**Deanery plan summary**

**Deanery name**

East Wivelshire

**Deanery vision**

To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ in such a way that brings people to Christ, develops their faith, and transforms them into disciples with the confidence to go into the world and reach others for Christ, with some becoming mature and fruitful leaders.

**What God is doing**

* Volunteers from our churches contribute and assist at Foodbanks – in Saltash, Torpoint and Callington for example-and with similar community enterprises
* Messy Church and Open the book welcomed and working well in some parishes and schools
* There are number of good community events; community lunches, civic and remembrance services and a Celtic Way pilgrimage

**Next steps to fruitfulness and sustainability**

* To provide support through Christians Against Poverty (CAP) for a number of people struggling with financial problems, job related issues, etc.
* Engagement with every school in the deanery via school chaplains, regular assemblies and greater engagement with families attached to schools (CAP referrals)
* Establish a culture of disciples
* Build relationships with stakeholders, other faith leaders and key community leaders

**Key challenges**

* Sustainability –both in terms of financial and congregation size, slow decline in both areas at present
* Culture change – a necessity but a difficult and challenging thing to do
* Sustaining the existing faithful church communities, while also nurturing missional energy and engagement is demanding