

East Wivelshire Deanery

Love God, Serve People, Make Disciples

NEXT STEPS
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LATEST NEWS

In November, we heard from the church commissioners, that subject to a couple of formalities the pastoral scheme to create the Rame and Rivers Benefice has been approved. Here is the official announcement:

Proposals affecting the benefices of Maker with Rame, Millbrook, St John and Torpoint; and St Germans with Antony and Sheviock in the diocese of Truro

As representations were received against the draft scheme, the matter was considered by the Commissioners' Mission, Pastoral & Church Property Committee on 6th November 2024.

The Committee decided that the Scheme should be allowed to proceed notwithstanding the representations made against it. A full statement of reasons for that decision will follow, hopefully by mid-December.

This is very good news for the people and parishes across the benefice, who have already started to work together with Revd. Jo Northey, who will be the incumbent of the new benefice.

Picking up this momentum the pastoral scheme to create the other two benefices in the deanery will go out for consultation very shortly.



DEANERY PLAN PRIORITIES

Deanery plan priorities for 2025.

The deanery implementation team have agreed the following areas of work should be out top priorities in 2025:

- Discipleship
- Supporting & Developing Lay Leaders
- The Heart of the Community
- Children, Young People, Families, Schools

Upcoming Events...

Dates for Deanery Synod

- 30th January

Bishop Cornish School.

Starting at 7.30 p.m.

doors open at 7:15start

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In More Detail...

The proposed pastoral scheme to form the new 'Rame and Rivers' benefice has been approved by the Church Commissioners. As representations were received against the draft scheme, the matter was considered by the Commissioners' Mission, Pastoral & Church Property Committee on 6th November 2024. The Committee decided that the Scheme should be allowed to proceed notwithstanding the representations made against it. A full statement of reasons for that decision will follow very soon.

The new benefice includes the current benefices of Maker with Rame, Millbrook, St John and Torpoint; and St Germans with Antony and Sheviock. This is very good news, since it is one of the cornerstones of our Deanery Plan.

And as agreed in our Deanery Plan, the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee has now written the draft proposal for the pastoral scheme to form two new benefices of 'Kit Hill' (including all of the Callington Cluster and most of the Tamar Valley group, except Landulph) and 'Kernow Gateway' (including all of the Saltash team plus Landulph).

Before deciding on its recommendations to the Bishop, the Committee is required to ascertain the views of all the interested parties. The Committee will consider the views of all interested parties before coming to a final decision on what, if any, recommendations it should make to the Bishop. It is worth remembering that we agreed to this proposal in principle as part of our Deanery Plan. But PCCs and other interested parties now have the chance to see the draft proposal in full, in order to comment on any details before they are approved by the Bishop's Council. Please ask your PCC secretary if you wish to see the draft and make any feedback you may have as soon as possible.

"The Deanery Implementation Team agreed on four priorities from the Deanery Plan for 2025:

1. Discipleship – in the coming year, there will be a number of opportunities for people to explore faith further, at various stages of the Christian journey, from preparation for baptism, for newcomers to church, for children and schools, and for those who have been Christians for many years and want to explore further.
2. Community Engagement – Working with experienced facilitators, we will be encouraging parishes to discover the needs and aspirations of people in our surrounding communities. We want people to see the relevance, the importance and the value of the church in community life. That requires listening on our part, before we respond and speak out.
3. Children, Young People, Families and Schools – We currently have one Families Worker in the deanery and plan to expand this team, using Mission Funding available through our deanery plan. First we need to be clear about the vision, what we want to see happening for younger generations in and through our churches. Then we plan to appoint a team who can help us achieve that vision by working together.
4. Supporting and Training Lay Leaders – the life of all our churches depends so much on the gifts and skills of and a large number of Licensed Lay Leaders, Readers and clergy who have the Bishop's permission to officiate. There will be regular gatherings for mutual support and a range of opportunities to develop skills further.

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