

## **Diocesan Synod 28 November 2020.**

### **Breakout Group: OSWIN**

- Better model for clergy – team-working
- *Opportunity* not *detail*. Pandemic has been immensely good news – had to move to team-working. Working naturally across boundaries – one body. Affirms what God is already doing.

#### **Where do you already see this happening?**

- Pamela and Janet [offering focal ministry to vacant parishes]
- MINE 5 parishes working together well. Curates licensed to all five. Youth work across five parishes – no IMD parish could do on their own.
- Online methods of digital outreach – no boundaries.
- Mutual support in Corbridge Deanery – also experimenting with focal minister model. Requires *discernment* and *training*.
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#### **What might you have to let go of?**

- Will new model take over from current benefices?
- Have to let go of what we're used to.
- Existing boundaries parish/deanery
- Role descriptors have kept us within our boundaries
- Trust people to get on with it.
- Models of *congregational* church as opposed to *parish*