

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland is part of the Orthodox Christian Church, which is historically and dogmatically continuous with the one Church founded by Christ through his apostles.

The mission of this Archdiocese is to strive by God's grace to: -

1. maintain, practice, and proclaim the Christian Orthodox faith, thereby enhancing the spiritual growth of its members and also, through them, contributing to the equality, health and welfare of all peoples and communities with which it has contact;
2. develop and operate programs, activities, and services for the parishioners through its parishes and monasteries which serve to develop the religious, educational, cultural, philanthropic, and social ministries of the community as well as to protect and continuously develop the ministries, physical buildings and religious properties as is deemed necessary;
3. dedicate the promotion of Christian fellowship and values and enhance community cohesion between the evolving diversity of cultures and peoples, both within its jurisdiction and globally.
4. to facilitate inter faith dialogue from a position of mutual respect and attentiveness; its principles grounded in Christian faith and practice.
5. to do all it can to promote and support initiatives for peace and justice, both nationally and internationally, together with care for the environment and its biodiversity, from the basis of its Christian doctrines of creation and human dignity.
6. to uphold the sanctity of human life as created in the image of God, from conception until death, both in its teaching and practice.
7. to exercise a prophetic witness by word and deed of all aspects of this Mission Statement by the wisdom, grace and power of God.