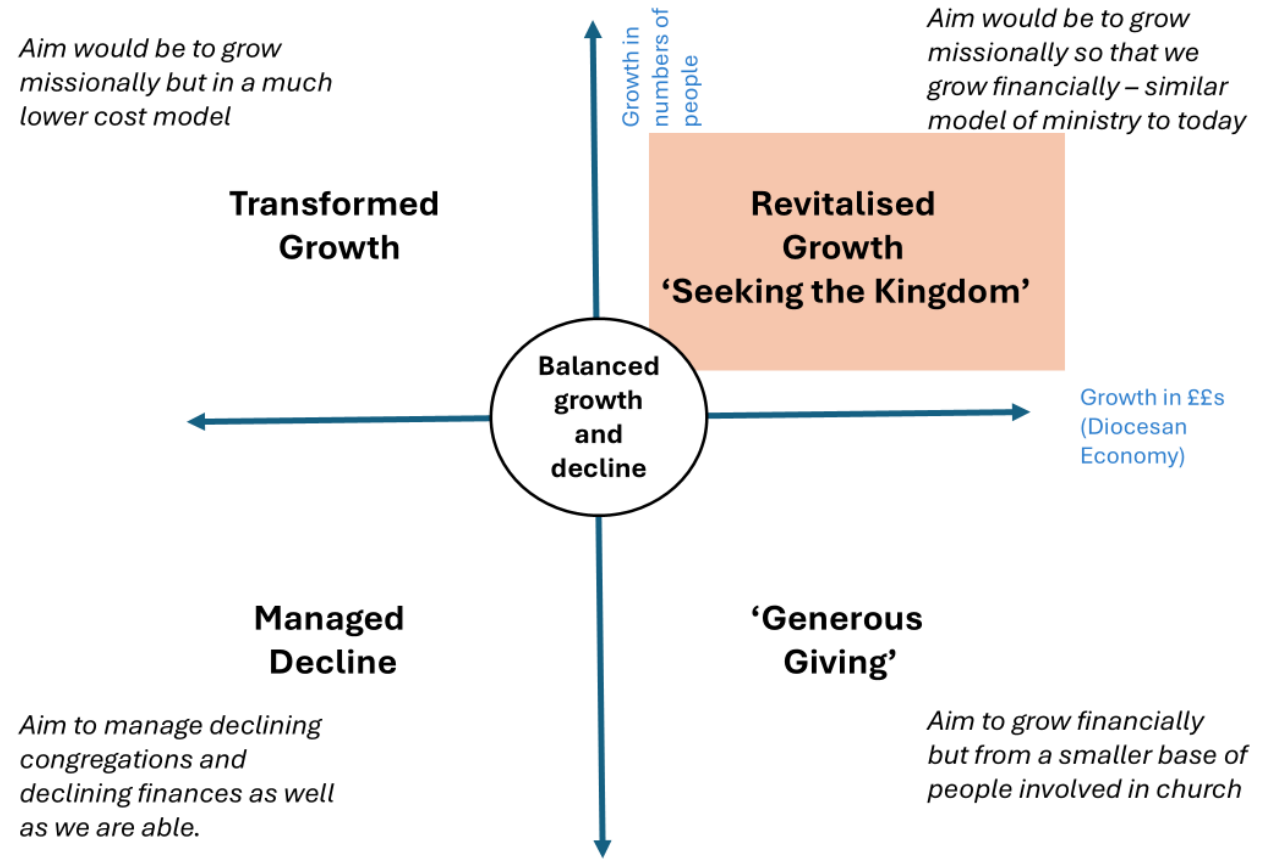
- DIP Funding
- Need to bid for this
- Accountable to SMMIB

£??

- Additional transitional funding
- Giving and generosity, Growing Faith
- Future funding streams

Opportunities
to Invest in
Missional and
Financial
Sustainability

A Strategy for Growth



We've already benefited

- Telford Minster - £1.7m
- Stoke – £5.9m



Encounter

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Joiners Square

Purpose of today

- Build on the work of the area consultations which focussed on transitional funding and LInC
- Hear from Synod members about priorities for investment across the various funding streams
- Outline next steps as we develop a DIP bid for the diocese

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Group Discussion and Feedback

- What are your priorities for investment across the various funding streams?

Next Steps

- Informed by the feedback from the Budget Consultations and from today:
 - Strategy Team will work with the Project Boards and Area Teams to develop projects using transitional and LInC funding
 - Strategy Team, again working with Project Boards and Area Teams, will begin work on developing a DIP bid
- At each stage of development work will be brought back to Bishop's Council in its role as Programme Board to ensure full oversight
- We should be aiming to submit a DIP bid late in 2026 or early in 2027