

Soar Valley Minster Community

Some time ago, the Diocese of Leicester decided to rearrange the organisation of its parishes into new “Minster Communities.” Minster Communities are groups of churches and fresh expressions working collaboratively and sharing resources to enable effective mission.

Accordingly, the four churches of the Barrow and Wolds Group (Holy Trinity Barrow, St Mary’s Walton, St Mary’s Wymeswold and St Andrew’s Prestwold), have wholeheartedly agreed to enter into a Minster Community to be known as the “Soar Valley Minster Community”, joining All Saints with Holy Trinity Loughborough, St Michael and All Angels Diseworth, St Peter and St Paul Hathern, St Mary the Virgin Osgathorpe, St Andrew Keyworth, St Bartholemew Quorn, St Lawrence Swithland, All Saints Long Whatton, and St John the Baptist Belton. This new alignment of all the parishes is not merely administrative, it is to enable the sharing of faith across local communities, working together in mission and ministry. This new arrangement has now been approved and we are about to move into the implementation phase. A Commissioning Service for the new Minster Community will take place at Holy Trinity, Barrow on 20 November at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Bishops realise that this is a significant change and that there may be some concerns, please do speak to Rev’d Clive or one of the ministry team if you have any questions or concerns. As we move further on into the details of how this will work, we will keep everyone informed. We look forward to discovering how the Soar Valley Minster Community will enable us to seek ‘the Kingdom of God’ through growing in depth of discipleship, the number of disciples, and loving service of the world.