



Diocesan Strategic Plan renewed 7th August 2021

Vision

We are God's workers to grow churches that celebrate, talk about and demonstrate the saving work of Jesus Christ in the communities around us. Through this:

- more Territorians will understand God's commitment to rescuing and making relationship with him, and respond to our Lord Jesus Christ by turning away from their own way and turning to him in faith,
- people will come into churches that help believers grow, through liturgy, teaching and fellowship that is theologically grounded in the Bible and the foundation documents of the Anglican Church
- the Diocese will be a good example of the work of God in joining people together from every kind of background in the worship of Jesus Christ
- Anglican Christians, churches and agencies in the Territory will be 'salt' and 'light' in their communities.

Values and behaviours

The way we work is based on the following values and behaviours.

Value	The kind of behaviour that illustrates this value
Love (Matthew 22:37-39)	We love God, and so we seek to act in ways that serve the best interests of those around us.
Integrity (Titus 2:7; Ephesians 4:1)	We expect all church members to act according to the pattern of life for God's people that the New Testament (as wisely interpreted) sets out.
Unity in diversity (1 Corinthians 12:12)	We value the different ethnicities, languages, social status and background of church members. We encourage ways of worship and fellowship that demonstrate that in our differences we belong to one family that seeks to follow Jesus.
Courage (Philippians 1:14)	In the power of the Holy Spirit, and looking for God's guidance, we try to do what pleases God even when we are afraid of what will happen.
Hope (Hebrews 6:19)	We believe that God will achieve his plans and so we persevere in our work.
Safety (Luke 17:2)	We provide churches and relationships where all people are kept safe from harm and abuse.
Faithfulness to our foundations (2 Tim 3:16)	In our ministries, we plan and act according to God's revelation in the Bible, and in the middle of our life together we celebrate and explain what God has shown us there, as it has been received in the Anglican church.

Mission

Our mission is:

- To encourage and empower Anglican churches to be growing and celebrating communities that will draw more Territorians into following Jesus, and show what God's kingdom is like
- To show that God is building a new family from all people-groups, by recognising the special place of Aboriginal churches in the diocese and building their capacity and strength
- To bring together resources from within and outside the diocese to enable our ministries to develop and be strengthened, and to share with those outside the privilege of being part of what God is doing in the Territory

Strategic objectives

Our strategic objectives are set out to help us achieve our mission.

1. *For all of our churches to be growing and celebrating communities*
2. *For the Aboriginal churches in our diocese to be strong, and recognised as an integral part of our life*
3. *For our partnerships within the Diocese and outside the Diocese to be strong and working well for the good of all*