

A word cloud of religious and spiritual terms set against a blue watercolor background. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern, with some words being significantly larger than others. The largest words are 'Contemplative', 'Compassionate', and 'Courageous'. Other prominent words include 'Blessed', 'merciful', 'mercies', and 'kingdom'. Smaller words include 'inherit', 'mourn', 'thirst', 'righteousness', 'filled', 'meek', 'pure in heart', 'children of God', 'peacemakers', 'comforted', 'heaven', 'spirit', 'poor', 'hunger', and 'merry'.

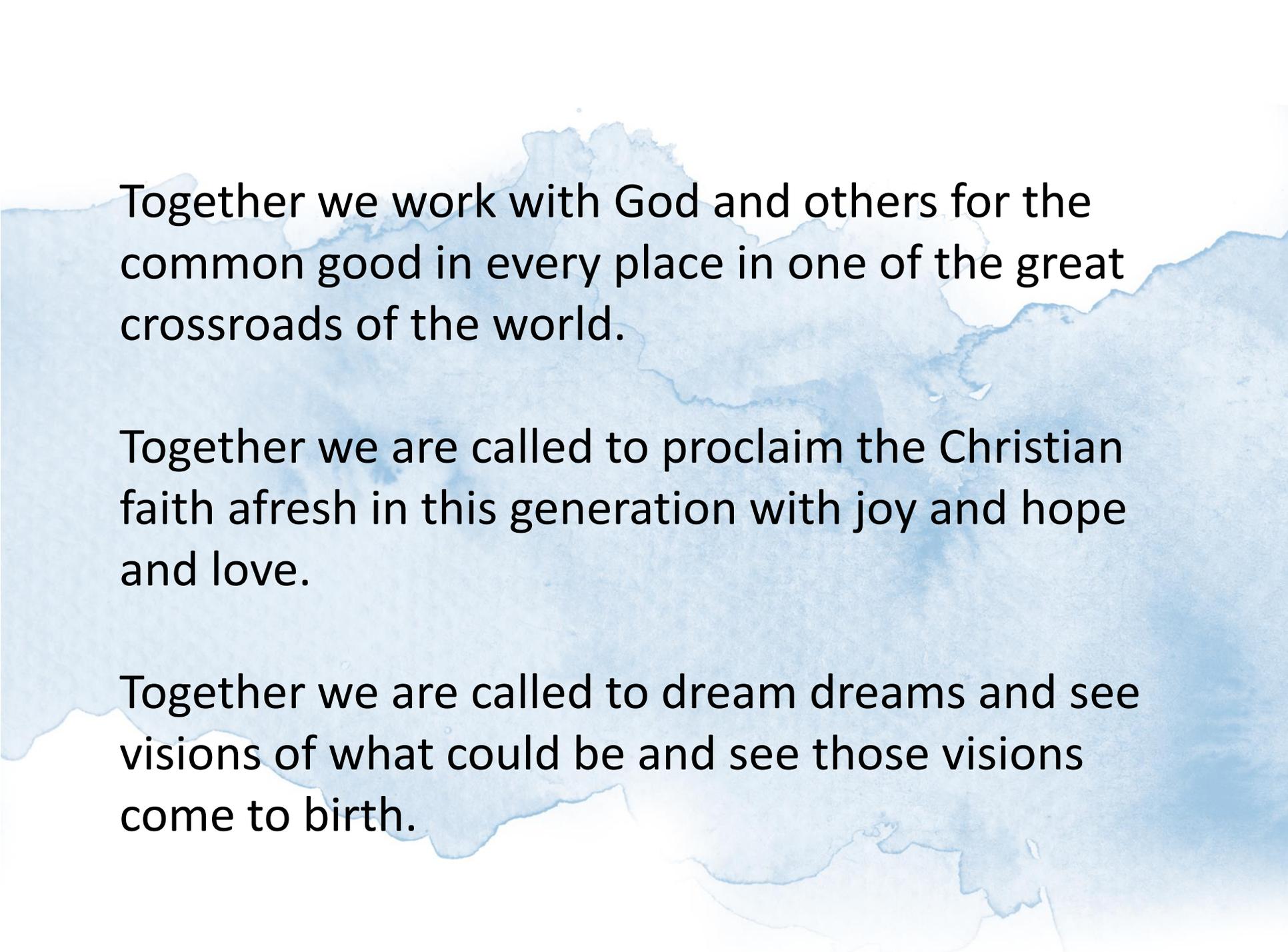
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The Diocese of Oxford is the Church of England in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Bucks and Milton Keynes.

Together we are the Church, called and sent by God as disciples of Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit.

We are a living, growing network of more than a thousand congregations, chaplaincies and schools.

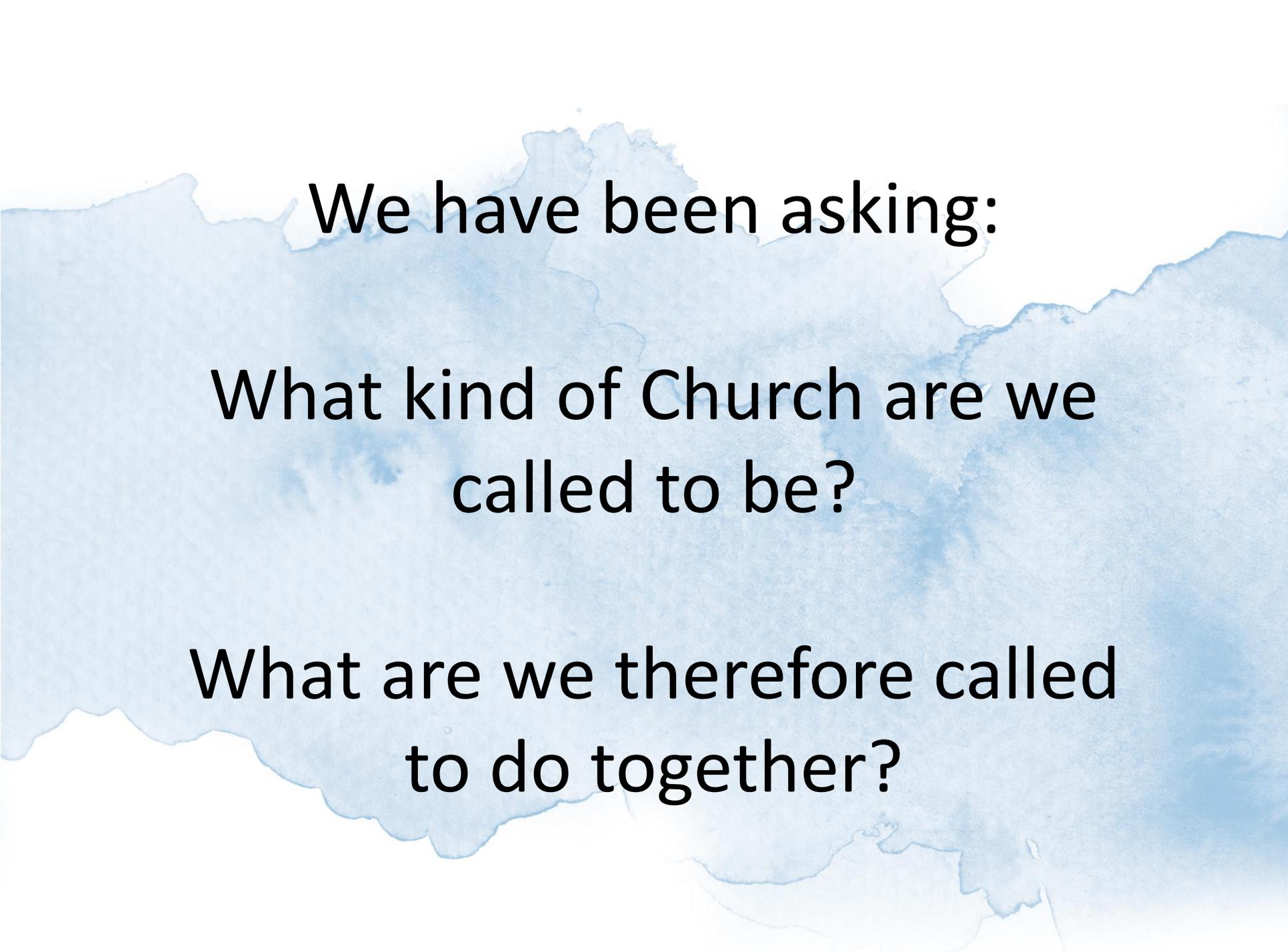
Together we are called to be a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world: contemplative, compassionate and courageous.

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Together we work with God and others for the common good in every place in one of the great crossroads of the world.

Together we are called to proclaim the Christian faith afresh in this generation with joy and hope and love.

Together we are called to dream dreams and see visions of what could be and see those visions come to birth.

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We have been asking:

What kind of Church are we
called to be?

What are we therefore called
to do together?

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

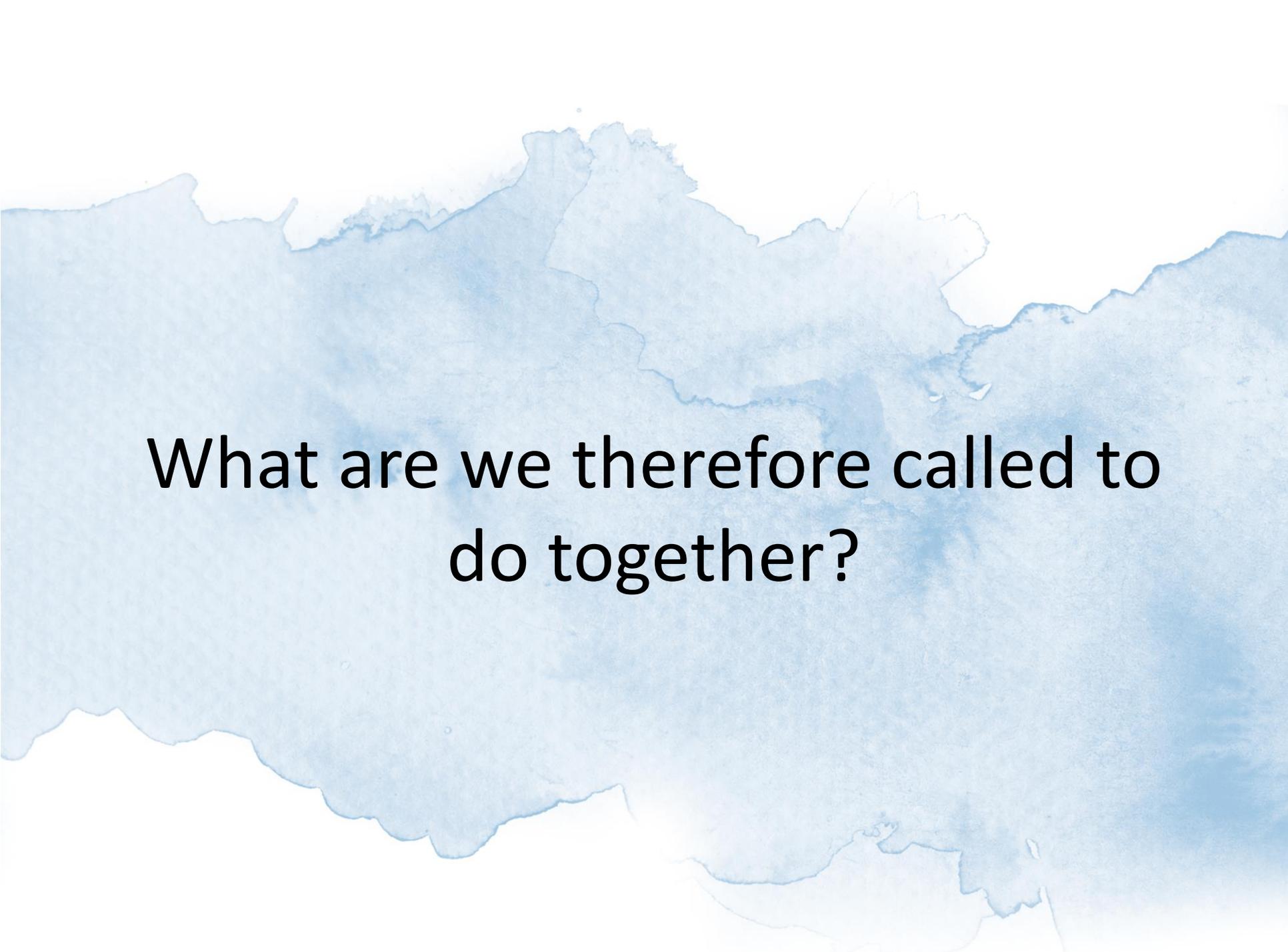
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

CONTEMPLATIVE....COMPASSIONATE....COURAGEOUS

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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What are we therefore called to
do together?

1. Make a bigger difference in the world
2. Share our faith and grow the local church
3. Plant new congregations
4. Serve every school in our community
5. Set the discipleship of all at the heart of our common life and set God's people free
6. Celebrate and bless Milton Keynes
7. Engage in new ways with young people and children

In the next year, by God's grace, we will:

- Establish a new Diocesan Growth Fund
- Seek Strategic Development Funding
- Begin to encourage Creation Care, through Energy Audits in parishes
- Start planning for 750 new congregations
- Renew catechesis across the Diocese
- Build new tools for parish renewal and planning
- Explore new archdeacons posts to support local mission
- Develop school chaplaincy
- Pilot new resources for discipleship
- Partner with Citizens UK on local action

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