

Come along to help shape the future of Church and resourcing ministry

When – **24th May 5.30 for 6.00 – 9.00pm** feel free to bring your sandwiches, tea and coffee provided.

Where - **All Saints Church, Evesham**

How do we flexibly organise ourselves across the Pershore and Evesham Deanery to ensure that we make the best possible evolving use of our stipendiary clergy, our self-supporting clergy, and our lay ministry to serve all God's people?

The Revd Alison Maddocks, Dean of Smaller Churches has been asked by the Diocesan Transformation and Change Team to lead this process as a part of the Diocesan commitment to help churches in the Diocese of Worcester to be healthy and sustainable.

We know volunteers are stretched. Costs are rising. We are also having to carefully plan how our stipendiary clergy work to ensure the best use of their gifting and calling, and a future with less stipendiary clergy.

Alison writes, "Those who attend this meeting will be invited to share in considering together how we make the best use of the ministerial gifting of all our ministers, lay and ordained to serve all God's people in Pershore and Evesham Deanery. This meeting is specific to this deanery and will talk specifically about the churches and benefices of this deanery. It follows on from the diocesan Open Conversations, enjoyed by many of you but there is no need to have been to the Open Conversations to be able to participate fully in this meeting.

Our churches are a wealth of committed people doing so much for their communities. It is our belief that there are further opportunities to work together and support one another to make the most of all God given gifts and we look forward to sharing in this conversation with as many of you as are able to come along."

Please book a place through Eventbrite: <https://pershore-and-evesham-deanery.eventbrite.com>, or telephone 01386 861669 to leave a message with your name and contact number.

Revd Canon Sarah Dangerfield

Area Dean of Pershore and Evesham