

## **Questions to help you prepare proposals**

*Please note this theme invites us to think in two directions: explicit evangelisation and care for the poor and the world.*

- How can the parish rise to the challenge of moving from maintenance to sharing the mission of Jesus?
- Do you think programmes like Alpha (or any other renewal programme) should be promoted more widely?
- How can the parish adapt to face the needs of our times?
- How can we communicate better the good news of Jesus in a language that speaks today?
- How can we be witnesses to care for the environment, for the whole of creation?
- Many parishes and individual parishioners are already caring for others in all sorts of ways - what gaps are there?
- What can we do to address the loneliness and isolation that so many people feel today?
- What is the best shape of our parish/pastoral area structures?
- How could we make best use of the buildings we have?

*These are only a few suggestions - you may have many others.*



## **Prayer**

Loving God,

We thank you for the call in our lives

to proclaim the good news of your son Jesus.

Like him, may we bring your compassion and care for the poor.

May we bring sight to the blind, freedom to those held captive,

and together work for the transformation of our world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## **Your proposal**

Having reflected on the situation, how our faith informs us and what needs to be done in order to become the Church God is calling us to be, write your proposal for action and give it to your Synod Member, hand it in at Church, take it to a local meeting or submit it online at [www.synod2020.co.uk/themes](http://www.synod2020.co.uk/themes).

# The second Synod Theme



**Sharing  
the mission  
of Jesus**



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# What Jesus asked

Go, make disciples, teach and baptise. (Mt 28:19-20)



## This is what you said (taken from the Synod Listening)

- Our purpose is to take Christ's message into today's world.
- Present the face of Christ to the world.
- Light up the world and spread the Gospel.
- Be a haven from broken society.
- Evangelise.
- Love.
- Go out and be seen in the community.
- Show the love and compassion of Christ.
- The Church is the main way for people to discover Christ.  
*... and much more!*



## Scripture Luke 4:16-19

Jesus came to Nazara and went into the synagogue. Unrolling the scroll of the prophet Isaiah he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.



## Matthew 25:34-40



The King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink?"

When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."



## Reflections from tradition

Evangelising is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelise, that is to say, in order to preach and teach, to be a channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners to God, and to perpetuate Christ's sacrifice in the Mass.

*Pope St Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, 2*

I dream of a "missionary option" that is a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, languages and structure can be suitably channeled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation... The parish is the place where this can happen if we can be bold, courageous and creative.

*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 27, 28*

What [Christians] need is an "ecological conversion", whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them.

*Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 217*



## To ponder

*I have been anointed to bring the Good News to others:*

- How do I feel about being a crucial part of the mission of Jesus?
- How can I live this out in my daily life?
- Why am I so often reluctant to take this up?
- What help do I need to enable me to respond to the fact that Jesus has sent me out?