

## Noticing and Naming

At its simplest, talking about our faith is all about ‘noticing’ and ‘naming’.

- Noticing – the presence, the voice and the work of God.
- Naming – speaking what we’ve noticed out loud to another person.

What if we could develop the habit of noticing and naming what God is doing, and talking about it with all kinds of people: everyone from the person sitting next to us at church to the person who has no idea we even have a faith?

Discover three practices that can help us develop the habit of noticing and naming:

- Changing lives conversations
- Dwelling in the Word
- Announcing the Kingdom (see overleaf to find out what it involves)

If you’re looking for something to help you in your faith journey, consider joining one of these diocese-wide communities in the coming year:

- **‘Deepening Discipleship’**: an opportunity to explore discipleship, together with other disciples. The course lasts for 8 weeks and is designed for anyone wishing to explore their gifts and sense of calling, whether in church or in the local community.  
Contact Nigel Collins for more details – [ncollins@diocant.org](mailto:ncollins@diocant.org)
- **‘The Wonder Community’**: a year-long journey in community, discovering the varied landscapes of prayer. The community will meet once a month throughout 2025 (except August and December), praying, learning and journeying together. If you are more familiar with the weight of prayer than the wonder of prayer, join us to discover something of the incalculable privilege and joy of communion with God.  
Contact Lyndall Bywater for more details – [lbywater@diocant.org](mailto:lbywater@diocant.org)

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## **‘Announcing the Kingdom’**

A practice to help us notice the presence and work of God in the world and name it to one another.

*Step 1* – First we look out for God in the world, noticing situations where God’s presence has been evident or where God has worked in a certain way. We may be encouraged by someone’s attitude or behaviour, or we may be inspired by something we’ve seen, heard or experienced.

*Step 2* – Then, if possible, we stop to name that work or presence: taking time to tell someone what we’ve noticed. It may involve encouraging them with something like: ‘I see God at work in you’ or ‘your kindness felt like a blessing from God to me’; or it may involve drawing their attention to something beautiful: ‘this sunset reminds me of God’s faithfulness’.

*Step 3* – Next time we’re with our church or worshipping community, we talk about announcing the kingdom, telling the encouraging stories but also telling the stories of the times when we haven’t felt able to do it, or when it hasn’t turned out quite as we’d have liked.

**(See the main [Deanery Roadshows](#) page for a document giving a fuller explanation of **Announcing the Kingdom** at [click.canterburydiocese.org/roadshows](http://click.canterburydiocese.org/roadshows))**

### ***Tips for introducing the practice of ‘Announcing the Kingdom’ in your church:***

- You could begin by gathering a small group to practise announcing the kingdom each week, meeting regularly to share their experiences.
- If you decide to use the practice in a Sunday service, take time to explain how it works (giving your own example), then ask people to look out for opportunities to announce the kingdom during the coming week.
- Next time you gather, invite people to tell stories of moments when they have announced the kingdom, or moments when they wish they had but didn’t have the nerve. It’s sharing the stories that helps us become more confident in talking about God.

For more information, contact Steve Coneys: [sconeys@diocant.org](mailto:sconeys@diocant.org) or [read the full handout and watch a helpful video](#).

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