

## **Bede Group.**

### **What really matters and how to we serve the Budget to serve God's people?**

- In our conversation we spun our answers to these two questions together with a reflection on the deep gift and importance of the Parish.
- The experience of lock-down showed many of us the power of the Parish as means through which the local Church was able to respond to the needs of those around us.
- Not without its challenges, the Parish remains a deep gift to our Anglican identity and something we should cherish and be thankful for.
- As we look to reshape our budget there was a hope in the group that we would do so in a way which would prioritise Parish ministry – but also a recognition that we need to move from thinking about “Parish ministry” which is so often linked directly to the work of a sole Parish Priest to a more inclusive vision of the “Ministry of the Parish”.

### **How to we feel about this?**

- In equal measure excited by the opportunities we have discovered through this crisis and challenged by what will lie ahead both in the period of recovery and also in the work of “transformation”.

### **What was our hot-take?**

- Encouragement for the vision as articulated in the Synod and for the honest in the budget. Desire to see how these two will come together and work out in detail.