

New Benefice News

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Having had a little time to digest the news of our reorganisation into a new benefice, the moment has come to begin working towards it and so the “Foundation Team” met for the first time today. This small group will steer the process, working out what needs to be done and by whom. There will, of course, be much opportunity for consultation along the way and there will, in the future, be formal decisions to be made by our PCCs.

The Formation Team is made up of:

Revd Lynn Chapman – Priest-in-Charge and Rural Dean of Depwade

Liam Pilgrim and Jill Turner – Co-Chairs of the Joint Council at Hempnall

John Ash and Ann Garnham – representatives of the Benefice Council at Brooke.

We plan to keep you up to date with regular bulletins, which will be attached to the weekly e-mail from time to time. Here are the outcomes of today’s meeting:

- We have made a list of things that will need to be sorted out, so that we can prioritise and work through them over time.
- We have discussed how we might manage Sunday services across the new benefice. We’ll be consulting with key people over the next couple of weeks and will bring you further news in the future.
- We have begun to plan a “Benefice Away Day”, when everyone will be invited to come together to think about our vision and mission.
- We discussed various possibilities in finding a name for the new benefice and decided to invite suggestions from across our church communities.

If you have questions or ideas about the new benefice please get in touch with one of the Formation Team members who can represent you at future meetings. It is important that we know what you are thinking.

Meanwhile, please continue to pray for our new benefice and the worship and work that we will do together.