



# Mission Strategy

...MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Norwich

<sup>4</sup>As  
you come to him, the  
living Stone - rejected by humans but  
chosen by God and precious to him - <sup>5</sup>you also,  
like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to  
be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable  
to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For in Scripture it says: 'See, I lay a  
stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who  
trusts in him will never be put to shame.' <sup>7</sup>Now to you who believe, this  
stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, 'The stone the builders  
rejected has become the cornerstone', <sup>8</sup>and, 'A stone that causes people  
to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they  
disobey the message - which is also what they were destined for. <sup>9</sup>But  
you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special  
possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you  
out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a  
people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not  
received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

| PETER 2:4-10 (NIV)

# REIMAGINING CHURCH REFLECTION 2

## Listen: What is our Church?

Read 1 Peter 2:4-10. Notice what strikes you - a word, or a phrase or an image. Keep 5 minutes silence. In 2s or 3s share one thing that struck you from that passage.

## Celebrate: What are we like?

v.8 Where do we stumble in our mission and ministry?

v.9 When do we see ourselves as chosen, royal, holy & special?

## Imagine: What could we be?

What could be done differently to help our church become more of a building-block than a stumbling-block - one small step and one giant leap?

## Empower: How do we become?

v.5 What is preventing us being built together?

v.9 How do we declare God's 'wonderful light' to our parish?

## Next Steps

Try another 'Reimagining Church Reflection' card, or if you're ready work through each section of 'A Guide to Reimagining Church'. Keep a record of your discussions, what you do as a result, and what happens.

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