

Deanery Mission Priorities

1. Which 3 mission priorities has your church engaged with recently?

1. Serving the community/ social action partnership	2. The ministry of welcome	3. Worship in a mission context	4. Spiritual vitality	5. Collaborative leadership development	6. Equipping Christians for mission	7. Working on outreach to:	church leavers	those searching for spirituality	teenagers to 35	men
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2. From those 3 areas, what experience could you share with the wider deanery?

MP1

- Money available through civic authorities, Sure Start & Extended School's Partnership. Capital funding and funding for activities. City Council very willing to work with churches who can provide premises and volunteers; they provide funding. Rich in terms of developing partnership & cross-institutional relationships, building trust. St Margaret's, Aspley; Bestwood
- Support group for families of serving soldiers. People gather and share experiences - St Mary's Bulwell
Wollaton; Cinderhill; Bilborough & Strelley
- Very good links to the primary school, linking into education projects. Wollaton - Toddlers group. Carers group. Coffee morning in comm. centre builds links to non-church people.
- Bilborough - Carers support group, grown from ground level need.
- Bestwood & Top Valley - Tots for toys, leafleting special areas. Meals and social events.
- Cinderhill - Services in community & residential homes.
- St Mary's Bulwell; Bestwood Park; St Martha's Broxtowe. Interaction with neighbourhood managers.
- The Church on Rise Park - Luncheon club – who to link with in the local authority. Reordering – how to make church more of a useable space; St Mark's, Bestwood - How to get funds from grants etc.

MP3

- Messy church - St Catherine's Cossall;
- Home from Home, Sunday morning open house - Fresh expression. Bestwood.
- Top Valley, St Phillips - Looking for a venue – pitfalls of doing this/legalities – on-going project so could advise to a point but any previous experience would be welcomed.
- St Aidan's, Basford - going in to residential homes and complexes; need for team and selection of hymns etc.

MP5

- Collaborative leadership. Cinderhill; Bestwood; Top Valley & Bilborough – Diocesan Certificate course. Regular meetings with worship leaders. Rotas. Wollaton – sharing skills with others.
- Top Valley, St Phillips - Active engagement in the Diocesan certificate from past successors. Ministry of encouragement to get people to participate in courses to help in collaborative ministry.

MP7

- Wollaton – Men and children’s group. Cinderhill – Father’s Day barbecue. Bilborough – new appointment of children and youth worker. New Children’s service. Wollaton; Cinderhill; Bestwood Top Valley & Bilborough – Courses e.g. Emmaus, Start.
- St Martha’s Broxtowe – specialist youth worker; based in church building; encouraging life skills.
- St Margaret’s Aspley – ‘Dads & Lads’ on Saturday morning.
- St Martin’s, Bilborough - Working in partnership with local community centre in joint ventures and communication
- Wollaton - Experience of developing Posada in schools and families in the run up to Christmas. Light-touch evangelism that works to help non-church & de-churched families think about the meaning of Christmas.
- Bestwood Park – developing links with City Council, leading to involvement in Christmas Light celebration. Links with neighbourhood team.
- St Patrick’s Nuthall – monthly group tea club for housebound and disabled with transport provided. Different groups providing the tea each month. Includes speaker.
- Men’s breakfast monthly; Saturday morning, men do cooking, includes speaker.
- St Leonard’s Wollaton – Dads & Toddlers – monthly. Bacon cobs included. Quality is important.
- St Mary’s Bulwell – armed forces support group.
- All Saints – church magazine.
- St Mary’s – prayer group delivering prayer cards.
- St Martha’s Broxtowe – specialist youth worker; based in church building; encouraging life skills.

3. In what kind of format do you need things, in order for them to be useful e.g. website, personal speaker, day conference?

- Please could Rachel Shock keep a directory of specialisms and we could applyI like my info one-to-one so I’d invite specialists to come to me or I go to them.
- Snail mail for those not computer literate. Observing good practice. Personal speaker for specifics and interaction is good.
- One to one contact in person or phone call or mentoring. Where is the place for ecumenical partners?
- The new newsletter is a good way forward, very accessible. It would be improved by adding contact details to each article.

- Short summary and contact name etc. Website. Occasional issue of a list of initiatives (yearly) (one line statements) & contacts.
- Day conferences – not efficient use of time – can only take so much. Personal speaker/visiting projects – really useful. Then good to be able to read about it as well. Central pot of information (could be deanery website) to see if someone else is doing something similar. People all work in different ways.
- Day conference good for exchange of views – need to get together at some point. How about a half day ending with lunch.
- Number of emails from Deanery can be overwhelming.
- Internet/website
- Personal contact/speaker
- Newsletter but concerns about the cost
- Chat room
- Email via Rachel

4. In the light of the discerned mission priorities, how would you like to use the next 3 synods?

- A talk/sharing of experiences/successes of the joining together of different areas of faiths/denominations. Uniting as Christians. (Some churches are close to each other in proximity but different as Christians.) At a previous meeting we discussed number 7 in detail and were split into focus groups for all – have we got more info/experiences/how to do it well on this / what's happened?
- Meeting of congregations – afternoon tea, supper getting to know other church congregations.
- Opening up areas our churches haven't particularly addressed. What has happened to deanery business? Clusters? Feels there is something missing.
- Parochial involvement in the formation of new liturgy especially that being discussed by the Liturgical Commission for children.
- Synod should be the place that grassroot Anglican Christians can make their voices heard at Diocesan and General Synods.
- More visiting speakers at the synods.
- Group prayer time
- More information (outreach)
- More press relations (advertising)
- More ideas on fund raising
- Meeting in a non-church venue. E.g. The Stadium, New Basford
- Deanery Synod open to anybody as well as deanery synod reps. – to generate more interest in things deanery.
- Deanery quiz
- Social event e.g. summer to get North & South closer together – include Jerry in the stocks!
- Short slots on best practice
- Speakers on key topic – partly links to best practice above.
- Disability issues
- Men's ministry
- Leadership development – identification of skills
- - And use of laity

- Our group have appreciated sharing stories and being valued, being seen as people with experience and expertise to offer the community and with dreams to share. Now we would like an evening on one focus with input from someone with acknowledged and broad and deep experience in one of our areas of mission priorities.