



People & Places



Newsletter Autumn 2021

A word from Bishop David



Welcome to the third edition of our People & Places newsletter.

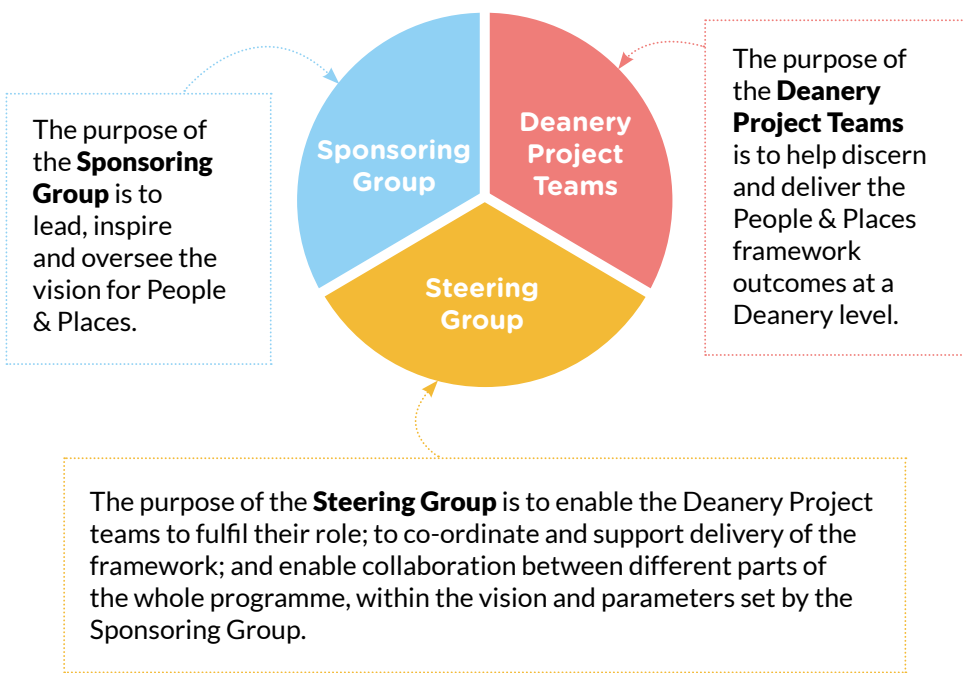
We have a new Area Dean to introduce, mentoring opportunities on offer and an update to our governance structure to help us move from the foundation stage to the implementation of the framework.

I hope you are excited by what you read as we work together to build a sustainable, responsive and agile church that will proclaim the gospel afresh in each generation.

PROGRESS

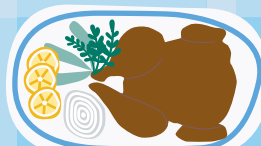
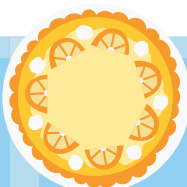
Reflection and learning are vital to the success of the People & Places programme. There is now a greater emphasis on the local deployment of the framework, so we have restructured the programme to reflect this.

The People & Places board has been replaced by a new structure containing a Sponsoring Group, chaired by Bishop David, and a Steering Group. The Sponsoring Group will be responsible for strategic and governance activities, the Steering Group will be responsible for co-ordinating and supporting delivery of the framework enabling collaboration between different areas of the programme; working closely with our Deanery Project Teams. (See the diagram below)



PLANS: What's happening next in People & Places?

- Local discussions continue around Oversight Areas within our new Deaneries
- Parish Mission Support facilitators continue to support parishes with their Transforming Church Action Plans (TCAP's)
- The Pathways team continue to increase content on the new blended learning platform and develop the new mentoring training
- Our Parish Support Services continue to provide support with HR, Book-keeping and Property



PRAYER

Prayer is always at the heart of everything within the People & Places programme. We ask that you continue to pray for wisdom, knowledge and peace as these changes take place.

May we see God's will and hand in all decisions taken and made. Lord help us to be servants of your work, each and every day. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.



PROGRESS: Is Mentoring for you?



As part of Pathways, we are developing a leadership learning mentor programme. Early on we had a strong feeling that God was calling us to something fresh and new. As we listened, a clear vision of mentoring emerged: to notice and invite those often unseen yet nevertheless called, to take up leadership roles, who can then, given the opportunity, grow and flourish. Look out for more information soon!

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PEOPLE: Meet Phelim O'Hare, the new Area Dean for Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley



What a few months it has been: visiting churches, meeting faithful disciples, a cycle to Glasgow, and lots of coffee. I've managed to visit almost all of the parishes that make up our deanery and am still hopeful to visit the rest before Christmas.

I've loved getting to know the different places and praying with our worshipping communities, as well as gaining some insight into our shared appetite and capacity for the ministry and mission of Jesus. Next up: forming our Deanery Project Team and identifying our deanery oversight areas, and, hopefully, building on friendships already begun.

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(Photo above: Phelim and Revd Canon Martin Stephenson outside St Peter's Church before a training ride for Martin's fundraising cycle to Glasgow and COP26. Phelim joined Martin on the first two days of his trek which began on 1st November.)

PEOPLE: Meet the New Deanery Support Officers...



Deborah Jewison is the new Deanery Support Officer for the Deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley.

Her working days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

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Charitas Cho is the new Deanery Support Officer for the Deanery of Yardley and Solihull.

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Ruth Haynes is the new Deanery Support Officer for the Deanery of Warley and Edgbaston.

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Ellie Gull is the new Transforming Church Action Plans (TCAP) Support Officer.

Her role is to support the TCAP team in Parish Mission Support to accompany parishes on their missional journey to see where God is calling them.

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