



Expressions of Interest: Growing New Worshipping Communities in Places of New Housing

The Diocese of Ely is launching an exciting initiative to grow five new worshipping communities in areas of significant new housing over the next five years. This is part of our commitment to engage courageously with local communities, grow God's church, and deepen our life of prayer and worship.

We are inviting parishes, benefices, and ministry teams to express interest in partnering with us in this transformative mission.

➤➤➤ What's the Vision?

As thousands of new homes are built across our diocese, we believe God is calling us to be present in these emerging communities—sharing the Good News, building relationships, and creating spaces of belonging and worship. Our goal is to establish vibrant, contextually rooted worshipping communities that reflect the character and needs of these new neighbourhoods.

➤➤➤ What's involved?

- Working collaboratively with diocesan teams and local partners
- Developing sustainable models of ministry and leadership
- Engaging deeply with the local community from the outset
- Exploring creative approaches to worship and discipleship





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▶▶▶ Who can apply?

We welcome interest from parishes and benefices willing to:

- Invest time and energy in mission within new housing developments
- Work in partnership with the Diocese and other stakeholders
- Embrace innovation and adaptability in ministry

▶▶▶ Support available

- Strategic guidance and training for new housing contexts
- Funding for New Housing Pioneer Ministers
- Ongoing coaching and oversight from the Mission & Ministry team

▶▶▶ Next steps:

- For further information and an informal conversation please contact: Beth Cope (Bishop's Advisor for New Housing): newhousing.advisor@elydiocese.org
- For details on criteria and process, please contact Martin Kenward (Programme Manager): martin.kenward@elydiocese.org
- For more details about the Growing New Worshipping Communities in areas of New Housing, please visit elydiocese.org/new-housing

