

## what is MAP for Derby Diocese?

Mission Action Planning (MAP) for Derby Diocese is a Christ-centred process to help any Church explore and move toward being who God has called them to be. As such, it touches every part of the life of God's Church. It is not a programme or an initiative, but a vehicle to help the Church move to where God is already asking them to travel.

## how does MAP for Derby Diocese work?

The MAP process is based on the original Mission Action Planning model developed by Mark Ireland and Mike Chew. The Church progresses through five easy to understand stages, each one containing questions to help the Church address the important issues of that stage. The stages are underpinned by three core principles that run through each, and three core elements that help the process to run smoothly. The process is Scripturally based and avoids business and management language.

## is MAP for Derby Diocese suitable for our church?

The MAP process has a light structure and very few essential elements; it focuses not on what the Church should do, but who they are called to be. The process allows Churches to explore and adapt the materials for themselves, according to their Church and context. This design makes the process extremely flexible. It can be used in any context, by any Church and at any level – church, parish, benefice, deanery, etc.

## what further help and information is available?

While the core principles, elements and stages of the process are extremely light, there is a variety of further tools, resources and materials that the Church can use within its framework if they wish. These printable resources are all free to download from the MAP web pages on the Derby Diocese website.

In addition, the Parish Support Office is ready to be alongside you every step of the way as you use the process. For more information, help or to get your Church started, please contact:

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# MAP for Derby Diocese an introduction

A **Mission Action Plan** resource

# the MAP process for Derby Diocese

## three core principles

- 1. leader commitment**  
Church leaders that show a real and ongoing commitment to the MAP process, encouraging and enabling everyone in the Church to show a similar commitment.
- 2. prayerfulness**  
A deep commitment to prayer through the MAP process that seeks the wisdom and power of God's Holy Spirit above all.
- 3. integration**  
The MAP process is at the centre of the Church's life and, as far as possible, everyone in the Church is involved in the MAP process at every stage.

*This diagram summarises in one page the essential principles, elements and stages of the MAP process, and the questions the Church will address at each stage. Although many more resources are available, how the MAP process is used beyond these essentials is entirely up to the Church.*

## three core elements

- 1. the stages**  
Five stages that fit together to form a coherent whole, each containing simple questions that every Church can use to help them address the important issues.
- 2. the characteristics**  
A set of characteristics of the Church God calls us to be which the Church can explore and develop, based on Scripture and wide-ranging research work.
- 3. the church health check**  
A simple to use and flexible tool to help the Church move through the MAP process in an engaging way, allowing everyone to have a voice.

### 1: EXPLORE

**the purpose and character of the Church God is calling you to be**

*this stage can be used in any cycle of the MAP process, but is always used where MAP is new or unfamiliar.*

- what is the purpose of God's church?
- what is the character of God's church?

### 2: REFLECT

**on your journey toward God's calling so far**

- what is our history?
- to where has God brought us?
- with whom do we share our life and what do they say about us?

### 3: DISCERN

**the areas in which God is now calling you to grow and change to meet His call**

- in what ways is God calling us to grow and change?

### 5: JOURNEY

**with God, making the changes He requires of you**

- are we staying close to God?
- are we aware of what God is doing in and through us?
- are we celebrating God's faithfulness?
- are we communicating with others well?

### 4: PREPARE

**how you will make the changes God requires of you**

- what steps should we take?
- with whom will we share the journey?
- from whom will we need help?

