

Kerrier Deanery News

November 2022 Update

‘We will work together as a deanery to enable ourselves and others to worship God.’

Deanery Synod

Kerrier Deanery Synod met in Cury Village Hall on 20th October. The major part of the meeting was to receive an update on the Deanery Plan from Archdeacon Paul and Julian Brisoce - Deanery Transitions Advisor.

*‘Much work is in progress to implement the Deanery’s Plan with the recent appointment of **Rev. Geoff Davis** as a HfD Minister for the Deanery, interviews beckoning for a **new Rural Dean** and the Vicarage in St. Keverne being prepared for an appointment of a **Pioneer Minister** later in the New Year.*

At this exciting and key time in the life of the Deanery it is important that every parish affirms the Vision for the future, supports it fully, and becomes involved in the various initiatives that are needed for a fruitful and sustainable future. The alternative, as the Deanery Plan itself points out, is that we will continue to grow old and grey, congregations shrink and the church be in danger of dying out with a consequential impact on the local community.

Synod members may have been in receipt of a paper produced by an individual from a ‘Save The Parish’ group. Unfortunately this has been inaccurate, misleading and confusing. For clarity the Deanery Plan does not mention PCCs joining together, there is no agenda regarding churchmanship - a wide variety of church tradition across the deanery is to be commended, and there is no

Transforming Mission initiative in the Deanery. It goes without saying that all of us want to 'save the parish' but how you do it is crucial. The parish isn't just a building or incumbent it is the people of our parishes themselves. The 'parish' looks different from what it looked a hundred years ago and we need to reach out and connect with our communities, the poor, the young, families, the frail and needy and share our faith with them. As has been the case for many years now, we can no longer expect or afford a vicar in each parish, we need to identify and train new ministries; all of us need to become involved in serving our parishes.

Communicating the Deanery Plan is important. It is planned to make accessible copies available in each parish church. The plan includes a summary as well as '20 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)' answering questions about the vision and the plan.

*The Deanery Implementation Team under the leadership of Julian Briscoe is meeting regularly to implement the plan. One of the first tasks for this team was to produce the deanery profile and job description for the new Rural Dean who will head up the implementation of the plan when appointed. The advert went live in October and **interviews will be held on 16th November.** The day before the interviews will be a day for the applicants to visit the deanery. Please join me in **praying for the recruitment of the Rural Dean.***

The implementation Team will now start to work on the next roles that are to be recruited to support the deanery plan.'

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Archdeacon Paul