

Devon Churches Rural Forum Agenda

Meeting 8th February 2021 – 10 am to 12 noon (max)

By Zoom

Timing Guide

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| 1 | Opening Prayer | 10.00 am |
| 2 | Welcome and introductions | 10.05 am |
| 3 | Apologies – please send to pennybody1@outlook.com | |
| 4 | Notes from the last meeting on 2 nd November 2020 | 10.15 am |
| 5 | Matters and actions arising from the last meeting (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) a) Growing the Rural Church – Hub Launch re-scheduled to 1 st March 2021 b) Link to our DCRF Mental Health resources webpage which, together with resources already available, has been updated with links to Diocese of Exeter Mental Health First Aid training (open to all denominations) and the Diocese of Exeter general Well-being pages, including wellbeing in the time of Covid https://devonchurchesruralforum.org.uk/rural-issues/mental-health/mental-health-organisations-and-resources.php c) LEP Rural Productivity Group contact made | |
| 6 | Feedback from National Rural Officers Conference November 2020 from Chris Keppie and Dave Watson | 10.20 am |
| 7 | Update from Martin Beck – Rural Crime Officer – on heritage crime on our churches (mainly metal theft) and an update on “Heritage Watch” | 10.35 am |
| 8 | Linking Lives – an introduction to the project and resources available – Richard Taylor | 10.50 am |
| 9 | Main Item – What does “net zero” look like in a rural context – led by Chris Keppie | 11 am |

Preparation:

If you could give some thought to the following questions – and ideally send Chris Keppie chris.keppie@exeter.anglican.org an email with your thoughts this would really help in preparing this item to be as relevant to those attending as possible.

The questions are:

- a) what stories/experiences can you share about what is already happening with respect to climate change in your church/community and
- b) what are the issues (positive and negative) you perceive both in the generation of emissions/energy usage etc. and solutions in your church/community.

Please could you also bring positive stories or ideas to share – even if not from your church – and if you would like to again please email Chris in advance letting him know you would be able to do this.

Chris also suggests you might like to look at the following advance – the information is useful ecumenically – just hosted on the Diocesan site.

- o at diocese environment page
<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/faith-action/environment/> with particular focus on [EcoChurch](#)
- o and diocese energy page,
<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/faith-action/energy/> with particular focus on:
[Practical Path To Net Zero](#)

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| 10 | Deemed Item – Written Farming Update. This will be made available before the meeting. | 11.45 am |
| 11 | Notices and Events https://www.devonchurchesruralforum.org.uk/whats-on/events-conferences-workshops/ | |
| 12 | AOB – please email the chair with details before the meeting if at all possible archdeacon.of.totnes@exeter.anglican.org | |
| 13 | Dates and themes of next meetings: July 2021 10 am to 12 noon date tbc at meeting Discussion of theme for the next meeting | |
| 14 | Closing Prayer | 12 noon latest |