# The Bruton and Cary Deanery Mission Plan

### The Diocesan Vision:

In response to God's immense love for us we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus.

#### Three Priorities:

- To place mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do
- To realign our ministry resources towards mission
- To identify, develop and use the gifts of all our people

## Deanery Mission Planning:

- Deaneries are seen as having a key role to play in implementing these three priorities at a local level.
- The Deanery Mission Plan is a tool to help deaneries do this.
- Each deanery was asked to produce its own Mission Plan to reflect local priorities.
- The Challenge to produce a Deanery Mission Plan by September 2017.

## Deanery Mission Planning Group

The DMPG was formed in October 2016 to produce the Deanery Mission Plan.

- Revd Liz Mortimer Rural Dean Castle Cary and Ansford
- Rob Sage (Deputy) Lay Chair Alham Vale
- Revd Tristram Rae Smith The Camelot Parishes
- Revd Justin Bailey Bruton and District
- Buff Powell Reader The Six Pilgrims
- Peter Ebsworth Cam Vale
- Patrick Mileham The Camelot Parishes
- Linda Mumford Milborne Port
- Colin Watkins Wincanton

## Deanery Questionnaire:

A questionnaire was sent out to parishes in December 2016.

- Where are the places in your community where your local church is missing the opportunity to show God's love in action and to tell the story of Jesus?
- What would help and enable your local church to take these opportunities?
- What do you think are the main priorities for your church for the next five years?

## Deanery Audit:

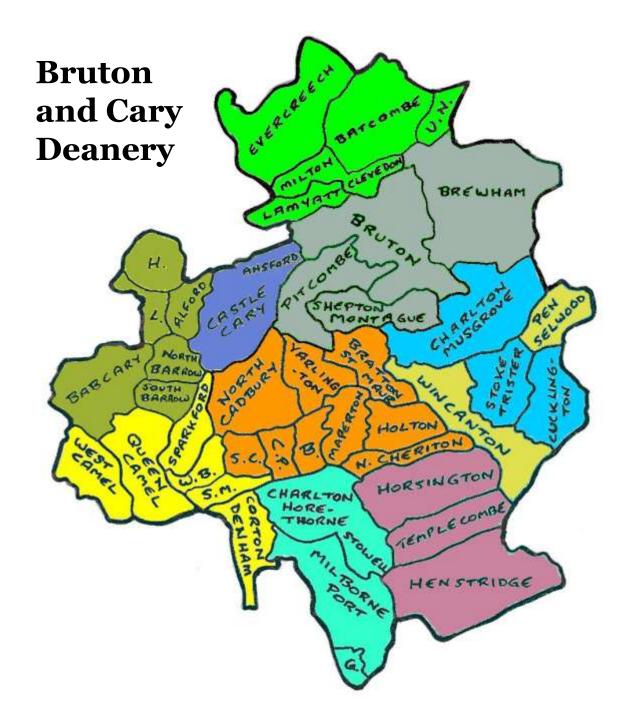
Each benefice was asked to complete an audit to give an accurate picture of our communities including:

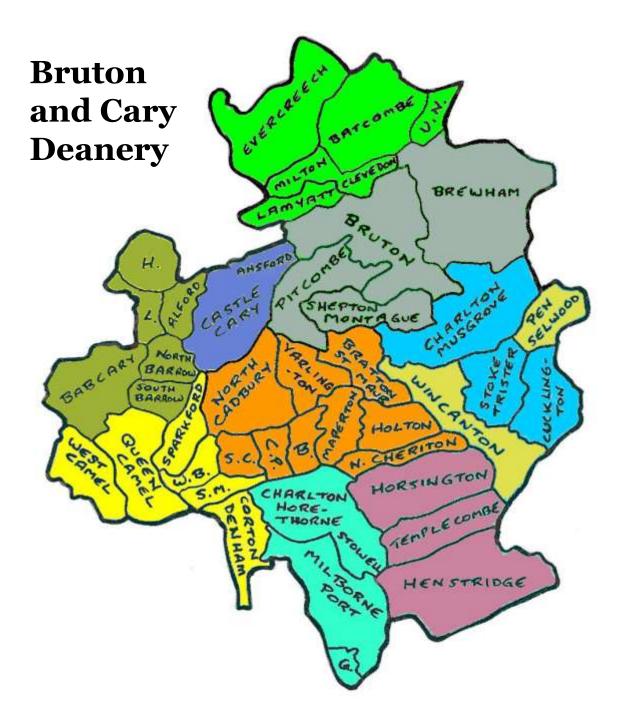
- Numbers of parishes and church buildings
- People numbers of clergy, Readers and other lay ministers and officers
- Community facilities schools, pubs & restaurants, shops, village halls, leisure facilities, GPs and care homes
- Details of transport, population, employment and new housing

## Deanery Map:

In February and March 2017 the DMPG put the information gained from the Audit onto a Deanery Map.

This was to gain an idea of where the facilities, resources and needs were in the Deanery.

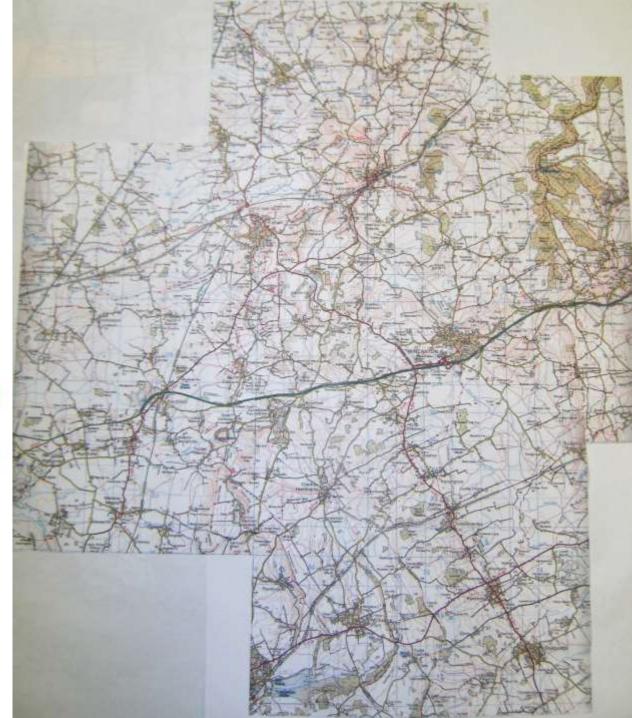




- 42 Parishes
- 50 churches
- 10/11 benefices
- mostly multiparish benefices
- some small towns
- mainly villages
- some very small pop. ≤ 100
- a few "large" churches - 4 with a Membership of 70-100
- more very small 18 churches with
  Membership ≤ 10

# Deanery Map:





## Deanery Map:

#### The key to the Deanery Map:

Care homes – orange dots

Community facilities – green dots •

Farms & agriculture − red triangles ▲

Industrial - orange strips

Leisure facilities – brown stars

Medical facilities – yellow circles

Nurseries/playgroups -

green squares

Public services – blue triangles

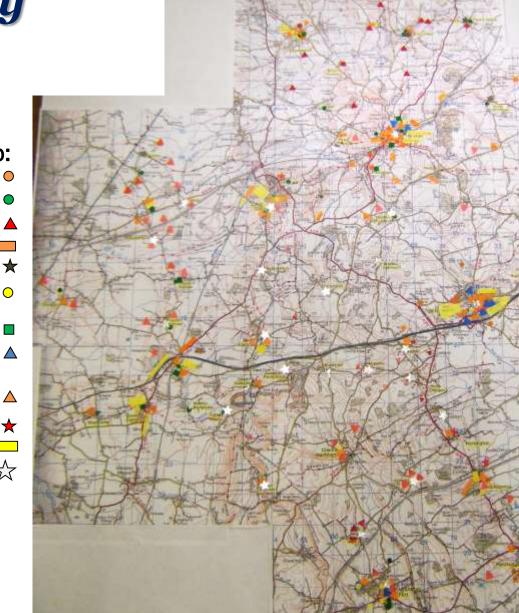
Pubs/restaurants -

orange triangles

Schools - red stars

Shops - yellow strips

Churches - silver stars

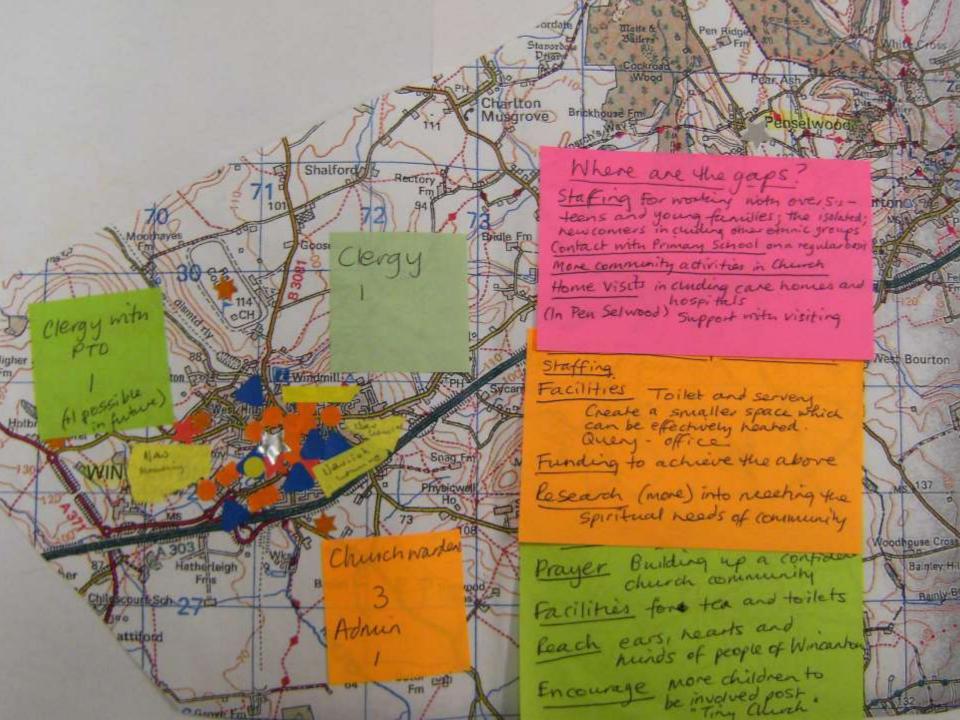




## Adding Notes to the Map:

We then added notes giving the people resources in each benefice and the results of the questionnaire:

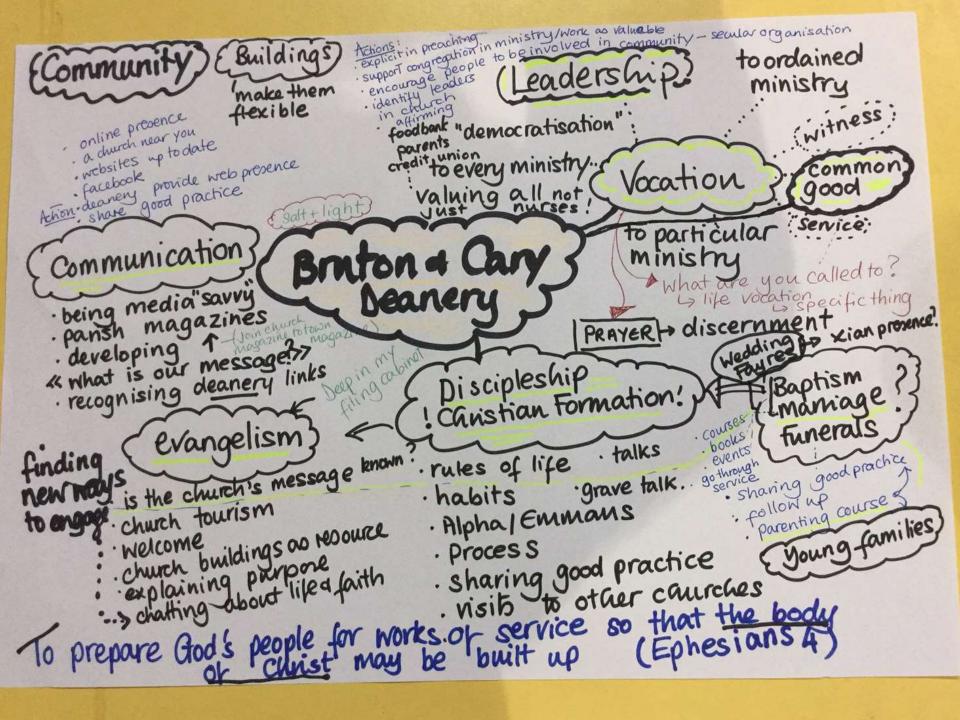
- Where are the gaps?
- What would help?
- What are your priorities?



## Deanery Mission Plan:

The Mission Planning Group then drew together the ideas that developed from:

- the questionnaire
- the audit
- the production of the map
- and the Deanery Synod session in June 2016 where we discussed the Diocesan strategy and in particular signs of hope and things that frustrate in our churches.



## Deanery Mission Plan:

The priorities that formed the Deanery Mission Plan were taken from the questionnaire results and the resulting discussions. The DMPG divided them into five categories:

- Vocation
- Evangelism
- Community
- Christian Formation
- Communication

## Deanery Mission Plan:

The Deanery Mission Planning Group (DMPG) met with clergy Chapter to draw up a Mission Plan.

It was decided to produce a two part Plan -

- a brochure of aspirations and priorities for all the churches of the Deanery to consider; and
- a supporting document of initiatives to be undertaken by the Deanery to assist with these aspirations

### Mission Plan Brochure:

The brochure was intended to go to every congregation to help them discern what God is calling them to do.

**Every church in the Deanery is different:** 

- Some of the aspirations in the Plan will be realities for some churches
- Not every church will be expected to do everything
- Every church should consider what God is calling it to do.

## Supporting the Mission Plan:

Part Two of the Deanery Mission Plan gives details of the ways in which the Mission Plan will be supported at the Deanery level.

This aims to give specific, measureable targets, that are realistic and attainable within a specified timescale.

## Supporting the Mission Plan:

#### Promoting our existing links with Zambia

We will do this by	Organising an event for those across the Deanery involved or interested in Zambia links
We will know it is done when	The event takes place
In order to do this, we need	Organisers and a venue – possibly in Milborne Port where there is an active Zambia group
In order for this to work, we expect	People to respond to Deanery publicity (via website) and personal invitation
The timescale for this is	July 2018
This will be championed by	Linda Mumford (lindamumford440@gmail.com)

## The "Champions":

- Revd Sarah Godfrey Supporting those called to licensed ministry
- Linda Mumford Promoting links with Zambia
- Revd Tristram Rae Smith Supporting and Exploring Lay Ministry
- Rob Sage Deanery Website
- Philip Skelhorn Using our Buildings to Illuminate our Faith
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