

We have many reasons for celebrating the marvellous things God has been doing in recent years:

- Electoral Roll membership in London has risen by 60% in the past twenty years.
- Giving by individuals to their churches has risen by 50% in the past decade.
- In very challenging economic times, our churches have sustained their ministry and mission in every community and in many hospitals, universities and other institutions.
- Our churches run over 1,000 projects serving local communities in the name of Jesus.
- Around half of our churches offer enquirers' courses – just one indicator of our intent to share the Gospel.
- Over 53,000 children are educated in our church schools, up more than 5,000 in five years.
- London produces more than 40 newly ordained clergy each year, many of whom serve beyond London.
- We have reopened five churches that had been closed for worship, and are planning the first new church presence in a new community in 40 years.
- Against this background of growth we have recorded more than 20% in energy savings.
- Over 50% of our parishes are officially Fairtrade and over 50 churches and schools are twinned with partners in Mozambique and Angola.

As a Diocese we have reflected on the times we live in, and sought to listen and to respond:

- In a city of many voices, we believe we need to change the public conversation about God.
- In a global city where people arrive open and hungry for a new life, we believe the Gospel has answers and changes the questions.
- In a mobile city where, for many, networks across the capital are more important than local roots, we need to make contact with a generation that has forgotten or never heard the Gospel.
- In a city where people crave connection, we strive to enable people to gather and belong.
- In a diverse city of poverty and riches, of young and old, of many cultures and many faiths, we seek to transform society by speaking truth to those in power and seeking change.
- In times of economic and financial restraint, we need to be compassionate in serving our neighbour and to use our influence for good in finance, law and public affairs.
- In a world city, we know our actions and witness reverberate around the world.
- In a universal city, we have learned that we are part of creation – instead of adding to human burdens on creation, we must participate in God's plan to redeem it.