

a more Christ-like Church  
for the sake of God's world  
contemplative | compassionate | courageous



# The parish planning tool

- Supports the mission of your church to become more Christ-like
- Helps you to see where God is at work and join in
- Uncovers the things that work in your context and carry them forward in new and transformed ways.



*“Every church becomes a place of hope and confidence in God and in themselves”*



# We believe that

- Every church, group or community has something positive at its heart.
- Churches have more confidence and are better equipped for the journey if they carry with them something from their shared past...
- ... but the past should have life. It should not be dry bones.
- Carefully framed questions can shift our thinking and release change.
- The language we use/the things we focus on can free or restrict our thoughts.
- Everyone experiences things in different ways. Differences need to be heard and valued.



# Appreciative inquiry



# God has a calling for your church

- Every church has its strengths, achievements, opportunities, green shoots of potential and resources.
- Your church has its own important story to tell (and be reminded of).
- So let's begin with the premise that you are where you are; that God has a vision for the future of your church in the unfolding of His kingdom of love and healing of the world, where you are.

*“Your church is not a problem that needs fixing.”*

