

The Parish Hub

Parish support will now be offered in a more cohesive way through the Parish Hub, under the new Discipleship Team. Whatever stage of discipleship a parish or benefice is in they can access help:



- to explore their vision for the future whether they are in a time of transition, are responding to a particular need or engaged in developing deanery mission plans
- to get support in making changes to buildings, advice on how to inspire giving and find additional funding for the things they want to do
- with matters which require expertise in healing, renewal, deliverance, liturgy and well-being.

Mission Enabling Group

The aim of the Mission Enabling Group is to further develop the network of those engaged in pioneering and entrepreneurial mission across the diocese.



It will help to connect those who work locally to the wider diocesan vision so that we can learn from good practice and share different approaches to how we live and tell the story of God's love in our midst.

The group will develop new initiatives to help us reach:

- **new neighbourhoods**
- **those on the margins**
- **hard to reach groups**

Deanery and Parish Mission Plans



Deaneries are being asked to develop their own local understanding of how to live and tell the story of Jesus in their deanery. Mission plans have been or are being developed so mission and evangelism are at the heart of **all** we do.

These plans need to take into account the particular strengths and challenges of the parishes and benefices within the deanery and recognise:

- We are concerned with developing the missional confidence of **all** God's people not merely making appointments for others to live and tell the story of Jesus on our behalf
- We want to continue the work of traditional Church but also make room for new ways of being church and of building the Kingdom of God in our wider communities
- This is about living **and** telling so...
 - our planning needs to reflect our engagement with the world and its needs
 - we need to know where we are making connections to people's spiritual journeys

Have your say

Deaneries have been invited to think about what resources they need. Further feedback and questions are welcome as we continue this work to shape our future, together.

Email them to shapingourfuture@bathwells.anglican.org or submit them on our website at: www.bathandwells.org.uk/shapingfeedback.



Ministry for Mission

In response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus.

A message from Bishop Ruth

Earlier this year we shared the new vision for the diocese and what we planned to prioritise in order to help us achieve this vision. To support these priorities we are making some changes that will enable us to live and tell the story of Jesus across Somerset.

Creating a new Ministry for Mission structure from the departments of Mission and School of Formation is an important step that we have taken to help us achieve our vision. It is just one of many that are being taken across the diocese. There is already significant work occurring in evangelism and mission, with deaneries and parishes preparing their own mission action plans and an active Mission Enabling Group in place.

Everyone can play their part in living and telling the story and the new Ministry for Mission teams will be working together, along with the education team, to help deaneries and parishes to do just that. They will be supporting, stimulating and encouraging individuals, parishes and deaneries - sharing their skills and providing resources.

I hope the information we have shared in this leaflet will encourage you to engage with these teams and to play your part in living and telling the story of Jesus.



Rt Rev Ruth Worsley,
Bishop of Taunton



The teams



Mission Team

The Mission Team is focused on helping to engage, inspire and enable parishes, deaneries and individuals to be outward moving, listening to and serving the common good, our communities and social justice.

The team will respond to emerging issues and develop and build relationships with new communities and marginalised groups. World Mission and Rural Life remain key parts of this team.

Mission Team Leader: David Maggs

Evangelism Team

The new Evangelism Team is concerned with telling the story of Jesus. It will stimulate and encourage clergy, ministers, parishes and deaneries in evangelism and mission to help build communities of faith that reach out and serve their communities.

In addition, the team will provide support and expertise regarding Fresh Expressions, pioneers / mission enablers and church planting.

Evangelism Team Leader:
Revd Tina Hodgett

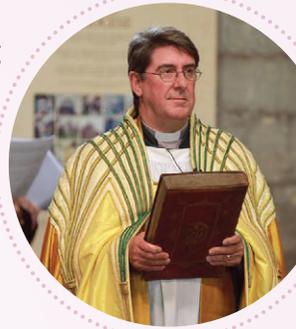


Discipleship Team

Providing support for a lifelong journey of discipleship and growth and embracing prayer and spirituality will be a priority of the Discipleship Team. The team will also ensure a range of support is available to parishes through the newly created Parish Hub.

The team will offer help in parish development, stewardship support and the experience of healing, renewal and deliverance ministry advisers.

Discipleship Team Leader: Canon Dr Graham Dodds



Vocations Team

The Vocations Team will be concerned with identifying and encouraging the gifts of all and developing new routes to lay and ordained ministry including pioneers and a wide range of vocations. The team will assess candidates for ordained ministry, support ordinands as they progress, as well as manage and develop the young vocations initiative.

Vocations Team Leader: Revd Sue Rose

Training Team

Developing and providing integrated learning opportunities using a variety of day, residential and longer learning programmes for churches, clergy, Readers and lay leaders will be the focus of the Training Team. It will also be concerned with developing learning communities around the diocese where lay and ordained can learn together.

Training Team Leader: Revd Jane Chamberlain

