

Deanery Stewardship programme - presented at Synod by the Rural Dean 23rd June 2010

Developed by

working party with opportunities for everyone to contribute

Delivered by

Rural Dean,

working party members,

synod members

volunteers - and everyone!

Resourced through

volunteers, with some central admin back-up

Key

To be real it must be local - what is appropriate for your parish / benefice / village?

We would urge that every church community, at a suitable level, gives thought and attention to each of the following, with the hope that some *fresh* steps are able to be taken, or some current work is given additional resources.

a) spiritual roots

a parish day of prayer; prayer triplets; establish a study group; a parish prayer diary; the "Faith Comes by Hearing" material; a church or parish "away-day"

b) promoting your church

something to write to people about / invite them to

Come to Church Sunday; a "baptism-plus" day; renewal of wedding vows invitation; an All Souls' memorial service; a parish picnic / bonfire; a "search the parish registers" session

c) lay ministry

identify at least *one* aspect of the church's ministry which could be strengthened through training and resourcing lay members

planning and delivering all-age worship; linking with your local primary school; reading lessons and leading intercessions in worship; running a home group; pastoral visiting / hospital visiting; leading public worship; baptism preparation and follow-up

d) financial resources

a fresh looked at planned giving - annual renewal or starting a new scheme; tax-efficient schemes; teaching materials on Christian approaches to giving; the place of a Gift Day - and maybe not just financial!