

Vision 2030

In early 2017 all parishes in the Ripon Episcopal Area were sent a briefing paper on Vision 2030 and a summary of the key statements. Given the fact that by 2030, 40 % of stipendary clergy in the Church of England will have retired, most without being replaced, Dioceses and Deaneries across the Church are having to plan for this eventuality. Deaneries in the Ripon Episcopal Area have each been given the opportunity to plan how ministry will be shaped in the future and how clergy and laity can best work together. Richmond Deanery Synod have spend some time considering the five questions below, and we have been asked to consider these questions in our own individual parishes and feed back to the Deanery Synod in the spring:

Questions for Parishes in the Richmond Deanery

Q1 You encounter a worshipping community of Christians meeting together what would be the essential elements of living worshipping Community - what would it look like?

Q2 In which ways are your own, worshiping communities living elements of this?

Q3 Imagine someone who is not yet part of a worshipping community what might draw them into becoming part of a worshipping community how would they encounter Christ?

Q4 How might we enable intentional worshipping communities who are able to minister in the wider communities throughout our area by 2030?

Q 5 What do we need to let go of to let this happen?