



**Dearly beloved in Christ,**

As we prepare for the forthcoming Family Conference of our Diocese based on the theme 'The Good Soil' (Mark 4:20) which will be held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 at University of Nottingham Campus, the Diocesan General Body held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 has recommended the following initiatives to maximise participation and make the event a success.

### **1. "THE GOOD SOIL" MAGAZINE**

A magazine titled "*The Good Soil*" to be published to mark the event. It is expected that over 600 delegates will attend this year's annual Diocesan Youth and Family Conference. The magazine will serve as a reflection of the Conference's theme as well as the community's contributions and shared spirit.

We invite members of our Diocese to contribute as below.

*Editorial discretion will be used to bring uniformity in content.*

► **Creative Content:** Entries such as articles, poems, short stories, drawings/paintings, etc. *based on the Conference theme* - from members of the Diocese.

► **Parish Content:** Parishes may submit matter concerning their respective parishes (strictly ONE PAGE), which may include matter and/or photos about the Parish in general and/or Spiritual Organisations and its activities.

► **Advertisements:** (Rates as informed below)

► **Business Adverts** – From members of parishes within the Diocese, who own or run businesses. It is intended that this would serve as a business directory of our member's enterprises. Adverts from non-members' businesses which share the mission values of the Diocese may also be included, as an effort to raise funds.

### **BUSINESS ADVERTS RATES:**

Back Cover Page	: £ 2,000
Inside Full Page	: £ 750 (Members)   £ 1,000 (Non-members)
Inside Half Page	: £ 300 (Members)   £ 500 (Non-members)
Inside Quarter Page	: £ 150 (Members)   £ 250 (Non-members)

► **Personal Adverts** – Compliments, in memory and prayers and blessings from saints – from members of the Diocese.

### **PERSONAL ADVERTS RATES:**

Inside Half Page	: £ 200 (Members)
Inside Quarter Page	: £ 100 (Members)



► **Cover Design:** Talented members of the Diocese are invited to contribute by designing the cover page for this magazine. This is a unique opportunity to showcase your artistic skills and make a lasting impression on the Diocesan publication.

All Creative and Parish Contents entries must be emailed to [media@indianorthodoxuk.org](mailto:media@indianorthodoxuk.org) to be received by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

All adverts must be received by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Physical distribution of this magazine will have a coverage across Parishes of this Diocese spreading 17 countries in Europe and Africa. A digital version of the magazine will also be widely circulated. It is our hope that this endeavour would be an inspiring and meaningful project that unites all our Parishes highlighting the vision of the Diocese and the richness of our shared tradition. Let us together celebrate the vibrancy and creativity of our diocese.

## **2. RAFFLE COUPONS**

The sale of raffle coupons will be an effective means to raise funds for the Youth and Family Conference, thus enabling to reduce costs of registrations. The raffle offers participants the chance to win impressive prizes while supporting this important Diocesan event. The rewards include gold prizes of 5gm, 2.5gm, and 1gm, as well as shopping vouchers worth £ 75 and £ 50. Each coupon is priced at £ 2.00, and a book of five tickets costs £ 10.00. Every coupon purchased contributes directly to the success of the Conference.

We urge all members to actively engage in selling and promoting these coupons, thereby ensuring robust participation and community involvement. Let us work together to ensure the success of this fundraiser.

On Behalf of the Youth and Family Conference 2025

**Fr. Joe Mathew**