

NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE DEANERY IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (DIT)?

There have been several changes to our DIT over the last few months that mean we now have quite a lot of news for the Deanery!

The DIT was originally led by Rev Mark James who has now left the Deanery (and the County) to work in a stipendiary post in Devon. We wish Mark all the best and happiness for him and his family in their new life.

We also had to say farewell to our Diocesan Adviser, Alan Wallace who has taken up a new post and now does not work for the Diocese. We have been very grateful to Alan for his valuable help over the last year as we work to employ a Mission Enabler for our Deanery. Alan has been replaced by Rev Steve Robinson who has come from his job as Rector of Illogan Parish. We are pleased to welcome him as part of our team and are grateful for his help.

At the beginning of June, Rev David Saunders came to work in the Deanery as Rector of the Bude Coast and Country Benefice and in September he was able to join us on the DIT. This was a huge step forward for the team and David's experience in business will be a great advantage to us.

GREAT NEWS - ST JAMES WAY

St James' Way Pilgrimage – the pilgrimage was made in July and was a very successful and enjoyable event, attracting people from across the Deanery and farther afield, including two people from elsewhere who had added it to their own pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella. The route will be added to the information for pilgrims held by Fellowship of St James and it is hoped that the Pilgrimage in our Deanery will become an annual event



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE INVOLVED?

The DIT has only 5 members and most of these currently come from the same Benefice. The reason for this is that some of those originally asked to be part of the team have had to pull out for personal reasons and now only Rev Teresa represents North Kernow and there is no-one from the Boscastle Group of Churches.. We desperately want to remedy this and invite anyone who would like to join the DIT - particularly from these Benefices - to contact us as soon as possible by emailing strattondeanerydit@gmail.com

GREAT NEWS - MISSION ENABLER

Progress on the Mission Enabler Post

We advertised the Mission Enabler post at the end of last year and were happy to attract a very suitable candidate who was appointed but then had to withdraw for family reasons. This was a great disappointment but then it turned out that Rev Mark James was leaving about the same time and this made a big difference to the state of readiness of the Deanery to become an employer anyway.

As the Deanery is not a legal entity able to be an employer, one of the DIT's jobs has been to establish a Community Interest Company to be known as Stratton Deanery Community Interest Company (CIC). This has proved to be a far more arduous task than anyone expected but seems to be nearly ready now.

Rev David Saunders has agreed to be the Managing Director of the CIC and this means that we can now engage HR and Payroll services in order to become an employer for the Mission Enabler's Post. (Phew)

As a result we intend to formally readvertise the post at the beginning of October with the hope that a successful candidate may be able to start work assisting parishes across the Deanery in January 2025.



CALLING ALL PARISHES

It would be really helpful to have a named contact per Parish to help coordinate the distribution of the forthcoming newsletters and also act as a spokesperson to share what is happening in your parish or, indeed what you would like to happen. Could that be you? If so please will you contact us at strattondeanerydit@gmail.com

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Who's paying for the Mission Enabler?

The Mission Enabler Post is being financed by the Truro Diocese Lower Income Communities Fund (LICF) and this has been available to us since 2023. As we did not use this money last year, the Deanery obtained permission to share the funds drawn down (£24,000) between the parishes as a one off payment for the sole purpose of supplementing their MMF Payments for 2024. This money has been distributed now and should be paid into the MMF in addition to the usual payments that parishes are making. If no appointment is made in 2024 to fill the Mission Enabler's post, suggestions will be sought for ways to spend this year's LICF funding on new development projects in the Deanery

ACTION GROUPS

The Action Groups set up to implement the Deanery Plan are still working on the plans that we made during On the Way and the DIT is reporting on progress to the Diocese quarterly. If your group has any new initiatives to report please get in touch on the DIT email. The Groups are

- Prayer
- Families and Children -
- Becoming an Outward Looking Church
- Welcome
- International Links (final report done)
- Buildings and Governance
- St James Way (See report on page 1)

Most recently the Spirituality Group have organised several Festival Worship and Quiet Days and a Learning Event with Rev Howard Peskett entitled Trusting God in Troubled Times. Please support these events wherever possible. Your secretaries always receive full details in advance for display in your churches