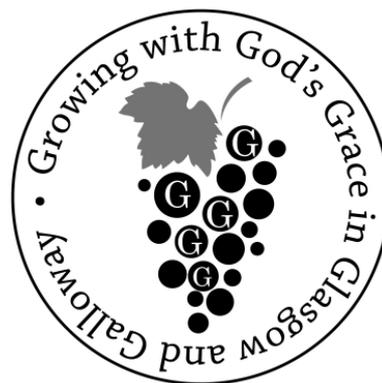


Musing on the logo

The Growth Strategy logo is becoming a familiar part of diocesan life, and has given rise to many varied responses. A member of a small rural charge commented that it gave her hope; 'just as there are small grapes in the bunch, so are there smaller charges in the diocese, but we all are important parts of the whole'. And that is so true; often smaller charges have built up ways of relating, both internally as a congregation and externally with their surrounding community, that larger churches would do well to copy. Ways of relating which lead to growth on the part of both big and small.



Someone else saw the geography of the diocese mirrored in the triangular shape of the bunch! But whatever you read in it, do use it on any publicity you put out in the coming year and beyond. This strategy, as our leaflet says, is not yet another programme for mission or an optional exercise. It is 'who we will be' as the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway grows with God's grace; as we work hard at those six areas of mission and ministry that you yourselves nominated through your questionnaires and Regional meetings: with children and young people, in prayer and spirituality, learning and discipleship, missional leadership, numerical growth, welcome and integration, and imaginative outreach into local communities

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." As we approach the launch of the Strategy at Pentecost, let us commit to praying for one another, that, grafted onto the Vine, we may bear much fruit.

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