

DEANERY NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2023

HELLO FROM REV'D MICHAEL



Rev'd Michael Johnson, who joins us in January as our new Rural Dean and Strategic Lead, trained in business management, theology and theatre, and has applied all three to his work for the Church. He will be arriving in Cornwall with his wife, Yulia, and their daughters, Polina (7) and Milana (5), having worked with a team of churches in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

He was previously Creative Mission Enabler for the Sonning deanery (Oxford diocese) and has been inspired to accept this role in East Wivelshire because of this deanery's commitment to change, to reorganise, to connect, to serve, to welcome and to grow together.

Michael and his family will live in St Germans, but he looks forward to joining all 19 parishes as we journey together on The Saints Way.

UPDATE ON DEANERY WORKSTREAMS

Pastoral reorganisation & recruitment

The proposal for Rame & Rivers churches has been sent to the Church Commissioners for issue and public consultation.

The advert for the Oversight Minister for Saltash Area is 2nd January and the advert for the Kit Hill Oversight Minister will be published in January with the advert for the Pioneer Minister shortly after. Revd Michael will be scoping the role for the 3 term Schools Chaplains as a priority. Sadly, we also need to recruit another CAP Debt Coach for the Callington area postcodes.

Governance - Deanery Synod

Is meeting on **Thursday 14th December at St Nicholas & St Faith in Saltash**. Please ensure your Deanery Reps are aware and able to attend this meeting as there are important matters to discuss including the requirement for a Charitable Interest Company (CIC) or Organisation (CIO).

Finance

A final plea for churches to meet their MMF call for 2023 or please contact Sophie Eddy if you have not already done so. Clearly, until we have the outcome from 2023 it is difficult to complete work on the allocations for 2024 – which should be with Finance by the 11th of this month! These funds are paying a basic overhead for Church House costs and our much-reduced level of clergy and failure to meet the call jeopardises our additional LICF and Mission funding.

.... .AND GOODBYE FROM ME

This is my last Newsletter as Chair of the DIT and I would sincerely like to thank you for the privilege of serving your Deanery. I had not intended to “abandon ship” so abruptly but need to step back with cancer treatment imminent.

I have developed a real care and passion for each of the 3 proposed Benefices and leave you with my prayers that God's work will flourish slowly but surely in East Wivelshire and that our Rural Dean and your new incumbents will inherit the harvest of skills and creativity that I have seen over the past 12 months.

Jenny Bushrod

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