**Deanery plan summary**

**Deanery name**

Stratton

**Deanery vision**

**Make Christ known and grow the church, at all times praying for God’s guidance and listening to His directions**

**What God is doing**

* Discipleship activities: Fellowship groups, men’s group, ladies prayer group, morning prayer and Evensong
* Community activities: Community Lunch groups, adventure church,
* Social Justice activities: Social Action Fund, Schools equipment funds, internet support for families,

**Next steps to fruitfulness and sustainability**

* New faith: New mission initiatives and the recruitment of a deanery Missioner to assist with outreach projects
* Poverty action: CAP, and improving links with schools particularly focusing on Transforming Lives for Good,
* Leadership: an increased focus on building up the confidence in the gifts that God has blessed his people with, raising up new lay leaders and building existing leaders up
* Discipleship: grow house groups and increase participation in adventure, teatime and messy church
* Finances: work on stewardship focusing on growing support from existing congregation and the wider community

**Key challenges**

* We have a small number of clergy who minister across a large, thinly populated area.
* Declining congregation numbers which reduces the number of available lay leaders and giving
* Difficult geographical location for ministry