

This document provides an overview of the Flourish Network Pilots including the background, our vision, the guiding principles, locations of the pilots in our diocese and what this can mean for the future.

Background to the Flourish Pilots¹

As part of the work of the Church of England's Growing Faith Foundation², a network of 40 FLOURISH network pilot sites have been established furthering the vision of becoming a younger and more diverse church. An initial **two-year pilot programme** will introduce these worshipping communities through the partnering of education and church settings with children and young people at the heart of the decision making across 40 sites and 12 dioceses. Truro is one such diocese with 3 locations here in the Duchy.

This pilot is funded through funds from the Archbishops' Council and is in addition to the money allocated as part of '**Tending the Vine.**' This pilot speaks directly into our diocesan plan of continued fruitfulness and sustainability through creating deep and meaningful partnerships between schools and churches .

Our vision

Our vision for the pilots is to develop spaces and communities **in and with our schools** in which children can come together, explore faith and worship together. Using the language of lots of our schools, they will be places where, with the collaboration of schools and churches, children and young people can connect '**in, out and up.**' They will be supported to reflect, speak and connect inwardly, to reflect, speak and connect outwardly with others and, more importantly, to be supported to do the same with God.

The project sees the Ministry, Change & Renewal and Education teams working together to build on the work of deanery plans. This project speaks into all three of our core priorities: fruitful and sustainable patterns of ministry, connecting with children, young people and families and serving those in need.

Core Principles

The pilot sites, both as part of an initial bid and throughout the project, will be measured against the following core principles as well as the aims of each location as determined by the young people in that area. Work demonstrating the principles will be assessed throughout the process and learning shared widely to inform others as similar partnerships grow locally and nationally.

- Young people's voices are instinctively at the centre of all leadership decision-making and implementation
- Worship that is fully integrated into the regular rhythms, practices, structures and resources of the school/college's vision for flourishing of children and adults
- Clearly articulated and shared purpose to grow a younger and more diverse community of Christian disciples
- Strategic leadership partnership between school/college and at least one church community (with appropriate long-term governance and resource commitment)
- Intergenerational faith development experiences involving children and their families of all ages

Pilot Sites in our Diocese

This pilot sees three sites in our diocese taking part and responds to leaders in these locations looking towards us for support to develop the worshipping life of the school and make strong links with local churches.

¹ Adapted from source: [New network of worshipping communities in schools and colleges launches pilot phase in 40 locations | The Church of England](#)

² [The Growing Faith Foundation | The Church of England](#)

Bishop Bronescombe C of E Primary, St Austell (part of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust (MAT) partnering with **Holy Trinity Church**. This project will focus on bringing young people and their families closer to the worshipping life of the school. The school will focus their work on transition into and out of their school and with a focus pupils' and family mental health. The project is linking with TM St Austell.

Camborne Science and International Academy (part of Athena MAT) partnering with **Camborne Church and Camborne Cluster as part of the work they have been doing within TM**. This project will build on existing work in this area within the church and look to bring this into the school itself with a focus, as requested by the young people at the school, on creating a safe space in which people can connect.

Bodmin College - this site, part of Cornwall Education Learning Trust, partnering with **St Petroc's Church** will focus on using outdoor learning and worship environments to engage the most disadvantaged and disengaged in the community to connect with themselves, their school and their church. This will help us build upon the work of the Chaplain at Bodmin College funded through LICF giving additional time in the college.

Niall Dunne is continuing to work with us as a Consultant to support schools, CYP directly and Churches.

Learning from the Pilot

Throughout the pilot there will be points at which the national team will work with us locally to measure our success against the core principles but most importantly, against the aims the young people in each location determined. This learning, coupled with our own, will be used to inform a national research project which can then be used to inform future plans that dioceses across the country can draw upon.

What this could mean for the future

This pilot will support us as we continue to implement our plans to create a fruitful and sustainable church here in our diocese. Through the partnerships in these pilot locations we will use the successes and learning from each location to inform other plans both here and nationally. An exciting part of the work in these locations is the shared commitment, both missional and financial, which we hope will ensure a continued sustainable future.

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