

Devon Churches Rural Forum Conference 2018

Re-imagining Rural Ministry: moving towards new structures

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Final Plenary

- You need top down, bottom up
- Sustained change is extremely hard
- In the storm 'Do not be afraid'
- God brings resurrection not us. So we need to stay in the storm.
- Travel with others
- 'Toolkit for the nervous' – not prescriptive
- Do we over talk about 'change' and more about adapting

Themes

- Calling for all 'You are breathing You are called'
- Good training offered locally to enable people to do what they need to do!
- Identify giftings & develop what you have. Audit skills. Mutually discerned.
- Use clergy budget creatively
- Understanding our community needs
- Celebrating what we have. Appreciative enquiry
- Form follows function. What do we want to achieve? Structures follow that.
- Resourcing current clergy/lay leaders to lead strategic thinking
- Prayer

Next steps

- TED – ex talks of 4 presenters from today
 - What did they do
 - Some questions
 - Grab interest
 - Something visual
- What is coming to free up structures. Info on simplification
- Info on creative use of clergy budget – ideas on how it be used
- 'Toolkit' – not prescriptive, but placing what we have had the opportunity to discuss today in the public realm – for our PCCs, for training clergy
- Tour of input for today. Video. Roadshow
- Facilitated smaller conversations/learning communities
- Serving with joy – have fun