

The Ministry of Welcome and Worship in a Mission Context

Deanery Mission Plan – The Focus

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

As you can see the Ministry of Welcome and Worship in a Mission Context were very high on our list of priorities. **What experience does your church have to share in these areas?**

The Ministry of Welcome concerns ways in which we express a welcome to newcomers and occasional attendees as well as to our regular members.

Worship in a Mission Context is looking at those moments when our churches connect with those outside the Christian community in acts of public worship. For example Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Harvest, Mothering Sunday, Fathers' Day, Remembrance etc

We know that there are many creative and interesting ideas being worked on in our Parishes and we want to **share good practice**. That is why we are looking to produce a **Resources Booklet** and have a **special Synod meeting with Bishop Tony** in October where parishes can show case their ideas and share their experiences.

Listing your experience in these areas at a PCC meeting would be a really good exercise or discuss it with other Deanery Representatives from your church and send the information to Anne Walters.

We would like to have a **contact for each Church** who can connect other churches to the person they require. A Church office is ideal but failing that a named person plus telephone number.

Anne Walters (0115 9841551) and Keith Wood are working on this project. Please ring if you have any queries or if you would like to be part of the team producing the booklet.

Thank you to the ten churches from the two Deaneries who have responded so far. We are looking forward to many more in the **next couple of weeks**.

E forms are available from Rachel in the Deanery Office
nottinghamdeaneries@googlemail.com or we have hard copies here this evening.