

ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT



WE ARE MADE TO WALK TOGETHER

Adventurous Accompaniment seeks to encourage, develop and support a culture of accompaniment within the Catholic communities in England & Wales.

Our communities can extend God's love to all and walk shoulder-to-shoulder with each other. More than living in solidarity, this is about enabling the flourishing of each person's human dignity, where they can be fully themselves, belong and be deeply listened to.



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MILLION MINUTES

WHAT WE OFFER

Here at Million Minutes our Adventurous Accompaniment program aims to build community through nurturing a culture of accompaniment within Catholic parishes, dioceses and organisations across England and Wales. The program seeks to encourage, develop and support a culture of accompaniment that is 'Spirit-led' and therefore adventurous. We do this by sharing our research, resources, training and facilitation on accompaniment, and explore with groups how to approach everyday encounters through five core principles of Adventurous Accompaniment.

WE DO THIS BY:

- Exploratory conversations to work out how this contributes to community building.
- Providing resources and facilitation to explore principles of accompaniment in specific contexts.
- Ongoing accompaniment and support for up to 12 months.

THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF ACCOMPANIMENT



OUR STORY SO FAR...

Release of *Christus Vivit*



2019: RELEASE OF CHRISTUS VIVIT

Inspired by Pope Francis' call for accompaniment of young people in the Church in *Christus Vivit*, the vision for Adventurous Accompaniment began to take shape. This project emerged as an innovative response to the Church's invitation for greater community, participation, and mission, offering a fresh approach to how we accompany others in faith and life.

Team Formation



2019–2020: TEAM FORMATION

With the generous support of partners including Jesuits in Britain, the English Benedictine Congregation, and the Archdiocese of Liverpool, a passionate team came together to bring this vision to life. United by a shared commitment to accompaniment, the team began supporting one another during the challenges of lockdown during the pandemic. This foundational experience shaped the principles and practices that guide Adventurous Accompaniment today.

Research



2020–2021: RESEARCH

What does accompaniment truly mean in today's world? This question drove our research into the types and principles of accompaniment, resulting in a framework that speaks to the diverse needs of Catholic communities. Drawing on real experiences and theological reflection, we identified four distinct types of accompaniment and five principles to guide those embarking on this journey.

Pilot Groups



2021–2023: PILOT GROUPS

Testing and refining our approach, we worked with groups across the UK, including the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Catholic parish of Guildford, and the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Clergy and laity journeyed together through our pilot programmes, discovering how accompaniment could transform relationships and deepen faith. In Liverpool, this led to accompaniment becoming a key part of the diocesan pastoral plan, demonstrating its potential to shape mission at every level.

Summer School



SUMMER 2023: SUMMER SCHOOL

To further develop the project, we hosted a series of workshops and training sessions aimed at equipping Adventurous Accompaniers. These summer sessions offered hands-on experience with our resources, fostering confidence and creativity among participants. It was a time of prayer, learning, and preparation as we looked toward the full launch.

Launch



2024: LAUNCH

Adventurous Accompaniment is now ready to expand its reach. Through tailored training packages, video resources, and community support, we aim to nurture a culture of accompaniment in dioceses across the UK and beyond. The journey doesn't end here it's only beginning. With the Holy Spirit as our guide, we invite you to step into this adventure with us.

