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**TOWARDS A
COMMON VISION**

THE BEATITUDES

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

What kind of Church are we called to be?

A Christ-like Church

What are the marks of a Christ-like Church?

To be the Church of the Beatitudes:

Contemplative

Compassionate

Courageous

What are we therefore called to do together?

We have identified six areas of strategic priority for us as a diocese.

To:

- 1. Make a difference in the world**
- 2. Support and grow the local church**
- 3. Establish new churches and congregations**
- 4. Serve our schools**
- 5. Invest in Milton Keynes**
- 6. Renew discipleship and ministry**

These six areas are not a description of everything the Church does. They are six areas to focus on over the next period of our life.

The six areas leave space for other priorities in parishes, benefices and deaneries.

NEXT STEPS

All the materials from the conference are online at

[*www.oxford.anglican.org/commonvision*](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/commonvision)

June and July

Diocesan Synod

Bishop's Council

Bishop Steven completes Deanery visits

Working groups begin initial work

September and October

Three Area Days across the Diocese

Further engagement and consultation

November and December

Detailed work by working groups