

**Kingdom People**  
love • compassion • justice • freedom



**From Bishop John**

2019 remained a challenging year as we focussed on reducing the deficit in our accounts. We conducted a review of diocesan office costs which sadly resulted in five posts being made redundant and we started our 'Open Conversations' process to look at how we might shape ministry in the future through as many healthy and sustainable churches as possible. I am very grateful to all those who have responded to this challenge, with many attending the conversations and an increase in parish share contributions. In churches across the diocese, very many continue to respond wholeheartedly to God's call to share the love of God with their communities, living out our Kingdom People vision to be people of love, compassion justice and freedom.

Thank you for all you do – together we are instruments of God's love in Jesus.

*John*

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The latest statistics showed 12,200 people attended a church service on an average week.



Approximately 22,500 children were educated in our 100 church schools.



Almost 37,000 people attended a service at Christmas.



The Calling Young Disciples Project saw 116 new volunteers and 187 new regular worshippers in the churches working with a Mission Enabler.



The Diocese spent £9.1million on mission and ministry across Worcestershire and Dudley (but we needed to use £700,000 of our reserves).



Churches working with a Calling Young Disciples Mission Enabler reported a 67% increase in volunteers.



Our two resourcing churches became fully operational with Top Church in Dudley reaching 150 people and All Saints, Worcester seeing six people recommended for ordination.



We had 2,400 followers on Facebook and 4,100 on Twitter and diocesan videos were watched over 8,500 times.



Bishop Graham became Bishop of Norwich and Martin Gorick was announced as the new Bishop of Dudley.



Parish Share contributions increased by 5.3% compared to 2018 (although this was still only 84% of what was requested)

