



The Guild of Centurions

The Guild of Centurions is a group of lay people who freely offer our skills and abilities to the Diocese of Peterborough. We do this as servants under the overall guidance of Bishop Donald. Our aim is to serve the Diocese by providing capability to clergy, diocesan officers and parishes where Diocesan expertise is currently limited, in terms of time or resources. The following services are currently available:

- **Parish Profiles** - we have produced a best practice guide and template which is now used by benefices/parishes to prepare a profile when a vacancy occurs. Additional support and guidance is given by Guild members for both content and process when required.
- **Project Management** - we are able to offer advice to churches preparing to start a major project and conduct a project review once it is underway. Projects do not have to be restricted to "bricks and mortar", as we have experience in a wide range of topics.
- **Consultancy** - a number of us provide business and professional consultancy services as part of our everyday work. This experience is available to help the diocese and its benefices.
- **Sounding Board** offers partnerships between individual clergy and lay people with a professional or business background. It offers practical support to clergy in their ministry in a way that is tailored to fit their circumstances. Partnerships can help address particular issues such as time management, running meetings or financial administration. Partnerships last for as long as those involved wish. They can complement spiritual direction and can assist in Ministerial Development Reviews.

If you are interested in using our services or would like to offer your skills and abilities please contact:

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The Guild of Centurions is an independent charitable body serving the Diocese of Peterborough and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014.

Guild of Centurions prayer

Heavenly Father we ask in Jesus' name for self-sustaining growth in all Christian communities in our Diocese. Renew our vision of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, that, through our words and the way we live, others may be drawn to His way. We ask for humility, wisdom, skills and the people to offer lay support to Peterborough Diocese as it moves forward. For your Glory and the good of all your people. *Amen*

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