

FIVE WAYS TO HELP THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND REACH THE 'NONES'



NATIONAL PRAYER FOR THE NONES

God, the One who loves all people and longs for them to know you, the One who amazes and inspires us; draw to yourself all those who find themselves dismissing, doubting or disbelieving you. Delight them with your love, astound them with your power, heal them with your touch and show us, how in partnership with you, we can be ambassadors of the gospel and agents of reconciliation for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

Reaching
the
Nones

Equipping the Church for Mission



1

We encourage our **Bishops** to consider together-

- why this is such an important issue
- how this might impact their work aligning to the national Vision & Strategy
- how their dioceses can create a culture which prioritises the majority 'nones' in their mission and resourcing conversations.

2

We will work with **mission agencies** to help us become a Church of missionary disciples intentionally reaching out to this demographic and to partner with dioceses and others (e.g. the Bible Society) to help address this huge opportunity in a coherent way. This will be both through ongoing research and sharing of good practices. This will enable the production of resources to equip churches and individuals to reach the nones, many of whom are 'younger and more diverse.'

3

We urge all dioceses embarking on **Strategic Development Fund (SDF) projects** to prioritise evangelism to the 'nones' as part of their work and to ask every existing SDF project in its annual review how it is contributing to the evangelisation of the 'nones'.

4

We encourage **dioceses** to provide specific training using resources from Mission Agencies for clergy and lay leaders (including evangelists and youth workers) on reaching those who are initially not interested in or dismissive of faith.

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We recommend that **parish clergy and lay leaders**
a) interact with the Bible Society's very helpful 'Lumino' platform to discover more about the state of faith in their area
b) ensure that reaching the 'nones' is part of any Mission Action Plan (or equivalent).