



Forest South Deanery

Deanery Synod

18 October 2022

Agenda

1. Prayers
2. Introduction to Keith – Chris
3. The DSP:
 - a. Aims, process and current status in the diocese – Keith
 - b. What has happened in Forest Deanery – Chris
 - c. Q&A/comments
4. Reflections on the deanery and its parishes/churches post-Covid – discussion
5. Plenary, next steps, inc. membership of steering group.
6. Prayer and close

A close-up photograph of a hand in a dark suit jacket with a white cuff, moving a black chess piece (a knight) on a chessboard. The chessboard is partially visible with several pieces in play, including a white king and a white pawn. The background is dark and out of focus.

Deanery Strategic Planning

Objectives

Facilitate and support the deaneries of Gloucester Diocese in developing strategies/mission action plans for each of the deaneries for the period to 2026 that:

- Build on the work to date
- Enable mission
- Support collaboration
- Are consistent with the diocesan LIFE vision
- Assume one fewer stipendiary post

Outputs and outcomes

Workable, practical plans for each deanery

Strengthened relationships and trust within deaneries

Local “ownership”

Energy, enthusiasm and direction in deanery activities

The headings – statements required on...

1. The purpose of the deanery within the mission and ministry of the church

2. The values and desired culture of the deanery – and the preferred behaviours

3. The issues and challenges – “the future you are currently in

4. Assessment of the threats and opportunities afforded by the environment

5. How the plan takes account of the diocesan vision and challenges

6. A vision (description of) of the preferred future

7. A set of activities which will be required to realise the vision (the strategy)

8. Implications for resources – people and finances

9. Roles and responsibilities (who will do what)

10. Risks and success factors

Key phases

Development of draft
plan – hypothesis

Engagement of
deanery and diocese

Finalisation of plan

Implementation

Current state of play

Three deaneries are in the engagement phase

Three will be soon

Three still have to shape the draft plan

Timing and activities

Activity	Timing
1. Completing the development of good draft plans	By the end of November 2022
1. Engagement with Bishop's Staff and the College Green team	Between the completion of the draft plan and the end of January 2023
1. Engagement of deaneries	Between the completion of the draft plan and the end of February 2023
1. Completion and implementation	After the end of the engagement activities, aiming for implementation from Easter 2023 onwards