

Strategy with Vivian

A brief summary of the presentation and discussions. This summary should be read in conjunction with the slides.

1 We have buildings of different sizes and ownership, more or fewer people with different roles, but we need to manage all this while aiming to motivate and inspire mission in our chaplaincies.

We have similar or parallel concerns, and we need to prioritise, to find the essentials.

2 The context now is very different from what it was 40 years ago; we are not living in the same world. The important social role played by churches is no longer true.

However, Jesus has something to say to every era, there are so many examples, depending on who he was talking to.

3 Practical theology: how do we become a beacon of light and how do we shine this light?

We don't want to ask people to jump to the top, we need to provide the steps to help them.

Where do we focus? Where are the gaps?

Working with others, we can think about practical help, and find gaps in our strategies and the path to faith.

4 Strategy meetings can be helpful, as getting people together means different areas of expertise. They focus on *Who we are*, and *What is special about us*. At Maisons-Laffitte, these meetings identified areas where there were gaps and changes were made which proved extremely positive. But it can also be helpful to look at what chaplaincies have stopped doing since Covid, as this can provide food for thought.