

From our Bishops

Beyond the Present

How will our churches move to Beyond the Present?

It is a key question for our Diocese and to help find answers our Bishops are inviting churchwardens, licenced clergy and Deanery Synod members to special online meetings over the next 6 weeks.

Bishop Nicholas explains:

"They are a way for Bishops Karen, Andrew and myself to hear about and learn about how the present pandemic is affecting the local Church, what's working as well as what's not, and how you see the future.

"We also want to explain how the diocese is addressing the financial issues and preparing a pastoral plan to respond to present circumstances and Renew Hope for the future."

Churchwardens, licenced clergy and Deanery Synod members are being asked to check they have received their invite and then please reply to say they are coming. Those who have been invited won't get the link to the meeting unless they register their intention to attend.

There is a meeting date for each of the deaneries but, if people cannot make the one for their deanery, they are welcome to join one of the other meetings. All meetings are intended to run from 7.00pm to around 8.30pm and will be on

20th October (Poole & North Bournemouth, Alderbury, Blackmore Vale)
3rd November (Purbeck, Poole & N B'th, Sherborne, Lyme Bay, Bradford)
10th November (Salisbury, Milton & Blandford, Chalke)
11th November (Dorchester, Calne, Pewsey, Devizes, Marlborough)
12th November (Stonehenge, Wimborne)
18th November (Heytesbury, Weymouth & Portland)

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