

Questions to Consider...

What do you think is going well?

What isn't going so well?

How can things be improved?

What impact has working as part of a deanery had on what you do?

What benefits have you seen?

What barriers do you feel there are?

How might they be overcome?

What questions would you like answered?

Abbeydore Deanery Pastoral Plan Review - Summer/Autumn 2024



Written in January 2021 the Deanery Pastoral Plan contained four key elements:

- **Oversight Ministry:** A model of ministry focused on the collaboration and enablement of lay and ordained ministers to build networks for relationships within and across mission communities in the deanery.
- **Clusters:** of 3 or 4 parishes. A team guided by a Rural Pioneer Priest ensuring each local church community is effective in making disciples and in seeking to transform community, society and world.
- **Group Ministry:** to allow clergy and laity to collaborate across Benefice Boundaries
- **Joint Council:** a legal framework with PCC's passing to Joint Council responsibility for coordinating mission across the Deanery.

The plan also contained a number of Mission Projects. These are outlined below:

- (a) Children and Community
- (b) Church and the Community
- (c) New residents
- (d) Work with older people including Anna Chaplaincy
- (e) Communication
- (f) Discipleship including pastoral care, enabling worship, growing leaders and Life Events
- (g) Digital Church
- (h) Buildings to continue the Mission and Mortar incentive

The Group Ministry was established upon the approval of the Deanery Pastoral Plan and the Joint Council came into being on the 2nd March 2023.

The Joint Council has now met several times and they have undertaken to conduct this review in an informal manner.

Some of the Activities within Mission Projects include:

Children and Community – Grow Strong meeting monthly in term-time, Messy Churches, Open the Book, school assemblies

Church and the Community – Golden Valley Pilgrim Way, Hedgerow Communion, Wellbeing Walks, Reflective Rambles, Food for Families.

New Residents – Welcome packs, invitational cards.

Work with older people – Vintage Messy at Dulas

Communication – Website, Facebook Group, email updates, updates in Parish Newsletters.

Discipleship – Enabling Worship course, 2 Growing Leaders Courses have now run.

Your feedback is valuable we hope you will share it either by meeting in person, talking over the telephone, writing a note or completing the online survey.