

Parish: Swithland, St Leonard (190212)

Ministry Model A – Minster

Remembering that our current model of ministry is inadequate and unsustainable, and looking to the future, how well would model A, help us effectively live out the 3 key questions where we are?

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I really can't see it working			I can see this working very well				

As a church or fresh expression, what excites you about this model?

- We welcome the opportunity to think deeply and creatively about how to do church in this place – respecting the traditions of the past while realising that we need to open up our minds to brand new possibilities in order to grow the church.
- The promise of additional resources to help us connect with our local school as well as Rawlins Academy is particularly welcome. Best placed to offer support and training on a variety of fronts.
- We are pleased that St Leonard's will retain responsibility for the character and quality of its ministry to the parish.

What concerns do you have about this model?

- The lack of a priest, i.e. not having the same priest, turning up every week could generate a feeling of not belonging.
- How will ordained pastoral care be provided?
- It may be too reliant on churches working together (Mission Partnerships unsuccessful).
- There may be too few resources available.
- There may be too few qualified lay volunteers.
- How is communion to be administered? Will lay ministers be given authority to administer communion if no ordained clergy person is available?

What would enable you to be more confident about this model?

- Answers to question two might help depending on what the answer is.
- More detail of what the promised resources will comprise.
- More detail of how the model will work in practice.
- Details of the financial implications of the model (will parishes be charged for the extra resources for instance?)

Is there anything else that would help you understand this model?

- More detail would help.

Ministry Model B – Mission

Remembering that our current model of ministry is inadequate and unsustainable, and looking to the future, how well would model C, help us effectively live out the 3 key questions where we are?

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I really can't see it working					I can see this working very well			

As a church or fresh expression what excites you about this model?

- It is closest to what exists at present so we welcome the opportunity to think deeply and creatively about how to do church in this place within a familiar framework. While respecting the traditions of the past we realise that we need to open up our minds to brand new possibilities in order to grow the church.
- The promise of additional resources to help us connect with our local school as well as Rawlins Academy is particularly welcome.
- We are pleased that St Leonard's will retain responsibility for the character and quality of its ministry to the parish.

What concerns do you have about this model?

- The lack of a priest, i.e. not having the same priest, turning up every week could generate a feeling of not belonging.
- How will ordained pastoral care be provided?
- It may be too reliant on churches working together (Mission Partnerships unsuccessful).
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What would enable you to be more confident about this model?

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- More detail of what the promised resources will comprise.
- More detail of how the model will work in practice.
- Details of the financial implications of the model (will parishes be charged for the extra resources for instance?)

Is there anything else that would help you understand this model?

- More detail would help.

Ministry Model C – Network

Remembering that our current model of ministry is inadequate and unsustainable, and looking to the future, how well would model C, help us effectively live out the 3 key questions where we are?

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I really can't see it working				I can see this working very well			

As a church or fresh expression, what excites you about this model?

- There is nothing about this model that holds any attraction for us.

As a church or fresh expression, what concerns you about this model?

- It is completely impractical and an ecological horror story (priests and resources constantly having to travel the length and breadth of the diocese).
- It would end up as a series of clubs and be completely divisive.

What would enable you to be more confident about this model?

- It is beyond redemption.

Is there anything else that would help you understand this model?

- Regrettably NO