

“Living God’s Love in Education”

The work of the Diocesan Schools Team
overseen by the Board of Education

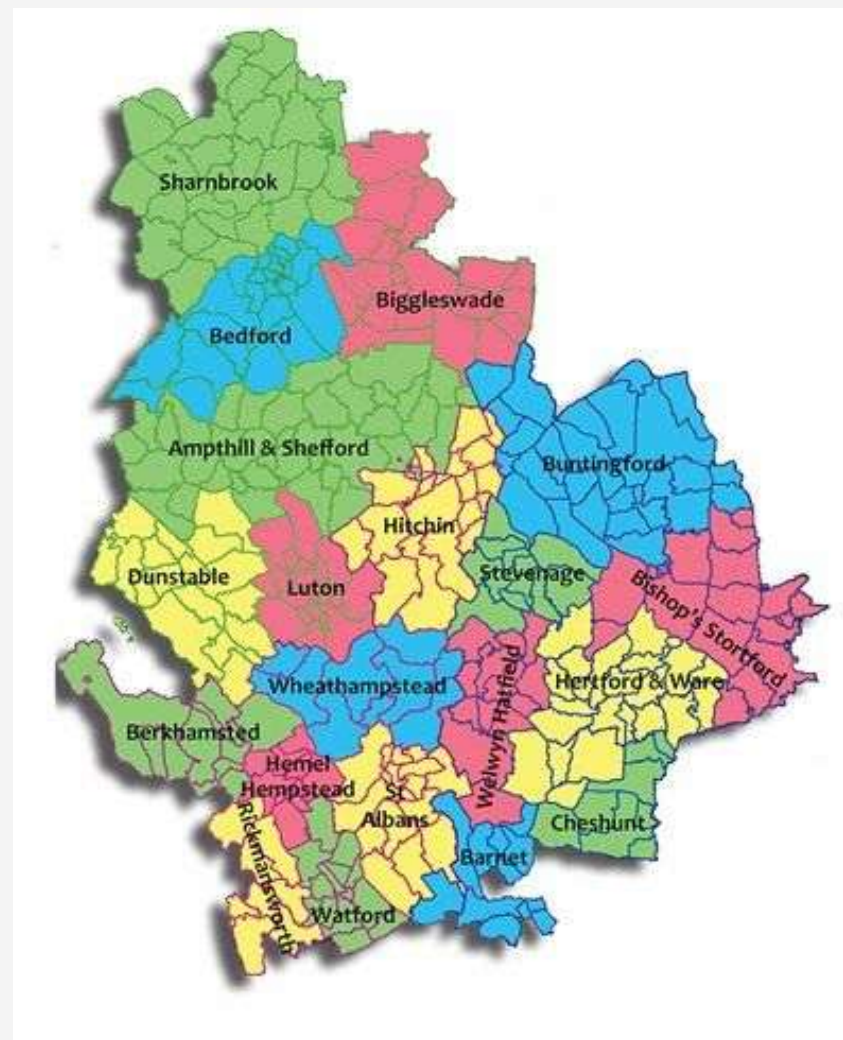
Welcome & Introduction

- Welcome to Diocesan Synod
- Purpose: DBE's work and current school landscape
- Theme: Living God's Love in Education



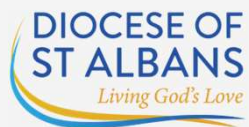
Who We Are & What We Do

- Statutory body under 2021 Measure
- Church schools and academies
- Strategic Partners



Our work with schools

- Leadership
- Governance
- Admissions
- Land & Buildings
- RE & SIAMS
- Collective Worship & Spirituality
- Climate Action
- Training
- Partnerships



Facing the storm

- Funding pressures
- Recruitment & retention
- Teacher workload
- Parental Complaints
- SEND



Celebrating Success

- SIAMS outcomes
- Inclusive
- Innovative
- Climate action



St Mary's Church & Primary School



Starting from a Place of Renewal



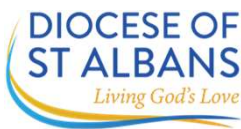
A Shared Vision Reborn

*Aspiring, nurturing, flourishing;
together shining a light.*

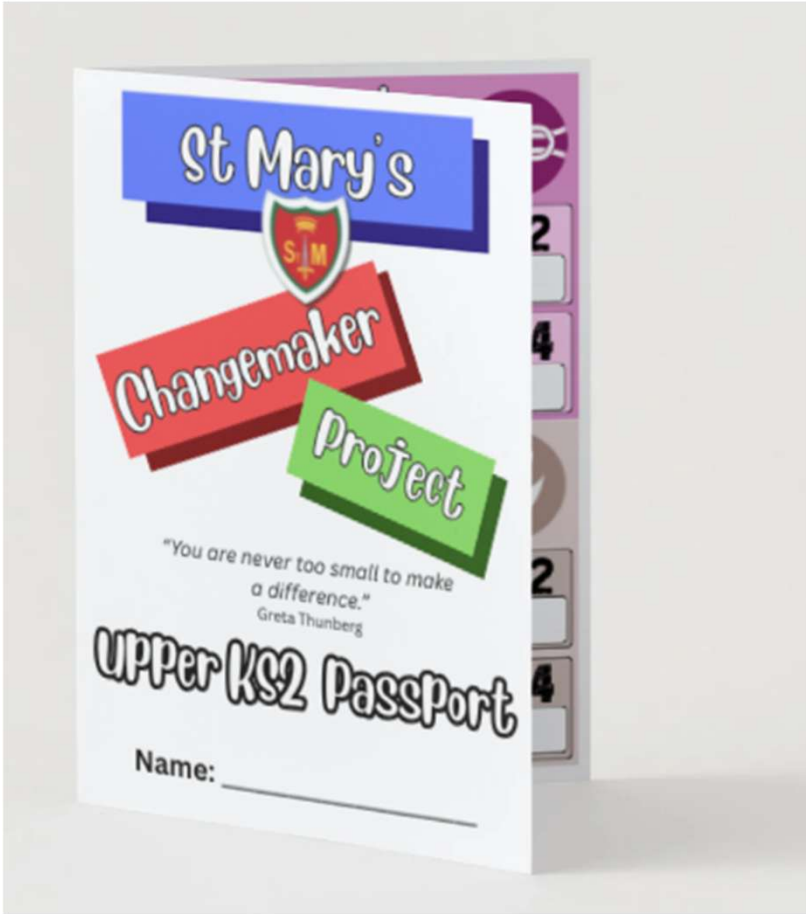
Matthew 5: 13 - 16 - Sermon on the Mount
Salt and Light

14 -16“ You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

(New Revised Standard Version)



Our Shared Purpose



Growing Together through Worship



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Building our Community Together



Spirituality in Everyday Life

Write down three things that make me special

- I have blue eyes.
- I have blonde hair.
- I have been to the same country 7 times.

What makes me, me?



Write two ways I am different from other people

- I play Cricket.
- I enjoy running.

Do my choices make me, me? Or is it something else?

I think the things that make a person are are their ideas, their family, their thoughts and also their actions.

Draw a picture of yourself doing something you enjoy.



What makes me, me?



Circle things that make you special
(add more onto the lines)

kind

fast

helpful

caring

funny

good friend

honest

strong

good listener

cricket

puzzles

drawing

Relay

Finish writing this sentence

I shine when I help my friend when their finding something difficult.



Church as a Place of Discovery



Impact so far...

Looking ahead...



come & sing!

your favourite
Disney
songs

Sunday 2 November 2025 at 4.00pm
St Mary's Church, Rickmansworth
followed by refreshments

A fun session singing music you know and love
Get in the Disney spirit by dressing as your favourite character
Suitable for all ages
No need to be able to read music
No need to book

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Serving the whole community
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The poster features a vibrant background with a large white treble clef and musical notes on a rainbow-colored wave. Various Disney characters are illustrated: Snow White and Cinderella at the top right, Belle and the Beast on the left, Mickey Mouse on the right, and Simba and Nala at the bottom right. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.

Next steps

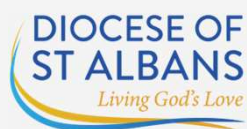
- Deepen support
- Expand training
- Strengthen partnerships
- Develop new approaches & initiatives



Questions & Reflections

- What might you expect 'Living God's Love' to look like in your nearest Church School?
- What opportunities do you see for deeper church-school partnerships?
- How do we ensure our Church Schools remain places of hope and transformation?

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