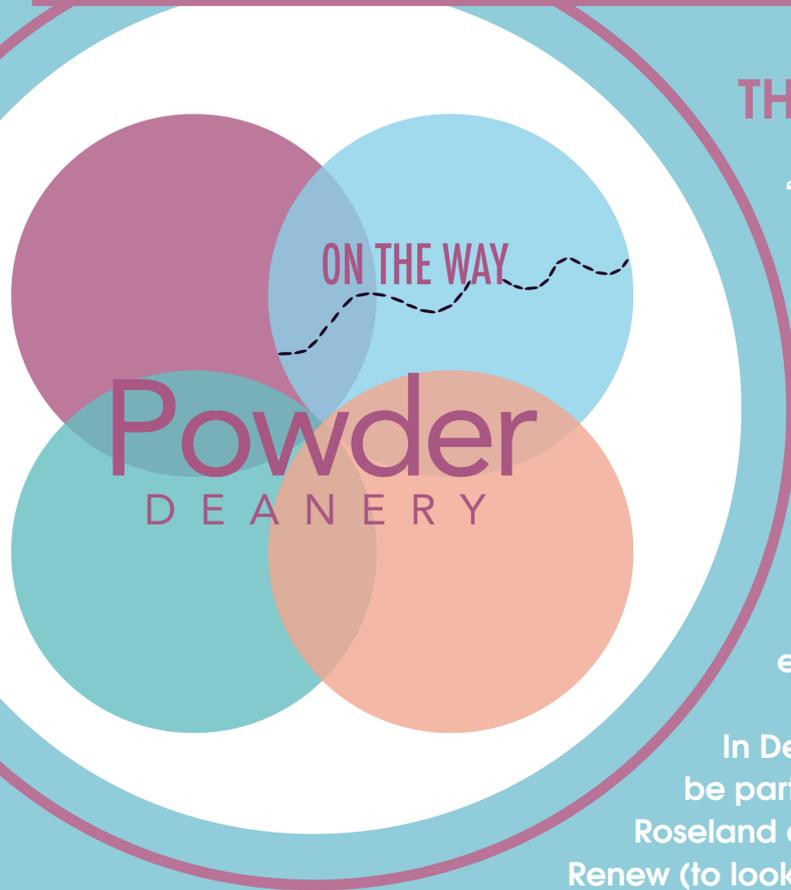


On The Way

Update No3.



THE STORY SO FAR

'On the Way' is the Diocese of Truro's response to making the church both fruitful and sustainable in every place. 'On The Way' is an opportunity to help us work better together and to discern the future for the church in our area. This process will help us address the reality that we cannot indefinitely 'live beyond our means' as a deanery. The process will allow us to reflect on all we currently do and to prayerfully seek God's will for our future. This is an opportunity to look at all we do with fresh eyes.

In December '21 we asked for people to volunteer to be part of the 'On The Way' team in their area (Probus, Roseland and two separate groups for Truro: one for Truro – Renew (to look at renewing the life of existing churches) and Truro – Pioneer (to look at pioneering new initiatives). In January the teams came together to start their work. Now they are consulting with local churches and communities, listening to what is happening in each of our churches.

Watch out for the date of a consultation for your church, think and pray about what insights you would want to contribute and then let the team know. The members of the teams are listed below. Read on for more information.

PRAYING AND LISTENING TOGETHER

The intention in this phase is to listen to PCCs, to church members and to the wider community, To hear what they are saying about how they think the church can be both fruitful and sustainable into the future.

The Bishops have laid down six criteria for each of what it means to be fruitful and to be sustainable and more details of this can be found on the Powder Deanery website under the section labelled "An outline from Bishop Hugh".

For more information about 'On The Way' in Powder visit www.powderdeanery.org

THE NEXT STEPS

After this time of listening, the feedbacks will be reported to an open meeting of the Deanery Synod on 28th February, 7:30pm at The Old Cathedral School, Truro. Everyone is welcome to this meeting and it will provide an opportunity for all to hear what is emerging and to provide further input to the teams. More details of this meeting will be given in a further update.

The next step (during March) is for the teams to take all that is being said and to prayerfully begin to build their plans for their local areas. The teams will need to consider the realities of what is truly sustainable. They will be looking at our financial resources, as well as our buildings and the different resources we have in our churches.

To co-ordinate and bring together the work of the four teams, a central leadership team led by Revd Marc Baker (the Rural Dean) will then seek prayerfully to discern common threads and bring together the different plans. They will work towards drafting a single plan for the deanery as a whole that will meet the Bishops' criteria. As well as the Rural Dean, this team includes our On The Way advisors, the chairs of the four local teams and an Executive Officer to support the group administratively.

SO HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

Prayerfully consider the life of your own local church and others in your area, thinking about what might need to change in order to ensure fruitfulness and sustainability into the future. Find out when the consultation in your church or local area is taking place and graciously contribute to the discussion. Pray for the next steps as we begin to build our plans. We all know that staying as we are is not an option.

Finally you might want to join the team of people praying for the On The Way process in our Deanery. You can sign up to do that at our website.

WHO ARE IN THE LOCAL TEAMS?

Probus Group

Team Leader: William Trinick. **Team Adviser:** Andy Harris. Revd Joaquim Foot, Revd Paul Salaman, Caroline Cudmore, Bryan & Sally-Jane Coode, Michael Edwards, Scott Hall.

Roseland Group

Team Leader: Claire Burgess. **Team Adviser:** Lindsey Morgan-Lundie. Revd Doug Robins, Simon Taurins, Penny Leach, Kay Robinson, Rachel Tregunna, Revd. Emma Durose.

Truro – Renew

Team Leader: Revd Karen Wilson. **Team Adviser:** Andy Harris. Revd Marc Baker, Jonny Alford, Liz Davies, Anthea Lovelock, Pam Miller.

Truro - Pioneer

Team Leader: Revd Jeremy Putnam. **Team Adviser:** Lindsey Morgan-Lundie, Martin Handford, Rachael Harpur, Erica Payne, Robin Mitchell, Joff Phipps.

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