



### **Resourcing the Mission of God in Lancashire**

### Saturday 26 March 2022

## Opening Worship with Bible reading

**Bishop Jill** 

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Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;

Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;

Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tow'r:

Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my

pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art. High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

### Amen.

### **Bible reading & Reflection**

### Isaiah chapter 59 v 19 – chapter 60 v 6

#### A time of silence and self-examination is kept.

All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. cf Psalm 51 Amen. May the Father of all mercies cleanse *us* from *our* sins, and restore *us* in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All* **Amen.** 

Blessed be the Lord,

#### **All** who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

#### **All** and in our song will we praise our God

Psalm 28.7,9

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns **Unending** love Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

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### **Keynote Address**

### Mr Alan Smith, First Church Estates Commissioner





### **Group Discussions and Questions**





### **Reaching New Generations**

Canon Stephen Whittaker, Interim Diocesan Secretary Mrs Rachel Gardner, Youth Resourcing Lead Mr Ben Green, Diocesan Youth Adviser

# YOUTH MINISTRY

...and why it matters now more than ever.



'To borrow the terminology of radioactive decay, institutional religion in Britain now has a half-life of one generation.' **Professor David Voas** 







### UK CHURCHES WITH NO UNDER 16's

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UK CHURCHES WHO HAVE PROVISION/VISION FOR UNDER 16's Few young people in church often means no critical mass for a group

Youth work is not prioritised or resourced

## Part two Breaking the cycle

Clergy described youth work as a 'difficult' area of ministry. This diagram captures their experiences and how these challenges interact to create a cycle that needs to be disrupted if positive change is to happen.

> Patchy, weak or non-existent youth provision

Families / young people leave or don't join churches

Blackburn Diocese 2022

# LAUNCHPAD

**GETTING YOUR YOUTH WORK OFF THE GROUND** 

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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## Blackburn Diocese Youth Provision Learning Community

## Wider Youth Ministry Support





### Launch of the Parish Share Giving Scheme

Archdeacon Mark Ireland Mr Grant Forrest, CEO Parish Giving Scheme



**Grant Forrest** 

Chief Executive



O About PGS

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**Generous Giving** 

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**Case Studies** 

Uniquely, the Parish Giving Scheme was

# **created by the Church,** for the Church.

PGS is a non-profit organisation, pursuing a mission for Kingdom growth by being a catalyst for generosity.



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## A trusted & secure solution



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## Simple to Manage

- Reduced administration and paperwork
- Easy to access monthly and annual statements
- Helps the Church transition to a cashless society
- Stable and often increased planned giving
- Efficient and regular reclaim of Gift Aid
- Protection against static giving





### **Trusted and Secure Solution**

**Catalyst for Generosity** 

Simple to Manage





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### Hearing from those using the scheme

- Treasurers from parishes using PGS
- Bishops/Archdeacons giving through PGS





### How does a PCC join?



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### **Any Questions?**







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