

What happens next? – Discernment Day 7th October

- We ask you to submit your PCC/DCCs order of preference to Beth Cluer by 29th September.

- The aim of the day is to get from the two options down to one option. The reps in the room will work together to get to a recommendation to send to all PCCs on the final groupings. PCCs/DCCs will have the **final vote on the Minster Community grouping proposal**.
- Two reps per DCC (or PCC if there are no DDCs) to attend the day. These reps can be lay or ordained.
 - Clergy or lay leaders that wish to attend, not as a church rep, may do so to observe
 - Each DCC/PCC will have one vote on the day.
 - DCCs/PCCs that are not able to attend are able to send a proxy on their behalf, this may be one person voting on behalf of more than one PCC in a Benefice for example. Please notify Beth before the meeting if you would like to do this.
 - If your church chooses not to send a rep or a proxy then you are leaving the vote in the hands of those in attendance.

- This final grouping will then be sent out to all PCCs/DCCs for a vote. If that grouping is voted in favor by 2/3 majority of church councils in the whole area then the process will move forward in those Minster Community Groupings
 - If your PCC or DCC vote against the grouping, you will be asked to suggest an alternative.
 - An abstention is your indication that you are happy to go with the majority vote.
 - If the final grouping does not pass with a majority then we will go through the process again using the suggested alternatives as a starting point.