



How effective will we really be?

To be honest that is partly down to you, as a member of the PCC or as the person in the pew.

The plan will be under constant scrutiny by the Deanery Mission & Pastoral Group. It will be reviewed annually at Deanery Synod. It will also be reviewed at the Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Group and Bishops Council.

But it is still only as effective as the efforts of each individual person.

We hope that something in this plan inspires you to pray for and to support the events and ongoing development.

Shared Leadership

The following people form the Deanery Leadership Team

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In addition to the above the following are members of the Deanery Mission & Pastoral Group

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*Resourcing effective ministry
for effective mission*

Axbridge Deanery is a community of thirty individual church buildings and many worshipping communities serving the places we live, work, study and play

It is our vision that as a deanery we will work together resourcing every parish for effective ministry for effective mission

We are committed to working together in co-operation wherever possible.

Identifying, training, and supporting lay ministry within local church settings and across boundaries.

Supporting those churches and communities with significant social needs, either financially or with ministerial support.

Supporting those churches and communities with significant new housing, exploring how the needs of those new areas can best be served.

Resourcing 'champions' for potential areas of need or arenas for outreach. Such as farming and agriculture, tourism, lay development, schools, social need.

Every deanery synod, chapter and mission and pastoral group is a learning environment/experience nurturing and resourcing ministry for effective mission.

What does this look like?

A deanery website to improve our communication and a regular newsletter.

A regular deanery prayer diary and a commitment to pray for each other.

Sharing of ministry across parish boundaries.

Support & training for pastoral assistants, worship leaders, youth ministry and work with schools throughout the deanery.

Recognising and encouraging leadership for those under 18 and developing leadership in the 18-30s

The development of Seasonal Street Pastors for our areas of tourism.

Gradually seeking out and resourcing "Champions" for particular areas of ministry.

Supporting the development of pioneering ministry in some of the areas with significant new housing.

Exciting and engaging synod gatherings to which all are welcome as a place of discovery and learning.

What does it mean for your parish?

As a deanery we are able to pool our resources to support the development of ministry. We have already trained over twenty lay pastoral assistants sharing in leading those courses at two different locations. And a course for lay worship leaders. In the future we hope to run similar projects for young leaders. Sometimes trying to do all this by ourselves is overwhelming and it is good to have support. On other occasions it feels right to do something as a parish or a benefice. Sometimes you may be able to offer a course or event to other parishes. It is about sharing together as a deanery whilst still maintaining our own identity in the parish system. It is still up to each PCC to develop its own mission and ministry in its own unique context.

What will it cost?

We have already raised nearly £2000 for the development of lay ministry. The bigger projects will need further grant applications. At this stage we don't envisage asking parishes to contribute from their own funds, but might be seeking support for specific fund raising events.