

Resourcing the Future of Ministry in the Deanery

With the courage of Joshua and Caleb

(Numbers 13-14)

Where are we?

Recognising the loss

Acknowledging vacancies

Taking stock of where God is in this

Celebrating who we are

Thankful for what we have

Re-imagining a different way of being the local church

Shared Local Ministry - Next steps

Deanery Plan by June 2024

Reflective work at Parish, Chaplaincy, New Christian Community and Benefice Levels

Developing a Strategic Overview of Ministry in the Deanery by the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group

Decision making at Deanery Synod

Values

Working urgently and slowly

Prayerful listening and discernment

Grace, love, faith and forgiveness

Encouragement and hope

Practicalities

Vacancies

Boundaries

Defining roles and responsibilities

Variety of configurations

Shared Local Ministry

Caleb and Joshua

Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it

The Others

We are not able to go up against this people, for they are stronger than we are