VISION AND VALUES

The Cathedral's core purpose is to share the love of God in Christ Jesus, affirming life in all its fullness and drawing people into relationship with him.

WHO WE ARE

1. An Anglican Cathedral, the 'Mother Church' of the Diocese of Peterborough, the seat of the Bishop of Peterborough and a centre of Christian mission and ministry.
2. A community of prayer centred on Christ's love – powerfully expressed by the great figure of the crucified Christ at the head of the nave.
3. We are committed to being a safe and secure environment for all.
4. At the heart of a diverse and growing city, its most significant historic building, a valued venue and a focus of identity and local pride.
5. One of the great Norman churches of England, a royal burial place, a building of national and international significance.

OUR VISION

Inspired by the Rule of St Benedict, which was established here in the 10th century when Peterborough Abbey was re-founded, it is our vision to shape our community in four key areas:

Worship

To make the daily round of prayer and praise (enriched through the glory of the Anglican choral tradition) the heartbeat of the Cathedral's life and our primary call.

'This then shall be the beginning of my advice: make prayer the first step in everything that you attempt.' Rule of St Benedict. Prologue v4

Learning

To deepen our understanding of God's purposes for us as expressed in Scripture and tradition and to use our God given gifts of reason and intuition in that endeavour.

'Therefore we intend to establish a school for the Lord's service. In drawing up its regulations, we hope to set down nothing harsh, nothing burdensome.'
Rule of St Benedict. Prologue v45-46

Hospitality

To welcome all who come as we would welcome Christ himself – he is both host and guest – and to find ways to invite others to explore, celebrate, learn, pray and grow with us.

'All who come are to be welcomed as Christ for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me'. Rule of St Benedict. Chapter 53.1A

Service

To show compassion for those in need and to work with others for a just society and the integrity of creation.

'The Tools of Good Works: Firstly, to love the Lord God with all the heart… then one's neighbour as oneself… Come to the help of anyone in trouble.' Rule of St Benedict. Chapter 4

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Joyfulness

Joyful in our outlook, positive, creative and adventurous; celebrating excellence and affirming all that is true, honourable, just, pure, pleasing and commendable.

Jesus said: I have said thse things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. John 15:11

Generosity

Generous in our attitudes and actions, and the use of the gifts God has given us.

Jesus said: Give and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over … . Luke 6:38

Inclusivity

Welcoming all, regardless of gender, age, race, sexuality, class, ability, culture or belief.

Jesus said: I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35

Integrity

True to our purpose and demonstrating integrity in what we do and how we do it.

Jesus said: If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples and the truth will make you free. John 8:32

OUR AIMS

Peterborough Cathedral is aiming, over the next five years, to become:

1. A worshipping community that is growing in size, diversity and prayerfulness.

2. A welcoming place, where all who come feel valued, welcomed and engaged.

3. A place that is outward-looking, serving the community, contributing to the growth and development of the city, valued by its citizens.

4. An effective resource for the Diocese in its mission and ministry, supporting the teaching role and leadership of the Bishop.

5. A good employer which invests in its staff, encouraging them to grow in confidence in their roles, and rewarding them appropriately.

6. Financially sustainable, demonstrating good stewardship and investing in mission for the benefit of all.