

## Devon Churches Rural Forum Conference – 28 July 2018

### *Reimagining Rural Ministry: Moving Towards New Structures*

#### **Afternoon Workshop Task – Led by Marian Carson – Growing the Rural Church Project Leader**

**Time:** 50 mins

**Task:**

Your context is a rural area comprising 10 Anglican churches and 2 Methodist chapels. There are 3 primary schools in the area and a market town 15-30 mins drive away, which has a secondary school.

Please take useful ideas from the morning's sessions and any ideas of your own. Use these to design a possible structure to enable mission and ministry to flourish in this contemporary rural multi-parish/chapel benefice/circuit.

You may like to consider how you might approach some of the following areas:

- Mission and ministry
- Prayer, worship and spirituality
- Pastoral care
- Administration and finance
- Governance
- Ecumenical approaches
- Paid staff and volunteers

We appreciate you will not have time to consider everything! Please put your final ideas down on a single sheet of the paper provided. Please do this legibly, so our conference organisers can write up and share your ideas more widely.

**Feeding Back:**

For the following plenary session, please **nominate one or two people** from your group to share your thoughts with the conference.

You will have **3 minutes** to describe your possible structure and indicate **one step** that could be taken towards implementing it. We need to allow time for 8 groups to share, so please be concise.