

## **SOUTHERN RYEDALE PLANNING TEAM PROGRESS REPORT 2**

**17 March 2022**

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The Planning Team met for the second time in person last night. All benefices now have a representative, which is great. Although two representatives were not able to attend last night they will be brought up to speed as to our ongoing discussions.

After one of the representatives led us in prayer, we heard from the West Buckrose representative as we visited them on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Nicky and I have collated what we heard in each of these listening visits and it has been interesting for us all to see the points of similarity and difference across our Deanery as we begin the next stage of our planning.

We then spent some time learning about the different ministry models and how these manifest in terms of amounts of work as against cost, bearing in mind the increased funding from the Diocese until 2026 and the impact this has on our 1 year, 5 year and 10 year planning.

After this the Planning Team broke into smaller groups to discuss their homework task of collating the work done by all those who are not stipendiary clergy in each place, plotting that onto Deanery maps to show where there is strength and where there are gaps. They then started to talk in their groups about how this can begin to reveal a potential shape for our planning in terms of individual parishes and benefices as well as the wider Deanery – this is the bit where we are encouraging creativity tempered with realism.

The Planning Team meets again on March 30<sup>th</sup> so there is time for each of the smaller groups to reflect and then meet again amongst themselves before they feed back.

Please do continue to hold all of us in your prayers as we work to give life to God's plan for us in our parishes, benefices and Deanery.

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