



St Ethelburga's
Centre for Reconciliation and Peace

St Ethelburga's principles for convening conversations across difference

**At St Ethelburga's our mission is 'Bridging Divides, Loving Earth.'
We invite ourselves and our communities to observe the
following principles for how we engage with difference:**

- We respect one another despite differences of opinion, background, culture, religion, politics, and other differences of all kinds.
- We speak our views honestly, in good faith, with the expectation that we will receive a fair hearing.
- We seek to listen generously to one another, hopeful that we may hear something that we can understand in what another person has said.
- We try to put down our preconceptions, stereotypes and projections when we listen to one another. We know that none of us is perfect and we try to practise intellectual humility when we engage with different ideas.
- We hope to learn from one another, and try to meet disagreement as an opportunity for deeper understanding.
- We look for what we have in common and try to build bridges and collaborate where we can.
- We trust that even when disagreement is uncomfortable, a deeper purpose is served when we are able to stay in conversation with one another.
- We come together for the sake of our care and love for our shared home, Earth.