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## FAQs ? ?

### WON'T A CHURCH PLANT SIMPLY HARM EXISTING CONGREGATIONS?

It has been shown that when a different expression of church is planted in a community it can bless and bring growth to the existing church.

### WHAT ARE THE PREREQUISITES FOR A CHURCH PLANT?

- Proper community profiling to ensure that the community will be blessed by something new
- The right leader
- Seed funding (only given by the diocese on a reducing basis)
- A core team

### HOW WILL YOU MEASURE SUCCESS?

- The response of the community
- The number of people involved in programmes
- People coming to faith in Christ
- The emergence of a worshipping community or communities

### WHAT WILL THE CHURCH PLANTING FUND BE USED FOR?

- Seed-funding initiatives to establish them and help them to become self-sustaining
- Training church planters and evangelists
- Community needs analysis

### IS THE CHURCH PLANTING FUND RING-FENCED?

Yes, all donations will be used to advance church planting in the diocese. The fund will NOT be used to service debts.

### WHY NOW?

It's an urgent task. The church is ageing and in places we are failing to reach young families and young adults, many of whom feel little or no connection with Christian faith and worship.

### OUR AMBITION

In 2013-14 we planted 3 new churches and we're training 12 diocesan evangelists. In the medium term we want to plant at least 2 churches per year over the next 5 years.

### OUR FUNDRAISING TARGET

We need a million pounds over the next 10 years, or a regular monthly income of approximately £10,000. In the year since our first appeal we have raised over **£100,000**.

**Join with us. Please commit yourself to prayerful and financial support using the tear-off standing order form.**

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plant for **Him**  
you



# WHY PLANT CHURCHES?

**This is a new season in the life of the Diocese of Down & Dromore and we rightly celebrate the good things that God is doing among us.**

However, we realise there are places in the diocese where the traditional model of church no longer works or where there is little Christian witness. We want to reach these communities with new, culturally relevant churches where people can meet Jesus, grow in Christlikeness and become agents of transformation in our society.

## OUR VISION - A SOCIETY TRANSFORMED

We believe that the gospel of Christ is the single most effective instrument of transformation in our post-conflict society. We have a vision to see:

- A new generation of children formed in a value system that will bless the community.
- Families supported and the lonely befriended.
- Self-worth restored.
- A generation of young men and women, so transformed by the power of God that they go on to transform their own communities.

**Our church planting must be intentional and long-term as we commit ourselves, not to projects but to people.**



## FOCUS AREAS

### PROTESTANT WORKING CLASS AREAS

As a diocese we want to incarnate the good news in areas blighted by low educational achievement, child poverty, lack of ambition and sectarianism. New models of church are needed that will reconnect in a gritty way to the young – especially men - so that we can stop this generation following in the footsteps of the last.

**EXAMPLE:** Wells (Lower Newtownards Road)

**POTENTIAL NEW AREAS:** The Glen, Kilicomaine, Kilcooley

### NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WITHOUT A CHURCH

We are also aware of new housing springing up which has no church presence in its midst. Our response to the fledgling community in the Titanic Quarter is one example of what can be done with faith, imagination and determination.

**EXAMPLE:** Titanic, Moneyreagh

**POTENTIAL NEW AREAS:** Kinallen, Cooper's Mill

### DYING CHURCHES WITH POTENTIAL FOR NEW GROWTH

In some places, congregations have dwindled away almost to nothing, yet they are in areas ripe for new community-focused expressions of church. In consultation with the rector and the congregation, we want to reshape the existing witness so that it more effectively reaches the surrounding community with the gospel.

**EXAMPLE:** Mount Merrion, Lower Braniel

**POTENTIAL NEW AREAS:** Lecale Area



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Account name: .....

Please pay a regular gift of  £10  £25  £100 £..... Other

to **Down and Dromore Church Planting Fund** each month. Please also state the amount in words:

Please start on ..... / ..... / ..... and from then on each month until further notice.

Signature: ..... Date: ..... / ..... / .....

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