

Devon Churches Rural Forum Agenda

Meeting 14th July 2021 – 10 am to 12 noon (max)

By Zoom

Timing Guide

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 8 th February 2021	10.15 am
5	Matters and actions arising from the last meeting (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)	
6	Main Item – The Levelling Up Agenda applied to Rural Areas	10.20 am
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the Rural Services Network Campaign “Revitalising Rural” – Graham Biggs, CEO Rural Services Network• Tackling Rural Health Inequalities in Devon – Nora Corkery, CEO Devon Communities Together• The national CofE input and response to the Levelling-up agenda– Rev’d Dr Mark Betson, National Rural Officer, Church of England• Discussion and Reflection – sharing particular experiences in different areas of rural services and life, theological reflection and observation and how can we, as churches, help?	
7	Farming	11.30 am
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Written farming updateb) Farm Visit 4th August 2021c) FCN Lammas Day Service	
8	Feedback from meetings attended	11.40 am
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Clewer meeting on Farm Welfare App and Modern Slavery – Chris Keppie, Dave Watson, Simon Leighb) Written notes - RSN meetings on Rural Health and Social Care and Rural Housing – Penny Body	
8	Notices and Events	
9	AOB – please email the chair with details before the meeting if at all possible archdeacon.of.totnes@exeter.anglican.org	11.45 am

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| 13 | Dates and themes of next meetings:

2 nd November 2021 10 am to 12 noon

Our next meeting will have a “Focus on Farming” in this year of change following Brexit and new international trade deals. We also hope to pick up previous conversations and thoughts on how the DCRF can support and enthuse vocations to rural ministry. | 11.50am |
| 14 | Closing Prayer | 12 noon latest |