

PURPOSE

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Our purpose is to worship God, share the gospel of Jesus Christ, welcome all who come, celebrate and pass on our rich Christian heritage and discover our place in God's creation.



Worship and Spirituality We worship God through daily prayer and praise, and celebrate the contributions of music and art to the spiritual life of the Cathedral.



Outreach and Engagement We work in active partnerships for the good of the Diocese and the communities of North East England and to contribute to Durham's flourishing and significance.



Welcome and Care We welcome all who cross our threshold and express Christian care in all aspects of our life as a community.



Environment We conserve, develop and interpret our buildings, environment and historic collections, while respecting the Church as a place of prayer.

Buildings, Treasures and



Learning, Nurture and Formation We help people to encounter God and grow in faith and discipleship by offering opportunities for dialogue, learning and research.



Finance and Stewardship We steward our resources prudently, generously and ethically to sustain our activities and provide extensive public benefit.



VALUES

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In all things, our values are inspired, informed, motivated and challenged by the Christian faith as we are learning to live it in this historic and beautiful place of worship.

Spirituality

We recognise and respond to God's presence in our world and among us, practising a reflective approach to what we do.

Respect

We recognise the image of God in all human beings, honour their dignity and treat them with courtesy.

Collaboration

We are a community founded on trust that prizes team working and builds partnerships that contribute to the common good.

Welcome

We are welcoming and hospitable to all. We show Christian love and care to our guests and those who need our help.

Sustainability

We are business-like in our corporate life and prudent in our stewardship of resources. We pursue the sustainability of our operations and environment.

Justice

We deal fairly in our personal and collective behaviours, work to the highest ethical standards, and are honest in our speech and behaviour. We think, speak and act with integrity, are professional in our conduct, and are publicly accountable for our actions.

Aspiration

We are an outward-facing Cathedral that looks to the future with energy and courage, and reaches out to our communities in the hope of personal and social transformation.