

HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT FOR FRESH EXPRESSIONS

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Revd Heather Cracknell to the new post of Head of Development, Fresh Expressions for the Church of England. She will be a member of the recently formed Evangelism and Discipleship team based in Church House, Westminster.



Heather will be the focal point for fresh expressions in the Church of England and will oversee the delivery of specific project to work with ten dioceses to develop many more fresh expressions. She brings extensive pioneering experience to this exciting new role through her present work as Mission Enabler for the Diocese of Norwich and Vicar and Pioneer Missioner of St Francis, Heartsease.

Dave Male, Director of the Evangelism and Discipleship team said that, 'We are very excited by Heather's appointment. She has a great track record of pioneering and will bring her passion for new forms of church to this work.'

With significant changes in Fresh Expressions the emphasis is now much more about embedding the fresh expressions movement in the six partner denominations while remaining committed to ecumenical partnership.

Part of the Church of England commitment to this is this post and a wider project both financed by a Strategic Development Fund grant of £800,000.

This will help to create and multiply new worshipping communities across ten Dioceses in a focused and structured way to make many more disciples. By the end of Year 5, it is expected that 147 new worshipping communities will be involved with the project. The grant will provide for this new role plus three part time staff who are yet to be appointed.

Heather Cracknell commented that, 'I am delighted to take on this exciting challenge as we look to embed the learning from the past twenty years of growing new forms of church into the life and mission of the Church of England. I am particularly excited to bring together my experience of coaching and facilitating learning communities to support the growth of resilient, creative new forms of church.'