

Our New Bishop - The voice of children

Helping children share their views as part of the consultation for our new Bishop.

Who can take part?

You can do this consultation with a small group, such as your worship leaders, a class or year group, or with the whole school. Part 2 works best in a class or small group setting.

Parishes are very welcome to use these materials with children's groups or share them with households.

When do we need to do this?

Please send us the children's views **by 8am on Monday 20th July**.

You'll find everything you need on the diocesan website **from Wednesday 1st July**.

We suggest using two collective worship sessions for the consultation.

Part 1, in the first collective worship, helps children understand what a bishop does.

Part 2 includes a short video from Bishop Paul asking for the children's help, followed by the activity we would like them to complete.

What do we need to do?

Part 1 Please use the slides, or the [video of the slides](#), to help children understand what a Bishop does.

Part 2 Please use the slides and [video from Bishop Paul](#) to introduce the activity to the children.

Younger children may enjoy writing or drawing their ideas on a printed copy of the 'Our New Bishop' page. Please either enter their suggestions on the online form in school or scan their work and send it to Jane.Whittington@cofeguildford.org.uk.

For older children, we suggest having a discussion together and agreeing the group's responses. An adult can then add the responses to the [online form](#) during the discussion.

The oldest children may be able to type their own individual responses directly into the [form](#).

The young people's survey for KS4 and above is [here](#)

Where can we find the resources?

You'll find the slides, video links and printable activity on our website.

They will be on the [latest collective worship resources page](#), in the folder where you usually find the current materials.

We'll also add them to [this special page](#) on our website.

The online response form is [here](#). There is also a QR code link on the slides.

What happens next?

The group preparing the diocesan profile, which describes our diocese and the kind of leader we are looking for, will include the children's views. Those responsible for the interviews will also hear what the children have said, and we hope this will help shape their planning.

If you have any questions, please contact [Jane Whittington](mailto:Jane.Whittington@cofeguildford.org.uk).