**Deanery plan summary**

**Deanery name**

St Austell

**Deanery vision**

**A Church that is Equipping God’s People for Relationships with God, with One Another, with the Local Community’**

**What God is doing**

* Working with poverty, through CAP, ACTS 435 and the parish nurse scheme
* A significant amount of children’s and young people work via Open the Book, Family worship services, Messy Church, Schools partnerships, Youth Alpha, Kids Matter parenting courses and ecumenical youth partnerships
* Discipleship including; small groups, bible study groups, prayer groups and walks, worship events and café church

**Next steps to fruitfulness and sustainability**

* Oversight ministry: Two priests will work collegially in each of the newly designated areas to oversee mission and ministry across ‘their area’, providing vision, direction and leadership for a number of existing and new congregations
* Local leaders – ensuring that each of the 23 churches in the deanery have a local minister and the necessary supporting positions
* Work intentionally on building deanery wide relationships to create culture of gospel partnership
* Use LICF funding for 2 clergy posts in the Western and Central areas to address the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our poorest communities targeting a measurable impact for improvement in the quality of physical, spiritual and community life in the parish
* Establishment of a School of ministry, aimed at equipping the whole deanery

**Key challenges**

* Growing in unity across the deanery and embedding Transforming Mission as a wider deanery resource, to ensure that the plan is implemented with a thorough commitment to growing in Christ and becoming a fruitful and sustainable church
* Building momentum and volunteer teams to ensure that the workload is spread and that all church communities in the deanery are actively working towards the next steps
* Growing in stewardship and giving