

For your prayerful consideration...

Reduction of Clergy Posts in Easington Deanery

1. A decision was taken at Diocesan level to reduce by twenty-two, the number of paid clergy posts across the Diocese by the end of 2020. As a consequence of this decision, our Deanery must reduce the number of clergy posts from nine down to seven.
2. The Diocese has asked all Deaneries to identify how these reductions are to be achieved.
3. The Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee (DMPC) has arranged a series of consultation events, between September 2017 and July 2019 to engage as many people as possible in the planning and decision making which needs to take place. All the events have been well attended, with in excess of forty people representing all parishes within the Deanery.
4. The DMPC is preparing a range of options to be considered at the next two consultation events. It is hoped that the information provided will enable a recommendation to be made to the Diocese as to how to achieve the required reductions in posts within our Deanery.
5. Deanery Synod needs to present our proposals to the Diocese by October 2019.
6. Five of our sixteen parishes are currently without paid clergy, some since November 2017 and two share an interim minister until 2021.
7. If you have any questions about this process, please ask your Deanery Synod Representatives, Church Wardens or Clergy to raise them on your behalf at the 20th May event.

Next consultation events:

Deanery Synod May 20th 2019 at St Cuthbert's Peterlee 7 for 7.15pm

Deanery Consultation event July 6th 2019 at All Saints Deneside 10.00am