

## THE TEXT OF THE AGREED STRATEGY

### **'WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH – A STRATEGY FOR THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE'**

#### **We seek to build a common purpose throughout the diocese by:**

- Knowing ourselves as the beloved children of God
- Loving God and our neighbour and sharing the Good News
- Generating a shared sense of direction in the power of the Holy Spirit
- Providing a focus for all that we do.

#### **We will work towards this by:**

- **Building up the Body of Christ and fostering growth**  
*Within the Anglican tradition through each congregation and in partnership with other Churches by:*
  - Deepening faith and practice in prayer and worship
  - Teaching the faith and promoting Christian education
  - Encouraging and supporting the vocation of all the baptised
  - Nurturing new disciples especially young people
- **Sharing, with other churches and agencies in the evangelisation of Europe by**
  - Proclaiming the Good News
  - Valuing and sustaining a culture of welcome, invitation and hospitality
  - Seeking opportunities for growth
- **Striving for the creation of a just society and a sustainable environment by**
  - Defending the poor, the disadvantaged, and those in need
  - Promoting a discipline and culture of safeguarding
  - Combatting slavery and human trafficking
  - Challenging the comfortable
  - Encouraging care for creation
- **Working for reconciliation**
  - Within the Church at all levels
  - Among nations, ethnicities and religions
  - By intentional engagement with the institutions of Europe
- **Resourcing through**
  - Stewardship of our gifts and talents
  - Increasing numbers of full time clergy and candidates for ordained ministry, attending to
    - Recruitment
    - Retention
    - Resources
  - Well structured archdeaconries