

Deanery Synod Thursday 10th October 2024 – Discussion Responses

<p>If you had questions for Deanery Synod what would it be?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Are we prepared to give up our Parish sovereignty? ✚ What will happen to a Parish that finds itself unable to contribute to the Parish share? ✚ We need guidance on amount of Parish contribution and leadership for our PCC ✚ Can we have a better way of co-ordinating and communicating the services across the whole Launde MC? ✚ How interested are Parishes in collaborating together ✚ Pastoral care – how? ✚ How many services on a Sunday are priests expected to take? Some take 4 on a Sunday (coverage would increase) 	<p>One opportunity?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Have Minster Community-wide giving/ Stewardship campaign ✚ Reestablish ourselves as a Benefice as through interregnum ✚ Now we are at a crossroads this creates the opportunity to look at patterns of worship differently ✚ To engage more with our local community ✚ Leadership organising services and ministry across all the parishes ✚ Opportunity of moving around to other parishes. ✚ Shared services could offer Holy Communion for more people ✚ People to travel and mix in fellowship. ✚ Developments of relationships with families, baptisms, weddings etc
<p>One concern?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Message of Minster Community needs promoting ✚ Will people travel? ✚ Our concern is the loss of a service every Sunday so fewer would attend church. Only a few would go to another village. ✚ If local church has no service it will close ✚ Stress on Oversight Minister ✚ That we are becoming a much less sacramental church ✚ Maintenance of buildings. ✚ Seasonal challenges ✚ Small congregation ✚ Not everyone is Church of England ✚ Expanding financial demands on congregations 	<p>One hope?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Greater awareness of pastoral needs ✚ Draw in younger people - as we are getting old ✚ Our Benefice has a history of working together and we can build on that ✚ Developing a missional strategy of growth and renewal ✚ Our young people through our schools. One hope is that our retired priests keep going! God is on the throne and loves His church ✚ Our hope is that we can attract more people and therefore maintain weekly services ✚ That churches who currently only have one or two services per month would be more enthused to engage in “self led” services