

Formation

We will support discipleship by

- ◆ Reaching out to young families through services, events and Messy Church
 - ◆ Working with schools
- ◆ Supporting families through preparation and follow-up of baptisms, weddings (including attending Wedding Fairs) and funerals
- ◆ Enabling and supporting prayer, study and discussion groups
- ◆ Preaching and teaching the word of God in a clear and explicit way

Communication

We will engage with each other and with the local and wider communities by

- ◆ Recognising and strengthening links between the benefices of the Deanery
- ◆ Learning from and sharing good practice with other churches
- ◆ Using parish magazines and other community publications effectively
 - ◆ Using online media well: up-to-date websites (including entries on achurchnearyou.com) and active Facebook pages

Living and Telling The Story in Bruton and Cary Deanery

Very truly, I tell you that if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. John 16. 23-24

Planning for Mission

Our vision is to support and encourage our churches in this deanery in their discernment of, and engagement with, what God is calling them to be. Some of this plan is already a reality in some parishes; some is aspiration. Our aim is to provide help with both and to undertake new supporting initiatives across the Deanery. A more detailed plan is the document **Supporting the Deanery Mission Plan**, which has been sent to all PCCs.

Vocation

We will help people to discern what God is calling them to do by

- ◆ Committing to pray for and worship with each other
- ◆ Recognising and developing potential leaders in our church communities, both personally and through available courses
- ◆ Exploring and supporting lay ministry
- ◆ Supporting those who are being called to ordained ministry.

Evangelism

We will seek every opportunity to live and tell the story of Jesus by

- ◆ Reaching out to young families through services, events and Messy church
 - ◆ Being welcoming to all
- ◆ Finding new ways to share our faith
 - ◆ Using our buildings as a resource to illuminate our faith

Community

We will serve our communities by

- ◆ Valuing people in their professional lives and helping them serve God in the workplace
- ◆ Seeking out opportunities to be of service to the needy and the vulnerable in the wider community
 - ◆ Increasing the use of church buildings by and for the wider community
 - ◆ Promoting and nurturing our existing links with Zambia

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about any thing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Phil 4. 4-7