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1. Training on how to share faith in real life situations (eg. Role play)
2. Training and support on how to build partnerships and overcome barriers (eg. School issues)
3. Assurance that 'we' have authority to do this work (clergy support)
 - Telling stories
 - Enabling people
 - Overcome fear, prejudice.
 - Recognise good questions
 - What are bad
4. Surprise me
5. Statistics – esp. young people
6. public conceptions of Christians
7. Concerned me

Norma Staples

1. Take better advantage of existing resources such as the LICC materials
2. Make better use of Deaneries for sharing best practice & training (& think of something else to call Deaneries)
3. Support each other in praying for the 5 people we for through 'Thy Kingdom Come' eg. By meeting as prayer triplets to pray together

Phil Bishop

1. Gather local statistics
via schools, interviews (eg. at shops), groups – sports, Facebook, survey on-line, friends.
2. Make better use of church buildings to connect with community.
hospitality, nativity, choir, fitness, pews – remove?!
resistance to removal from community outside church is opportunity to connect.
3. Networking between churches
share resources / ideas / best practice
how?
meetings – pubs, eg. Deanery, conference
on-line

Linda Buckley

Priorities / opportunities for the Diocese

1. Grants / advice about free resources & re-ordering of buildings for multi-use.
2. Equipping people for 'Mon-Sat, 9.5' and in all other areas of their lives in families and communities so they are confident in 'Talking Jesus'.
3. Compiling & sharing good practice in mission (simple straight-forward, practical examples) using a variety of media – linking people.
4. Then people making decisions about what goes on the diocesan website / news need to be 'on board' and not judge what is 'important' enough or what isn't – based on negative experiences of some group members.

John's Girls

Church

1. At social events make sure you have some resources available to 'spiritually feed' the people and get some theology across.
2. Need to bring together the parish's movers and shakers to plan the priorities for action and all to work on one agreed task at a time.

Diocese

1. Make available all the materials presented at the Lay Conference to help us encourage parish groups to use them via website etc.
2. Improve the flow of information down from on high especially using Deanery Synods then to PCC's and subsequently to the people in the pews.
3. Organisers to prepare 'pearls of wisdom' from the conference to aid participants in their feedback to PCC's and congregations.

Rebecca Nuttall

Priority for National Church

1. We want to be helped and equipped to do 'mini-missions' that fits in with our lives, not big events, smaller scale evangelism i.e. groups in people's homes.
2. We want to give a strong message that we want to be inter-denominational i.e. pray together, young persons groups. We want that message to come from the top.

Priority for Diocese

1. To enable us to share all our success stories, especially the smaller ones.
2. To understand the problem of our busy lives, we need mission ideas to be 'bite-size'.

Roger Lynch

Being in the Community – Church

Join local pub teams

Help in any projects in the area:

- Café – library – sports teams
- Get involved in local politics
- Get involved in local schools: - primary
 - Help children reading
 - Help children with maths
 - Running after school clubs
- Providing training for outreach to young people – Diocese
- Provide training for working in schools
- Secondary schools – Church
 - Taking school assemblies
 - Running after school clubs
 - Events in school
 - Discos with Alpha
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Providing training – Diocese

- Provide training for people
- To do the activities in the schools

Christine and David Wetherell

1. intentionally identifying gifts and realising people in these. The need for continued encouragement and mentoring in this
2. To enable authentic heartfelt prayer – both corporately and which equips people to pray individually

Key Opportunities / Priorities for the Diocese

1. Envisioning the deanery as a place to think missionally together & exchange ideas. A place where resources for “teams” within parishes can be facilitated. To enable authentic heartfelt prayer – both corporately and which equips people to pray individually. Also importantly, a place where there is follow up to key actions
2. How to enable and release space within churches / church buildings for the development of multi-functional space for missional purposes.
Are there ways of creating easier mechanisms for this, i.e. DAC?

Janet Middlehurst

Opportunities – Church

Introduction to parents / grandparents / extended family through our little disciples ‘Open the Book’ as an example.

Holding baptisms if possible in Morning Services (community involvement)

All Souls Services in individuals churches.

All Age Worship

Social Media - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.

Identify everyone’s gifts / skills.

Diocese

Follow up campaigns for families, weddings, christenings

Marketing Materials or Tools for the Job.

Improve communication between clergy and lay – top down, encouraged, share responsibility

Deanery driven

Networking opportunities

Specific and informal

Website more user friendly

Removing barriers academic versus practical day to day

Les Hutchinson

Church – contacts through pastoral offices and pastoral care community

Raise awareness of all member ministry

Generational shift

Diocese – resources

Inter-diocesan communication

Priorities for Diocese

Broadening of the current training to extend lay involvement from the prescribed roles

We want the Diocese to project a vision of whole church ministry

Robert Woodburn

Opportunities

use our buildings more imaginatively

Providing support to people to be more confident in sharing the faith

Resourcing and equipping parishes with confidence.

Giselle Rusted

Church opportunities

Share the message of today with the congregation

Impart constructive simply practicable message

Being done in hairdressers already seek out other stories

Use social media to share with wider community

Older people valued knowledge share with grandchildren and time on their hands

Diocese

Collaborate with other churches to help build confidence and encourage others

Sharing the knowledge

Learning from each other

Collecting stories

Diocese priorities

Support, engage and resource

Go to churches to embrace and celebrate what is already being done; what is being achieved

Help to continue to empower uplift – build up focus on any weakness

Reinforce the positive message

John Rodgers

Priorities for the Diocese

To equip the front line workers

To train clergy to support frontline workers to be equal partners in mission

Opportunities For Church

To meet people where they are

Partnership with other churches.

Peter Johnson

Church / Diocese

1. Food – grants / recipes / training

All ages

Networking ideas for food-related events

Cooking with faith

2. More flexibility for churches to make changes to move forward without obstacles in their way.

3. Encouraged by the evidence that people might be sympathetic to us as Christians but we are feeling a bit nervous about testing it.

Chris Mercer-Turner

Dear Diocese – we need to become Trees

- Train Us – lectures, studies, course = Talk Jesus
- Resource Us – give laity, national stats, information to encourage / empower
- Empower Us – strength mutual collaboration between laity / clergy – equal worth
- Enlighten Us – demystify the difficult questions we need to give the answers to.

Opportunities

- Visible presence through community events
- Working outside the building – schools, pubs, supermarket car parks
- Changing priorities of those in church and outside
 - Inspire by being an example of living faith
 - Normal life stories
 - Walk the talk
- Knowing our communities – TLT – sharing everyday life and witness.

Miscellaneous

Challenge to Diocese and National Church

Help us to share good simple ideas and encouragement