

## Parish of The Holy Spirit, Bovey Tracey & St Cyprian, Ugbrooke



# Walking together: our Diocesan Synodal Journey



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### Week 3: Celebrate & Let us Dream

*“The Synod offers us the opportunity to become a listening Church, to break out of our routine and pause from our pastoral concerns in order to stop and listen.” Pope Francis*

#### Prayer

*Lord we pray,  
May our synodal preparations inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be,  
to make hopes flourish, stimulate trust,  
to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships,  
to learn from one another, to build bridges,  
to enlighten minds and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.  
We trust in your Spirit who journeys with us.*

#### Philippians 4: 4-7

*I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone; the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.*

#### Psalms 119:105

*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

#### Reflection

*“The Lord walks with us! How often we forget this fundamental truth of being a disciple. The Lord does not stand aloof. He is completely present to them. He is open to encounter. Nothing leaves Jesus indifferent; everything is of concern to him. Encountering faces, meeting eyes, sharing each person’s history. That is the closeness that Jesus embodies. He knows that someone’s life can be changed by a single encounter. Jesus did not hurry along or keep looking at his watch to get things over. He was always at the service of the person he was with, listening to what he or she had to say. We too are called to take time to encounter the Lord and one another.”*

Bishop Mark O’Toole

## **THEMES FOR THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION**

In exploring the themes below participants are invited to:

- Listen actively and without judgment to the Holy Spirit and to others

### **CELEBRATE**

#### **How do I celebrate the presence of God in His Word and in the Sacraments?**

How do the Word and the Sacraments inspire my most important decisions?

Does the liturgy of the Church inspire a deeper encounter with the risen Lord?

#### **How does our parish celebrate the Word?**

How do prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and direct our parish "journeying together"?

How does our parish support a full Catholic life and Mission – evangelization, catechesis, formation, liturgy and social action?

#### **How does the Church celebrate journeying together?**

How does the wider Church promote everyone's active participation?

### **LET US DREAM**

#### **What is God's dream for me?**

How am I called to serve?

How might I reach out to serve others and share the Faith?

#### **What is God's dream for our Parish?**

How might our parish 'walk better together'?

How do we form people, especially those who hold roles of responsibility within the Christian community, to make them more capable of "journeying together," listening to one another and engaging in dialogue?

How might our pastoral provision look in the future?

#### **What is God's dream for the church / world?**

What fruits can the wider church draw from this "journeying together"?

How can our global church foster a missionary spirit adapted to the constantly changing environment?

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After you have reflected on these questions we would like you to share your thoughts.

- complete the attached summary form and return it in a sealed envelope marked "Synod" to Church each week or no later than 2 January 2022
- if you prefer to complete this summary form online please do so and email it to [boveytracey@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:boveytracey@prcdtr.org.uk)
- join an informal meeting after Mass on Tuesday 14 December or Sunday 19 December
- take part in a Zoom meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday 16 December – email [boveysynod@btinternet.com](mailto:boveysynod@btinternet.com) in advance to register

**All responses will be confidential and will be anonymised before being collated and our parish response submitted to the Diocese.**