



## The Edgemoor Group of Parishes

Charles.HighBray.NorthMolton.Twitchen.BishopsNympton.Mariansleigh.RoseAsh.Knowstone.EastAnstey.WestAnstey.Molland.



## Reshaping the Edgemoor Group of Parishes

*Freeing Church  
to be Church*

### **Our Aims**

Clarity and Direction

Affirming and Supporting

**Easter 2021**

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*There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
There are varieties of service, but the same Lord.  
There are different kinds of working,  
but the same God is at work in all.  
There is one body, one Spirit,  
one hope in God's call;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism.  
There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,  
to whom Christ ascended on high.  
And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:  
some are apostles, some are his prophets;  
evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,  
so that we can minister together  
to build up his body, to be mature in the fullness of Christ.*

“Some seeds have now been planted, we continue to encourage PCCs to think creatively, proactively about the future as we move forward now with care and consideration.”

The following pages list the aims each PCC will work towards in the next months ahead.

This consultation will be invaluable when bringing together information to create a Profile to fill the pending vacancy. Formal work on this Profile will start in August in consultation with the Archdeacon, Bishops, Churchwardens and PCCs.

**Dates:**

**Full Team meeting:**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm – 9.00pm The Old School NM

**Full Group of Churches:**

The weekend of October 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. *Times & Venue tba.*

## The Ministry Team with your help aims to work towards in the next months ahead:

<b>1. Ministry Team - MT</b>			
<b>What</b>	<b>Why</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>
Clergy, Readers, Lay Leaders. To share oversight of Ministry.	To explore 'Living in Love & Faith' / Wellbeing / Outdoor Church / Virtual Church / Pastoral & Mission work / Finance, Lay, Planning Teams advice & recommendations.	Ongoing	Clergy, Readers, Lay Leaders.
To meet fortnightly or as required.			

<b>2. Planning Team - PT</b>			
<b>What</b>	<b>Why</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>
To re-form the Planning Team 3/ 4 members to advise the MT / PCCs	To explore / Festival churches / Church clusters / Support Hub <i>Old School NM</i> / To carry through 'ReShape' consultation.	7 <sup>th</sup> April	(Jonathan Hudson, Richard Holloway) <i>(others to be appointed)</i>
To meet 6 times a year or as required. Appointments time limited to 2 years.			

<b>3. Finance</b>			
<b>What</b>	<b>Why</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>
To form a Finance Team 3/ 4 members to advise the MT / PCCs	To review Group Insurance / Team Expenses / Common Fund Payments / Grants & Fund Raising /Support Hub <i>Old School NM</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Sally Wilson Wendy Sweet <i>(others to be appointed)</i>
To meet 6 times a year or as required. Appointments time limited to 2 years.			

<b>4. Lay Ministry</b>			
<b>What</b>	<b>Why</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>
To form a Lay Ministry Team 3/ 4 members to advise the MT / PCCs	To review Guidance & Criteria / Training & Support / Safeguarding	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Michael Rogers Pat Earthrowl <i>(others to be appointed)</i>
To meet 6 times a year or as required. Appointments time limited to 2 years.			

The Plan is not complete - the work with the schools, Open the Book, our relationships within the villages, our relationship with our Methodist sisters & brothers, our Prayer life and worship.

But the plan offers a framework of direction and vision.

## Our Churches Individual Aims

<b>St John the Baptist Charles</b>
<b>What</b>
To return progressively to a normal environment for all. (this doesn't sound ambitious but with restrictions, opportunities to plan with certainty and work and build our church in Charles are limited)
<b>Why</b>
Be able to meet face-to-face in our PCC and to work with colleagues at High Bray and Brayford Be able to implement dormant plans for services, events, sharing and fund raising Be able to work with the Benefice re-shaping the group, continuing to build a stronger Ministry team – clergy and laity and to establish a Ministry in Charles that works with our community and with our neighbours
<b>When</b>
By August 2021 to re-establish 3-church services October 2021 for harvest and other events End November a much more normal environment
<b>Who</b>
PCC members Work with High Bray and Brayford Methodists Planning and Ministry teams

<b>All Saints, High Bray</b>
<b>What</b>
To get our Saturday conversation started, here is a first draft of an answer from our PCC which we have come up with, for your consideration, revision, amendment, replacement, or rejection.
To recover the presence of clergy within our community, through resumption of regular services and provision of pastoral care for our people.
<b>Why</b>
Because without the sustained presence of clergy within our community, whatever else we do, the village identification with our Church, and the inspiration to live a Christian life which is provided by a priest, will dwindle and die away.
<b>When</b>
We hope immediately.
<b>Who</b>
The clergy of the Edgemoor Team working with High Bray's PCC.

<b>All Saints, North Molton</b>
<b>What</b>
North Molton PCC is awaiting receipt of the Quinquennial report which will determine our future plans.
<b>Why</b>
Quinquennial report will determine our priority of works.
<b>When</b>
ASAP
<b>Who</b>
Richard Carder will be the Project Manager.

<b>St Peters, Twitchen</b>
<b>What</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make safe beech tree/s</li> <li>2. Carry out electrical works</li> <li>3. Re-start church services</li> </ol>
<b>Why</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beech tree over hanging public road.</li> <li>2. Electricians no longer compliant to new safety regulations.</li> <li>3. To re-establish links with the church and community.</li> </ol>
<b>When</b>
1/2/3/ All as soon as practically possible.
<b>Who</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contractors</li> <li>2. Contractors</li> <li>3. Ministry Team</li> </ol>

<b>St Marys, Molland</b>
<b>What</b>
To reconnect with the community/village when restrictions are lifted and pattern of services start
<b>Why</b>
Molland is a special village. In previous years there has been a natural growth of relationship between pub, village hall, parish council and church, and all in the village. We need to now reconnect. We hope to pray, bring joy and hope to a community that has been isolated and to make new disciples.
<b>When</b>
Planning and seeds start now. Look to a joint venture with others to gather
<b>Who</b>
PCC and Others

<b>West Anstey</b>
<b>What</b>
To set up and launch "Outdoor Church" <i>(Important to retain BCP. Value, not to be side tracked)</i>
<b>Why</b>
To encourage families, children old and young. To make Church accessible, open and current
<b>When</b>
Planning starts now and launch end of July
<b>Who</b>
PCC and group. Penny and Rachel. Team effort

<b>St Michaels, East Anstey</b>
<b>What</b>
To reopen the church and through this action get more information about the church, the parish and Christianity around the parish.
<b>Why</b>
To get more interest in the church.
<b>When</b>
NOW!
<b>Who</b>
All the PCC.

<b>St Peters Knowstone</b>
<b>What</b>
To re-open the church, attracting back our community *Suggestion: free cream tea in July/ August
<b>Why</b>
The church has been closed for over a year. Sunday services are restricted. We need to welcome people back and show we are open.
<b>When</b>
Aim for June
<b>Who</b>
Churchwarden and PCC to discuss

<b>St Peters, Rose Ash</b>
<b>What</b>
Playing a visible and proactive role in village life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clergy known and recognisable to every villager and for those not familiar with the Christian faith that the clergy is available for pastoral care and is someone to confide in.</li> <li>• Presenting the churchyard as a place for quiet contemplation.</li> <li>• We're the 'right place' for Christmas, Easter, Weddings and Funerals</li> <li>• Predictable, regular services</li> <li>• A blend of ancient (liturgy=BCP) and modern (informality)</li> </ul>
<b>Why</b>
If the Church is not visible it will die in the villages. For locals it's a sacred place for their ancestors. But we have to face facts that exposure to some form of regular worship in schools is now limited to private education so a lot of people 'don't know what to do' and this is a barrier. Changing the words every 10 years doesn't help as we now have two Lord's Prayers.  The Church fabric will need substantial work and engaging the villagers is critical to that.

<b>When</b>
2021 – fingers crossed we have a wedding in June, some sort of covid reawakening is planned. We will try again with a twilight carol service with village hall catering (bringing the two events together). Also considered as a ‘meet the new Vicar’ opportunity. Churchyard working parties (2x in 2021).
<b>Who</b>
PCC and Village Hall committee

<b>St Marys, Bishops Nympton</b>
<b>What</b>
To get back to having regular services, including building upon the gains of Breakfast Church and Budding Bishops, so that we can bring people back into church in greater numbers – particularly families.
<b>Why</b>
Because we had made real progress in building our church family in fellowship and worship, especially through Breakfast Church and Budding Bishops, prior to Lockdown.
<b>When</b>
As soon as possible and as often as possible.
<b>Who</b>
As many individual PCC members as possible to head up action groups to undertake the different aspects of this aim, making full use of all our skills and gifts.

<b>St Marys, Mariansleigh</b>
<b>What</b>
Initially the PCC's aim is to resume regular church services as soon as possible following this long period of lockdown, then the main aim is to hold 1-2 enterprising services per month to try and grow our Church.
<b>Why</b>
To try and grow our Church.
<b>When</b>
To resume regular church services as soon as possible
<b>Who</b>
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<b>Sunday Zoom</b>
<b>What</b>
To be considered
<b>Why</b>
Now an important outreach, serving people who can not readily access church.
<b>When</b>
In the next months ahead
<b>Who</b>
The Zoom Team with the MT / Lay Ministry Team



*God of Mission, Who alone brings growth to your Church.  
Send your Holy Spirit to bring Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions, Faith to our lives,  
Hope to our communities,  
And love to our hearts.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

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