

Benefice Review: Exciting News – Moving Ahead!

Thank you so much for all your contributions to the Benefice Review, and a particular thank you to the steering group (Roger Murphy, Amanda Le Conte and Paul Batho) which has been helping to manage the consultation process.

Three key themes have emerged and members of the clergy team have already started work on taking these forward. However, this is a project for everyone in the Benefice, so do be in touch if you would like to work with the clergy team in taking things forward – your ideas and involvement will be very warmly welcomed! It is a wonderful opportunity for us work together to help shape the direction of our benefice in the years ahead.

The three key themes which have emerged so far are:

- i. **Developing our ministry to children, families and young people:** (“young” in this context means anyone under 50!) – Revd Louise and Father Jason have started work on taking this forward;
- ii. **Developing lay ministry and training:** - we’re looking forward to getting started on this, probably after Christmas;
- iii. **Recruitment to the House for Duty post:** -Father Jason has started work on this, and is exploring options and possibilities with the Diocese and Deanery. (The house belongs to the Diocese, and the Diocese and Deanery have to approve an appointment to the post.)

Thank you again for all your thoughts and contributions so far. This is an exciting time in the life of our benefice, and we can look forward to the years ahead with confidence. If you have ideas about how we can take these themes forward, do get in touch – your input will be very grateful received. And do pray for us as a benefice, as we seek to develop our shared ministry in the years ahead.

On a practical note, we will be publishing regular updates on what’s happening in The Churn. I’m also delighted to have a chat at anytime - just be in touch.

With every blessing,
Father Jason