

TUTBURY DEANERY: SHAPING FOR MISSION VISION.

In Autumn 2020 a Team of 16 people was formed in accordance with diocesan guidance to produce a Review of the deanery from the perspective of Mission, and on the basis of that Review to create a Vision for Mission. The Review is available on request to the Deanery Secretary or Rural Dean. This Vision document is considerably shorter!

The Team met by Zoom each month from last November with the exception of January. The Team wishes to emphasise that the Vision is for all members of the Church of England in Tutbury Deanery. A number of them were consulted during the Review process, and their responses have informed the Review and Vision. The Vision will fail if it is regarded as a blueprint just for clergy.

Following the practice of teams in a number of other deaneries, this Vision is organised in headings taken from the Diocesan Vision Prayer:

Comments are welcome on this Vision, and may be incorporated into the final version presented to the Archdeacon and the Area Bishop. It will form the basis for a Deanery Plan which will involve the Diocesan Bishop's Staff, as well as the Area Mission and Pastoral Committee and deanery representatives.

Under each of the six headings from the Diocesan Vision Prayer, responses are given to the following questions:

- 1. What is already happening and should be supported?*
- 2. What should be started?*
- 3. What should be discontinued or done in a different way?*

We are Confident in the Gospel

The Church of England in the Deanery of Tutbury seeks to

1. Continue to use digital and social media to encourage participation in the life of the church.
2. Start deanery groups for prayer, study, discussion and training, maybe with a neighbouring deanery such as Uttoxeter.
Recognise that there are expressions of church involvement other than Sunday

attendance.

3. Concentrate on the things that only the church can do, at the heart of which are the ministries of Word and Sacrament, including the 'occasional offices' of baptisms, Christian marriages and Christian funerals.

Have the confidence to change: to use (or cease to use) our buildings and resources in ways that enable mission and ministry in the present.

Adjust expectations and practices to avoid unrealistic demands on laity and clergy.

Use expertise across the deanery for administration and care of buildings.

Support national church initiatives (a) to streamline Church of England legal processes; (b) to press for further state support for the 'built heritage'.

We Know and Love our Communities

The Church of England in the Deanery of Tutbury seeks to

1. Involve laity and clergy with church schools, and state schools where possible, in a variety of ways depending on context. Work with and through Youth for Christ.
2. Bring a Christian presence to newly built residential areas. This particularly affects the parishes including St Saviour's, Branston, St Michael's, Tatenhill, and St Aidan's, Shobnall. It could involve promoting current church provision, and/or installing a resident Christian household, and/or using school premises. The emphasis would be on discovering what participants want rather than deciding what they will be offered. There is scope here for ecumenical cooperation.
3. Move to a culture which sees the church as led by laity and served by clergy.

We See God at Work in the World beyond the Church

The Church of England in the Deanery of Tutbury seeks to

1. Affirm the work of schools (see 1. in the previous section) and residential homes (see 1. in the next section).
Recognise that (hospital) chaplaincy enables people without other church connections to have contact with the Christian community.
2. Make church facilities available to people and organisations working for the good of the community, maybe without explicit Christian affiliation: eg residents groups, support services, uniformed organisations. See 1. and 2. in the next section.
Reach beyond church as commonly understood, by Christians' presence in their workplaces, social life etc.
3. Not appropriate for this section: if God is at work, we don't want the work to stop!
What should change is any attitude which sees God confined to the church.

We Reflect the Richness and Diversity of our Communities

The Church of England in the Deanery of Tutbury seeks to

1. Foster links, appropriate to the local context, with other denominations, faith groups, companies, farms, land owners, residential homes, charities, organisations etc.
Improve communications.

2. Respond to local needs: eg for church facilities to be an alternative to homes and offices as a place for working.
Respond to local interests: host events which attract people, but be clear whether the purpose is social, evangelistic or fund-raising – categories which can overlap but should not be confused.
Have more participation from 20-60 years age group.
Make contact with Afro-Caribbean and Eastern European Christians, and those for whom English is not the first language.
3. Give more weight to natural links of community or church tradition: eg between the parishes of Hanbury and Tutbury, or the neighbouring churches of St John's, Horninglow, and St Paul's, Burton. Alongside this, develop mutual knowledge and respect between traditions ('pulpit swaps' are a straightforward example of this).

We Partner with Others in Seeking the Common Good

The Church of England in the Deanery of Tutbury seeks to

1. Work with church and state schools to support families.
Develop work with and in support of the YMCA, Salvation Army, other food bank providers, Street Angels, Love Inspire and organisations in general providing for those in need.
2. Build links with other faith groups, particularly in mutual understanding and community action.
Engage with the public sector services (eg police), councils and MPs.
3. Nothing in this section should be stopped. Attitudes need to change: from being church-centric to being people-centric.

We Work for Justice as a People of Hope

The Church of England in the Deanery of Tutbury seeks to

1. Value those marginalised and speak for them – be 'courageous advocates'.
Encourage links with the developing world.
2. Establish the means for young people to be heard and involved in the life of parishes and deanery.
Speak and act on environmental issues, encouraging *ecochurch* initiatives.
Become 'dementia friendly' and (dis)ability inclusive in general.
Engage at all levels with the *Living in Love and Faith* process.
3. Nothing in this section should be stopped. Serious action should be encouraged, rather than token gestures.

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