



Dear Friends

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.” Psalm CXXVII:1

In March when the Diocesan Synod met and endorsed Capital Vision 2020, we also took time to see the many ways in which God has already been at work in our churches and City. It was very inspiring and although it is “the Lord’s doing and marvellous in our eyes” it is also thanks to the labour of clergy, PCCs and parishioners throughout the capital.

We are continuing to build a church for London that is Confident, Compassionate and Creative. These three words have emerged from nearly 2,000 conversations over the last 18 months and they inform our Capital Vision 2020. As a Diocese we have reflected on the times we live in, listening and responding by identifying areas where we must be more purposeful and more imaginative.

At the same time we must of course maintain our day to day mission and ministry across London. We remain committed to serving the communities where we are already; through prayer, worship and practical service in the name of Jesus Christ.

I hope you share my conviction that with God there is nothing impossible for a Church that is confident, compassionate and creative in the power of the Spirit and in union with Jesus Christ our Lord.

With thanks for our partnership in the Gospel.

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