



## respond

What may the Holy Spirit be saying to us about our area?

What do we currently spend our energy on?

What do we need to change about who we are and what we do?

### Our Conversation; Our Future

Our Conversation; Our Future is a prayerful conversation beginning right now across the Diocese of Rochester (Church of England parishes in North West Kent and the London Boroughs of Bromley and Bexley) to help us understand God's will for us.

What are peoples' needs in the area St. Mary's serves and how can we best use our resources to address them now?

This conversation involves everyone, lay and ordained ministers and all who attend church.

*'We live in an extraordinary time of change.....*

*Across the world changes in technology, in digital communication, in diplomacy, agriculture, demography and trade have transformed our planet. Major events have forever altered how we see our neighbours....*

*How then do we respond to our age?*

*This is where you come in. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you in your life, your church, your village or town, your workplace, your networks of relationships?*

*What is God's vision for His mission in our world and within that for his church in this Diocese?*

*James, Bishop of Rochester*

Please pray about your responses, perhaps take a walk around the parish, then complete the questionnaire overleaf.

Return it to Andrew Hill in person or via email: [chaplain.glsescouts1@ntworld.com](mailto:chaplain.glsescouts1@ntworld.com) or leave your response anonymously in the wooden box in church – by the end of the month.

We will then collate all the responses from this parish and forward them to the Diocese by Easter.

**YOUR RESPONSE MATTERS** as it will help in deciding the best use of this diocese's resources in the future.

*Heavenly father, our beginning and our end, who is always more ready to hear than we to pray: be with us in our listening, in our history and in our future that we might see your work in the world about us and seek your face in the communities we serve.*

*Amen.*

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