

Launde Minster Community Working Groups

Proposal: For the Deanery Minster Community to form several informal groups of parishes and / or benefices who will work collectively to:

- ensure good coverage of ministry, mission and church services across the group
- help parishes implement and review Diocesan and Minster Community decisions
- enable good levels of shared local pastoral care
- encourage one another
- enable cross parish working in all areas of church life
- help the Minster Community remain something that is for the local parish

Every group would have at least one named priest who accompanies the churches in it, together with a steering group of named lay people and PCC representatives from every parish.

How often would these groups meet?

These groups would gather at least twice a year with Area Deans, Clergy, Lay leaders and PCCs (whole PCCs where possible)

They would meet for hospitality, worship and to plan service schedules and special events together. They would review converge of pastoral care and highlight any training or future needs.

Meeting in this way would provide a forum for reviewing service patterns, it would be an opportunity to share good practice (what is working and what could be developed) and plan ahead.

Attention would be paid to:

- Key festivals, especially if there are opportunities for parishes to collaborate
- Any new initiatives that may be starting and how they might be shared
- How the churches in the group can grow in support of one another

How would these relate to the wider Deanery Minster Community?

Deanery Synod

At each Synod we will review our direction as a Minster Community and it will remain the key link to Diocesan and National Synod.

Minster Community Oversight Group

This group made up of ordained and lay from the Minster Community meets monthly on ZOOM to review our progress as a Minster Community. It is broadly representative of the wider Minster Community and will continue to offer feedback to the diocese.

Local PCCs

These remain foundational for parish life. In time we could explore developing the groups to become Joint Church Councils where appropriate, but that would need to be driven by the groups and PCCs themselves.

Monthly Community of Practice at Launde Abbey

A monthly gathering open to all those in positions of authority, leadership and influence in our churches to study scripture and pray together.