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Five Marks of Mission

As members of The Anglican Communion, Wakefield Cathedral has adopted an understanding of mission called **The Five Marks of Mission** read on to find out more.





Mark One: Tell

To proclaim the Good News of the God's Kingdom

Wakefield Cathedral is actively proclaiming the Good News of God's Kingdom in a wide variety of ways. Our primary way of doing this is through our worship which use Bible readings, sermons, hymns and music to help us proclaim and explain who God is and how we can build our relationship with God.

Messy Cathedral is especially designed to provide space in the Cathedral for families to join together for a hands-on experience of church that involves creativity, fun and interaction. Messy Cathedral uses Bible Stories to tell people of all ages the good news of God's love and helps people live out their Christian faith in every day life. All are welcome, we meet on Saturday mornings.

We hope our prominence in the centre of our city means we can be something of a beacon of light and hope in our city.

Mark Two: Teach

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

Learning and study is an important part of being a Christian.

We are lifelong learners and as a cathedral seek to provide opportunities to meet to learn in groups. We have regular bible study discussion groups online and in person – these are informal and relaxed providing people a space to meet and share their experience of faith.

Baptism is an important first step for many, as young people or adults, and symbolises the new life and fresh start that God offers. Baptism uses water to reminds us that we all need forgiveness and the daily renewal that comes from God's presence. Jesus was baptised and called his followers to take on baptism as a sign of their faith showing that they had received the wonderful gift of a relationship with God for themselves.

Education and schools. We host regular visits from schools and employ an Education Officer to help us reach out and serve local schools and colleges. We teach lessons about prayer, Christian festivals, heritage, history, social justice and religion. Members of the cathedral community serve local schools as governors and teachers.



Mark Three: Tend

To respond to human need by loving service

Prayers for the sick and bereaved is an important aspect of the life of the cathedral. Many people come into the cathedral every week to light a candle and remember loved ones, we support families with funerals and through crisis moment of illness and loss.

Wakefield Cathedral has a long history of supporting asylum seekers and refugees who have come to live in our city. We are always delighted to welcome visitors from other countries and those seeking support as they navigate their way through the immigration system. We support the *City of Sanctuary* project to offer practical help and support.

We want Wakefield Cathedral to be a place for everyone in our city. We offer our building as a venue and space to support the great work that is taking place across the community, be it for charities, civic institutions, schools or businesses.

Mark Four: Transform

To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation

Wakefield Cathedral is seeking to find new ways to transform the injustice of some of the structures in our city and district. We are gathering leaders from churches across the region to help make a united response to the impact of poverty, inequality and our post-industrial context. The cathedral should be a place that enables relationships and partnerships to grow for the common good of all. We regularly work with Wakefield Metropolitan District Council and we belong to Wakefield BID, a not for profit company focussed on delivering real change for the community.

The Mother's Union (MU) is an active group at Wakefield Cathedral and supports women and families as well as campaigning to transform unjust structures. The MU has a membership of over four million across the world. Our vision is a world where everyone prospers. It actively pursues this vision through prayer and action, helping to build confident people and resilient communities. An example is their **No More 1 in 3 Protest**: campaigning for an end to violence against women.





Mark Five: Treasure

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation,
and sustain and renew the life of the earth

In 2021 we are launching our Environmental Policy and marking Creation Sunday as an opportunity to build and maintain our focus on the environment and sustainability. We are reducing carbon emissions and working towards reaching our carbon neutral target by 2030. We are actively working in partnership with local environmental groups and doing what we can to promote environmental justice and care for the planet.

One of our partner dioceses is in Tanzania, a country that has many rural communities that have a long history of caring for local agriculture and farmers. Many of our church partnerships in Tanzania are leading the way in their commitment to environmental action as in integral part of the churches mission. One example of this is the Buhemba Rural Agricultural Community (BRAC) whose *Goat Project* focused on benefiting the whole community through sustainability.



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Wakefield Cathedral is committed to the Arts and is regularly used for concerts of all types of music and as an exhibition space. In the summer of 2021 we worked in partnership with Festival of the Earth (a series of events organised by Wakefield Metropolitan District Council) and hosted the installation Gaia. As part of FotE we sought to raise awareness, initiate conversations and take action to care for the planet.