

OUR CORE VALUES

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)

Generosity: Generous in our judgements, in our actions and in 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 to all who come, 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)

Joy: 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 these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete (John 15:11)

OUR FIVE YEAR GOALS

By 2023 we aim to be:

1. A worshipping community with congregations that are growing in size, diversity, prayerfulness and in Christian maturity.
2. A place where all who come whether as visitors, pilgrims, clients, customers, feel welcomed, valued and engaged.
3. A place that is outward-looking, serving the community, valued by the city and all its citizens.
4. A valued resource for the Diocese in its mission and ministry, which will actively seek to support the teaching role and leadership of the Bishop.
5. An employer which invests in its staff, encourages them to grow and develop confidence in their roles and be appropriately rewarded.
6. A place which is financially sustainable, demonstrating good stewardship of our buildings and resources, and investing in mission for the benefit of all.



OUR VISION AND VALUES

*the beauty of holiness
a place for everyone*

WHO WE ARE

- We are 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.
- We are 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.
- We are 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.
- We are one of the great Norman churches of England, a royal burial place, a building of national and international significance.



To comment on the Vision and Values, please email: info@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk or write to **The Dean, Peterborough Cathedral Office, Peterborough PE1 1XS.**

OUR PURPOSE

To share the love of God in Christ Jesus, affirming life in all its fullness and drawing people into relationship with him.

Founded as a Benedictine Abbey in the 7th century, Peterborough Cathedral continues to draw inspiration from the Benedictine tradition and the rule of St Benedict, to shape its community in four key areas:

- **Worship**
- **Hospitality**
- **Learning**
- **Service**

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

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

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

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