**Deanery plan summary**

**Deanery name**

Isles of Scilly

**Deanery vision**

**To be a church for all seasons and all people**

**What God is doing**

We believe that God is bringing more people to live on our islands and to visit them.

* Discipleship: Ecumenical courses, pilgrimage, online worship and zoom have become a core part of discipleship
* Community Life: Charity shop, church events and concerts, end of term services, summer fetes and flower festival.
* Leadership: Strong and capable lay leaders with vision and ideas

**Next steps to fruitfulness and sustainability**

* Children and young people: a move towards greater engagement with school life and new innovations with supporting children and young people via the church buildings – potentially looking at creation care activities and that support young people and their families
* Community Life: use the connection with the community as a potential pathway to faith, for example connecting in a deeper way with those who assist at the charity shop.
* New faith: develop programmes for new faith, and grow in the proclamation of the gospel, utilise occasional offices and build upon the welcome to assist with this
* Discipleship: Establish new prayer and discipleship times (days and courses) which are also inclusive for visitors

**Key challenges**

* Smaller congregations leading to additional pressure on current lay volunteers
* Isolation; the need to move towards modern technologies to ensure relevance and effectively communicate within the islands