

Devon Churches Rural Forum

Meeting 16th November 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Welcome to new members, including Paul Seaton-Burn, Susanna Metz, Jon Oliverio, Jane Frost
4. Notes from the last meeting
5. Matters and actions arising (not covered below)
 - a. Contact with URC regarding working together to support the rural church
6. Main Item – Models of Rural Ministry / Rural Strategy
 - a. Feedback from Bishop Robert's Rural Strategy Away Day – Mark Butchers
 - b. What is emerging from the Bright Field Community – Simon Franklin
 - c. Methodist Church Rural Strategy development – Alison Ball
 - d. C of E rural strategy paper "Shaping strategies for mission and growth in rural multi-church groups" – circulated
 - e. Experience from New Zealand – Simon Franklin
 - f. Discussion
 - g. Ideas for a Devon Churches Rural Forum Conference on models of rural ministry in 2018 – Mark Butchers
7. Growing the Rural Church Project update - Marian Carson
8. NHS provision for the care of the dying in rural areas – Jane Lucas
9. Launch of the RSA Food, Farming and Countryside Commission – Marian Carson and Martyn Goss
10. Rural Training and Resources - Feedback from DCRF "Training Group" meeting – Mark Butchers, Marian Carson, Alison Ball

11. Deemed Items - written reports circulated in advance (we won't discuss each report, but there will be an opportunity to ask questions):

- a. Germinate Resources – report following Jill Hopkinson's visit
- b. Social Issues - updates from discussion at May meeting
- c. Farming Issues and Pastoral Support
- d. Shrinking the Footprint – Ten Year achievements
- e. DCRF Communications – website and newsletter
- f. Report from Bright Field Community Day held in May
- g. Report from Loneliness Conference held in June

12. Notices and Events

13. AOB

14. Proposed dates of next meetings: 15th January, 9th May, 27th November. All 2018 meeting will take place at the Young Farmers Centre at Cheriton Bishop from 10 am to 12 noon.

Main themes / items for 2018 meetings suggested:

Rural Resource Churches – what might these look like? Barry Dugmore

Shrinking the Footprint – 2006 to 2016 – Martyn Goss

Brexit, farming and the environment - Impacts on our farmers

Rural Training needs / available resources for clergy and laity

15. Closing prayer